



WEST OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL

IB WORLD SCHOOL

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The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (DP) and Advanced Placement (AP)

The IB Diploma Program and Advanced Placement courses provide students with the opportunity to prepare for college studies. It is important for students and parents to examine both options and choose the program that best meets the needs and learning style of the student.

IB Diploma Program (DP)	Advanced Placement (AP)
The DP aims to develop students who are inquirers, knowledgeable and caring people who will help to create a better and more peaceful world.	The AP program provides students with the opportunity to prepare for college success.
Holistic Program: IB students study six areas: English, foreign language, science, history, math and fine arts (or another IB approved course)	"A la carte": Students choose AP courses according to their strengths and interests. Courses are independent.
Scored internationally	Scored in the U.S.
Final score is 1-7 and is based on papers, oral presentations, projects, written exam	Exams are scored from 1-5
Exams are comprised of essay questions and some oral responses	Exams are comprised of multiple choice and essay questions
Promotes critical thinking skills, students are asked "why?"	Students are asked "what?" more than "why?"
DP students must complete the IB core: Theory of Knowledge course, Extended Essay and CAS (Creativity, Action, Service)	No additional requirements
Encourages integration across all content areas	Content specific
IB students may sit for AP exams	AP students are not able to sit for IB exams unless they are enrolled in the IB course