



WEST OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL

IB WORLD SCHOOL

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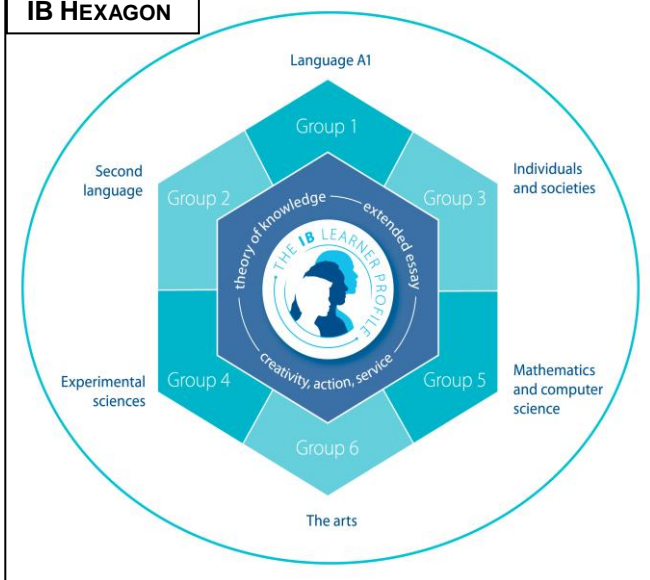
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International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

- IB gives students the opportunity to challenge themselves in their areas of passion and interest.
- IB encourages students to grow as individuals and members of their community.
- IB Diploma students are welcomed by the world's leading colleges and universities.

The Diploma Program (DP) is a rigorous and challenging academic program provided to students in over 100 countries around the globe. This two year, comprehensive program is for students in grades 11 and 12 who will share an international educational experience that promotes critical thinking, open-mindedness, research, intercultural understanding and reflection. Students who pursue the full diploma or who choose to take individual IB courses receive outstanding preparation for further academic study and success in their future careers. Successful completion of the program allows students to be considered for preferred admission to many colleges and universities. For specific credit information, students should contact each university individually.

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IB Full Diploma Requirements

DP students take classes in each of the six subjects. Three subjects must be taken at the Higher Level (HL) and three must be taken at the Standard Level (SL). HL and SL courses are challenging, HL courses simply cover more material. DP students must also complete the Core (Theory of Knowledge course, Extended Essay and Creativity, Activity and Service).

IB Diploma Program Course Option

Students who are not able to take the two year Diploma Program may request to take individual IB courses. This option is limited as first priority is given to the full Diploma Program students.

General Steps for Interested Students

- Become familiar with the expectations, philosophy and requirements of the IB Diploma Program.
 - Visit www.ibo.org, read IB information posted on the WOHS website (IB section)
- Make an appointment with the IB Counselor (Mr. Veldkamp, South Office)
 - Plan a four year schedule of appropriate classes that will prepare you for the DP.
- Notify the IB Coordinator (Mrs. Van Dam, A201 North or IB Office-South) if you are interested in completing the full IB Diploma Program
- Attend student/parent IB informational meetings (held throughout the school year)
- Be sure that you understand the IB Learner Profile and the expectations and level of rigor involved in the IB Diploma Program.