

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)



Ballston Spa High School
IB World School since 2011

What is the IB Diploma Programme?

- Occurs during your junior & senior years
- It is for the motivated student who enjoys learning
- Aimed at developing global citizens and life-long learners
- Curriculum allows students to go more in depth into the topics covered
- You must complete 6 IB courses and the Inner Core, which includes:
 - Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
 - Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)
 - Extended Essay (EE)



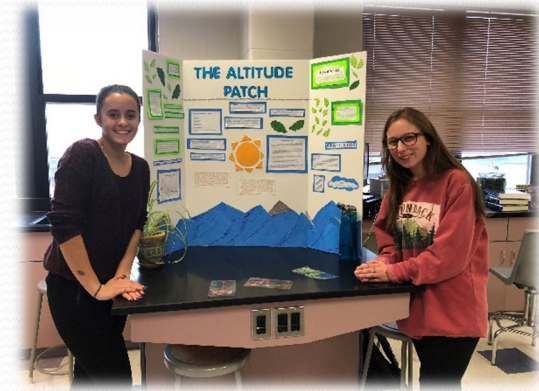
What is the IB Diploma Programme?

- Students may take one or several IB courses or choose the full IB Diploma Programme.
- Students are eligible for the internationally recognized IB Diploma if they enroll in the full program.
- The NYS Regents criteria is imbedded in the IB curriculum so students are eligible to receive both an IB Diploma and a Regents or Advanced Regents New York State high school diploma.
- Viewed by colleges and employers as the most rigorous curriculum available.



What IB courses are available?

- Group 1, Language A
English Language and Literature HL
- Group 2, World Language
French SL, Spanish SL
- Group 3, Individuals & Societies
History of the Americas HL,
Psychology SL, Psychology HL
- Group 4, Experimental Sciences
Biology SL, Biology HL,
Physics HL
- Group 5, Mathematics
Math Applications & Interpretation/Alg 2 SL,
Math Analysis/Pre-Calculus SL
- Group 6, The Arts
Film SL/HL, Visual Arts SL/HL



**Full Diploma Candidates must take one course from each group.
Students may substitute their Group 6 course with a course from Group 3.**

The Inner Core

To earn an IB Diploma, students must also successfully complete 3 required core elements. This is scheduled as one class for two years.



THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (TOK)

EXTENDED ESSAY (EE)

CREATIVITY, ACTIVITY and SERVICE (CAS)

Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

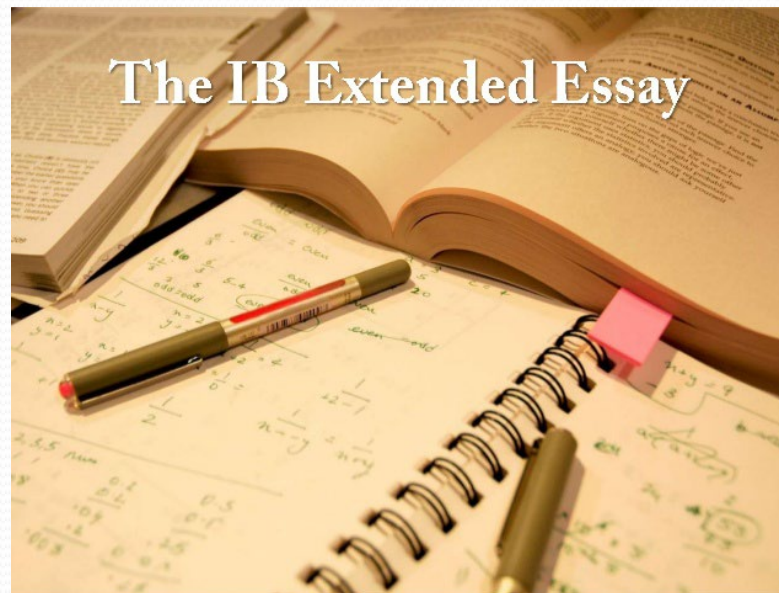
Inquiry based course exploring the “Ways of Knowing”

- What does it mean to know something?
- Does the perception of what is “true” change with different cultures?
- Makes connections among all subject areas



Extended Essay (EE)

- Independent research essay (with an assigned supervisor)
- Approximately 4,000 words (~16 typed pages, double spaced)
- Essay topic must be within one of the areas the student is studying.



Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

Students engage in a range of self-selected extracurricular activities that encourage creativity, physical activity, and community service.



What does a typical IB class look like?

- Emphasis on students finding their own information and constructing their own understandings
- Deepened disciplinary understanding to help students make connections and transfer learning to new contexts.
- Problem-based learning
- Emphasis on teamwork and collaboration between students
- Developing critical, creative and ethical thinking skills
- Emphasis on research skills
- Empowering students to develop and strengthen organizational and time management skills
- Emphasis on developing improved written and oral communication skills



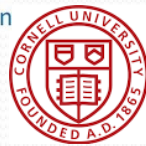
College Acceptances



The University of Dublin



HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES



Cornell University



McGill



Northeastern University



The University of Vermont



Rensselaer



FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
THE JESUIT UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK



UNIVERSITY of
ROCHESTER



Dartmouth



DREW
UNIVERSITY

Geneseo

How Do Colleges View IB?

Dear Nicole Stehle,

I am writing to tell you that Saint Michael's College in Vermont, USA developed a special IB admission policy that reflects our appreciation for the IB programs' rigor and how well they prepare students for university and beyond.

