

## WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE?

The International Baccalaureate is a diploma granting program, recognized worldwide, that requires students to study their own national identity---their own language, literature, history, cultural and scientific heritage---no matter where in the world they live. Beyond that, the IB asks that students identify with the corresponding traditions of others. It is not expected that they adopt differing points of view, merely that they are exposed to them and respond intelligently. The ultimate goal is to foster a more knowledgeable, compassionate and tolerant person.

While the degree of challenge in the IB can be significant, the program is flexible enough so that all students can benefit from participation, and all who enroll can succeed. Indeed, the expectation is that the entire school community will benefit immediately through the preparation of new courses for the IB and continually through the broadened scope of knowledge and world view found in this program.

The IB became part of the educational program at Red Hook High School beginning in September 2002. Courses are taken at either a Higher Level (HL) or Standard Level (SL).

### The Curriculum consists of Six Groups of Study

GROUP 1 – Language A: Literature  
English HL

GROUP 2 – Language B:  
French SL/HL  
German SL/HL  
Spanish SL/HL

GROUP 3 – Individuals & Societies:  
History of the Americas HL  
Psychology SL

GROUP 4 – Experimental Sciences:  
Biology SL/HL  
Chemistry HL  
Physics SL  
Sports, Exercise, and Health Science SL

GROUP 5 – Mathematics:  
Mathematics Analysis and Approaches SL  
Mathematics Applications and Interpretations SL

GROUP 6 – Arts & Electives  
Film SL/HL  
Music SL/HL  
Visual Arts SL/HL  
(additional options are possible as a sixth subject)

## EARNING THE IB DIPLOMA

To be eligible for the IB Diploma, a student must:

Complete one course from each of the six subject groups. At least three and not more than four must be taken at the higher level (HL). The remainder are taken at the standard level (SL).

Receive acceptable scores on examinations in each of the six subjects. The exams are graded on a scale of 1 to 7.

Submit an Extended Essay.

Complete the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course.

Complete the Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) requirement.

Earn a minimum total of 24 points out of the possible 45. (The maximum score includes 3 points for work in TOK and the Extended Essay.)

Candidates who do not earn the IB Diploma may earn certificates in individual subjects.

## COLLEGE RECOGNITION OF IB

Students who earn the IB Diploma are often awarded advanced credits and placement in American universities and have an improved chance of acceptance at selective universities around the world. Recent IB graduates from Red Hook are currently attending Harvard, Yale, Brown, Cornell, University of Pennsylvania and many more!

Need more information?

For more information about the IB Program including a directory of college IB recognition policies, or for the general regulations of the IB Program, visit IBO's website. <http://www.ibo.org>.

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