

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Tates Creek High School

1) An overview of the IB Program at TCHS:

- TCHS has been an IB Diploma Programme School since 2007-2008 school year
- 956 TCHS students have taken one or more IB classes since 2007-2008 school year
- Our first graduating class of IB students was 2008-2009; 298 out of the 956 students have participated in the Full Diploma Programme
- What is IB? The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is an internationally recognized college preparatory program for juniors and seniors in high school. IB Diploma Programmes can be found in 140 countries! At Tates Creek High School, our students complete the ACE Pre-Diploma curriculum designed for 9th and 10th graders to allow them to develop the necessary skills to be successful in IB. These skills include analytical writing, critical thinking, oral presentations and research. Our students then elect to enter either the Full Diploma Program or take individual IB classes (IB Diploma Courses) as juniors and seniors.
- A Full Diploma Candidate will take six college level classes junior and senior year and complete a 4,000-word research paper - Extended Essay [EE], be enrolled in the Theory of Knowledge class (TOK), and will complete the Creativity, Activity, Service portfolio (CAS)
- IB Classes offered at TCHS: IB English Literature HL, IB

Spanish HL & SL, IB French HL & SL, IB Chinese SL, IB Chinese ab initio, Latin SL, IB History of the Americas HL, IB Psychology SL, IB Business Management SL, IB Biology HL, IB Chemistry SL, IB Physics SL, IB Math HL, IB Mathematics SL, IB Math Studies, IB Theatre Arts HL & SL, IB Music, IB Theory of Knowledge

- Our IB teachers have completed formal IB training and teach to International Standards. IB teachers must be current with IB curriculum which is updated every seven years.
- We are an IB school within TCHS. There are fees associated with being an IB Diploma school. There is an annual fee that the school assumes - \$11,090.00 for the 2015-2016 school year; and a student registration fee and IB exam fee. This year the student registration fee was \$164.00/student and the exam fee was \$113.00/exam. The juniors and seniors are responsible for this cost.
- Students must be strong academically, be willing to stay with the same world language for four years, and complete a minimum of math by the end of sophomore year - Algebra 1, Algebra II and Geometry before moving in to the IB math classes
- Students completing the IB Diploma Programme will be strong analytical writers, will gain research skills, critical thinking skills, oral presentation skills and will be confident moving forward in to college/university
- IB Students sit for IB exams in May of the senior year and depending upon the IB score may earn college credit
- Colleges and Universities seek IB Full Diploma Students!!

2) Requirements for admission, if any

- Currently, the IB Diploma Programme is open enrollment. This being said, when we present to our families of 8th graders, we emphasize the need for appropriate placement, i.e. strong academic students. Students participating in the Full Diploma Programme need to be willing to complete four years of a World Language (at TC this is Spanish, French, Chinese Mandarin or Latin) and have completed by the end of sophomore year Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry.

3) How many students are currently enrolled in the IB Program?

The IB Diploma Programme is for juniors and seniors. For the 2015-2016 school year:

34 Full Diploma Seniors

74 Diploma Courses Seniors

47 Full Diploma Juniors

76 Diploma Courses Juniors

231 Total Juniors and Seniors in the IB Diploma Programme

4) Of the enrolled students, how many live outside the TCHS attendance zone

- Of the 231 total junior and senior IB students, 45 live outside of the TCHS area of attendance zone

Additional Information:

TCHS IB website: www.tchs.fcps.net/ib-program

Official IBO website: www.ibo.org

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