The Saint Michael's policy offers credit for higher and standard level exams as well as guaranteed scholarships for IB diploma holders. With an IB diploma it is possible to start at St. Mike's with sophomore status. The advanced standing allows your students to enroll in more advanced classes sooner, and gives them flexibility to explore more electives or second majors as well as clubs and other activities that will enrich their college experience.

In our experience, when IB students arrive at Saint Michael's College, they are prepared to get more out of college, because they already have the time management, learning and organization skills that many of their peers are still developing.

Saint Michael's College prepares its students to do well and to do good. We are committed to the acquisition of knowledge for its own sake as well as for its purposeful application to finding solutions to the world's complex problems. Rooted in a comprehensive range of curricular and co-curricular activities in a student-centered environment, a Saint Michael's education will prepare our graduates to excel in meaningful careers and lead fulfilling lives as informed and active members of society.

If you'd like to learn more about Saint Michael's College, an admission officer will be in your state this fall. Our full travel schedule and contact information are [available here](#). I will also be happy to answer any of your questions should you wish to reach me directly.

Finally, Saint Michael's College is a member on the IBO's College and University Relations Committee (CURC) and we attend at least IB Global Conference each year.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Spensley

Director of International Enrollment & Senior Int'l Officer

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Ballston Spa Alumni

Here's what they had to say about IB:

"I loved the program, it shaped me a lot as a person and made the college transition much easier."

"The program aided me immensely. The two years in the IB was essentially two years of college level work so when I got to college I skated through my first year. What was most helpful was the way we learned to study and properly write papers."

"It helped with my writing skills, critical thinking and time management skills."

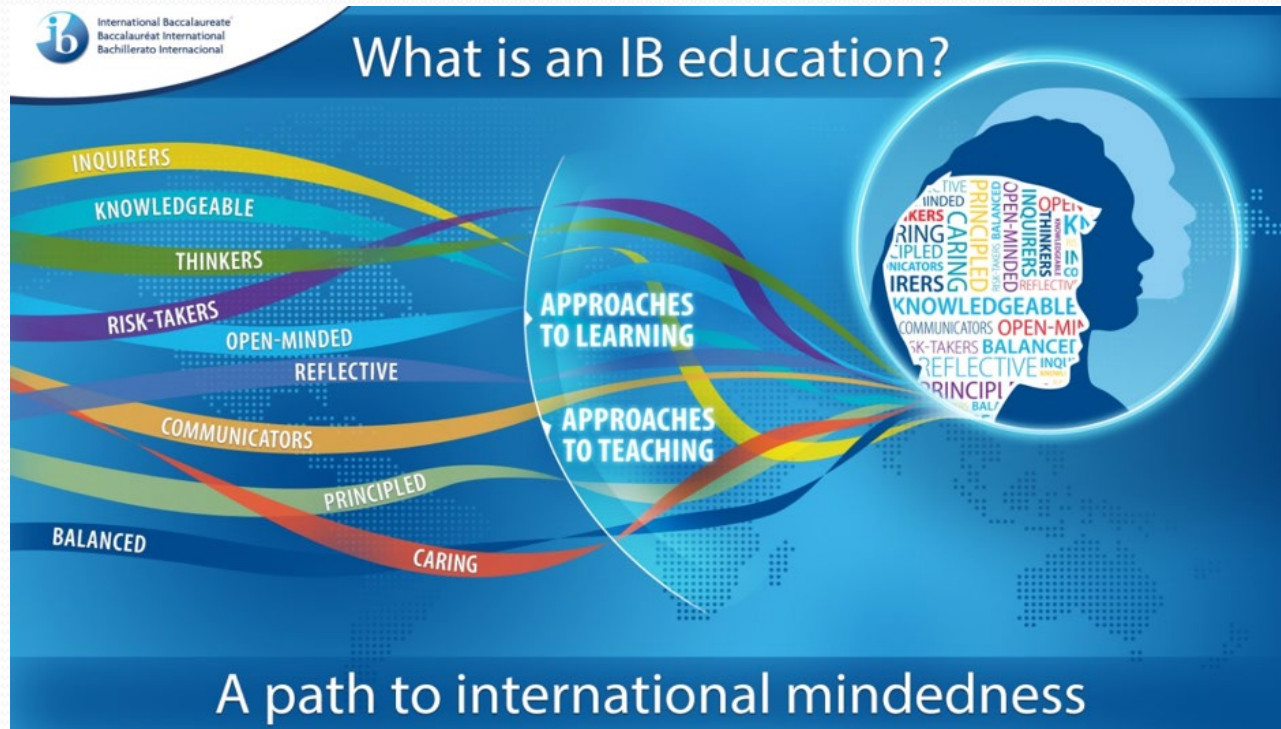
"The older I get the more I appreciate my experience with IB. It provided such a good foundation for me, not only for college but I believe for life in general. I especially enjoyed theory of knowledge. I appreciate all the work that came with IB. The Internal Assessments and the Extended Essay really helped with essays and lab reports in college."

"You have to be willing to think in a new way and to challenge your own opinion."



IB Cost

- Full Diploma Candidates = FREE.
- Course Students = Approximately \$119 per course.
 - This fee is paid in October of the year the exam is taken.
 - Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch may receive reduced or waived IB exam fees.



Meet the IB Team Event

DATE: Thursday, 1/12

TIME: 2:30-3:15 pm

LOCATION: HS Library



APPLY NOW!

(Only required for the full IB Diploma Programme)

Applications are available on the school website and in Schoology.

For more information

www.ibo.org



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