

## INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS

The IB Diploma Programme is widely recognized for its high academic standards. Assessment is varied and takes place over two years, with final examinations in each subject. Students' work is assessed by an international board of examiners, who are themselves rigorously trained and monitored by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). Subjects are scored on a 1-7 scale with a further three points available for theory of knowledge and the extended essay. Students who perform well across all six subjects and achieve a minimum of 24 points (out of a possible 45) are awarded the diploma. All others receive a certificate for each of the subjects completed.

### College Admission & Credit

Most universities have policies for awarding credit and advanced placement based upon the score earned, as well as on the exam's subject and level. Some colleges even give sophomore status for diploma holders.



## Characteristics of Successful IB Students

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective



### What is so special about IB programmes?

- *Internationally recognized.*
- *An global perspective of learning and teaching.*
- *Teachers are required to constantly update their knowledge and share their expertise with colleagues.*
- *IB students feel their education enhances their opportunities after high school.*
- *IB encourages students to participate in creative and service orientated activities.*

**Greenville High School is currently an IB World School. We were authorized in December 2009 and began coursework in September 2010.**

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# IBO

## International Baccalaureate Program



## An Excellent Educational Experience

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# What is the IB Diploma Programme?

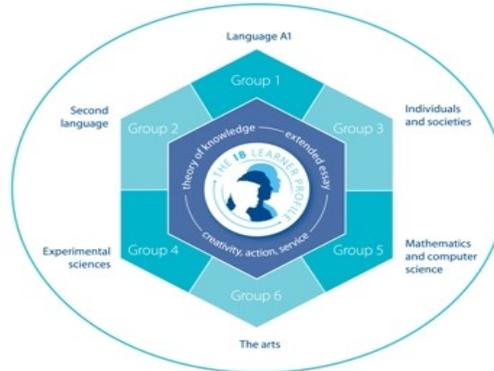
The IB Diploma Programme is a comprehensive and challenging pre-university course that demands the best from motivated students and their teachers. This sophisticated two year curriculum covers a wide range of academic subjects and has stood the test of time for over a half a million students in 119 countries since 1968. IB Diploma Programme graduates are welcomed by the world's leading universities.

## The Benefits of the IB Diploma Programme

Universities recognize the outstanding qualities of IB Diploma Programme students. Typically, diploma holders are ready to debate real world issues from an international perspective and to provide leadership and support in the local and global community. They demonstrate a capacity for in depth study while maintaining a broad perspective of the different subject areas.

They are able to ask challenging questions but also know how to research a topic and express their opinion.

They have a strong sense of their culture and identity, as well as the ability to communicate in two or more languages with people who have a different perspective of the world.



## Broad Spectrum of Subjects

**IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME**  
**STUDENTS CHOOSE TO STUDY**  
**SIX SUBJECTS—ONE FROM EACH**  
**OF THE SUBJECT AREAS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE ABOVE**

**DIAGRAM.**

## Unique Learning Opportunities

The IB Diploma Programme is about more than the six subjects that students study. At its heart are three core requirements that are integral to the curriculum and make the IB Diploma Programme unique.

- **Theory of knowledge (TOK)** – an internally and externally assessed interdisciplinary component that explores the different concepts of knowledge found in the subject areas. Because IB Diploma Programme students study six subjects simultaneously, TOK teachers can, for example, ask their students to compare a historian's approach to problem solving with that of a scientist or an artist.
- **Extended essay** – an externally assessed, independent research assignment of 4,000 words in one of the six subject areas. This is one of the ways in which IB Diploma Programme students can specialize in a certain subject area and prepare for university studies.
- **Creativity, activity, service (CAS)** – a minimum of 150 hours of participation over the two years in creative, physical and service activities in the local and global community. The CAS requirement allows students to gain real-life experience beyond the classroom. It is the IB Mission in ACTION!

