



## IB – The IB Diploma Program at GDHS

The International Baccalaureate Program (IB) is a two-year program for grades 11 and 12 students, designed to prepare them with the critical thinking and problem solving skills required for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It requires students to engage in the study of languages, sciences, mathematics, and humanities all in an attempt to recognize not only the individuality of each of the disciplines but also to understand the relationships between them. Students also pursue a comprehensive extracurricular program, a philosophy and Theory of Knowledge course as well as an independent research project of their choosing. Students who complete the IB Diploma are well prepared for the challenges of University and often are granted transfer credits for IB courses they have successfully completed. For more information on the program structure and for **admission information**, please visit

<http://gdhsib.weebly.com>

For more information about the International Baccalaureate Organization, please visit

[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

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## International Baccalaureate Programme at Georgetown District High School

**What classes do I take in the IB Programme?** All IB Diploma students at GDHS must study English at the Higher Level, a second language at the Standard Level (we offer French in class, Mandarin and Spanish *online*), a Humanities subject at the Higher Level (History in class, Economics, Business Studies, ITGS and Psychology *online*), Science at a Higher Level (Biology in class), Mathematics at a Standard Level (Higher Level *online*), and an Option at a Standard Level (we offer Visual Art, Drama or Chemistry, Film *online*) \*Pamoja *online* courses have additional fees above and beyond IB fees. Students may only take ONE subject through Pamoja online.

**What OSSD credits will I earn upon successful completion of the IB Diploma?** English: ENG3U, ENG4U, ETS4U French: FSF3U, FSF4U History: CHA3U, CHY4U, CHI4U Biology: SBI3U, SNC4M, SBI4U Math: MCV4U, MHF4U Drama: ADA3M and ADA4M Chemistry: SCH3U, SCH4U OR Art: AVI3M, AVI4M TOK: HZT4U

**Can't I take all three Sciences in IB?** The IB Diploma is a Liberal Arts program. It allows for the study of two sciences. If you wish to take all three sciences, you should arrange to study the third science in the summer between Grade 10 & 11 and 11 & 12.

**Do all Canadian Universities recognize the IB Diploma?** At the moment, each University has a different Recognition Policy – please contact the Admissions Officer at the University you are interested in to learn about their IB Recognition Policy.

**Can I enter the IB program if I did not attend ALP?** Yes. Admission will be based on recent academic performance, discussions with the student and parents, as well as a brief oral exam with the core subject IB teachers. All IB admission decisions are made by the IB Coordinator and the IB Administrator.

**Is there a cost involved with the IB Program?** The IB Diploma Program has an annual cost of \$1350 each year, for a total of \$2700 over two years. Students who choose to study a course online through Pamoja, pay \$1000 EACH year over two years (this is above and beyond the cost of the IB Diploma Program and fees can change as determined by Pamoja)

**Is transportation provided for the IB program (and GDHS is not my home school)?** No. Students who choose to attend GDHS for the IB program can request seats on a bus from their community through Courtesy Seat application process, which must be completed every year. However, there is no guarantee. Parents should plan with this in mind.

**If I choose to leave IB, what happens then?** Students who attend GDHS as their home school will be integrated into a different program at the school. For students whose home high school is not GDHS, they may have to return to their home high schools if they choose to exit the IB program.