

The ABCs of IB Prep

Or.....my child is
in IB prep.....
now what?!

IBPA meeting:
Sept. 7, 2016

IB Prep 9 and 10

- ❖ Honors or AP classes (AP Human Geography / AP US History) in all curriculum areas except for electives
- ❖ Class curriculum is accelerated and rigorous, preparing students for the IB Diploma Program (Jr. and Sr. year)
- ❖ Accelerated curriculum also prepares students for the AP curriculum if they decide to exit the IB Program

Courses and Curriculum 9 & 10

- ❖ **English:** Honors/IB Prep English 9 and 10
- ❖ **Math:** Algebra 1 or Honors Geometry or higher
- ❖ **Social Studies:** *9th grade:* Honors Govt. and AP Human Geography
10th grade: Honors or AP US History

Courses and curriculum cont...

- ❖ **Science:** *9th grade:* Honors Biology
10th grade: Honors Chemistry;
Physics (optional)
- ❖ **World Language:** Honors
French/Spanish 1 or higher

Courses and curriculum cont....

❖ **Electives:** Students take whatever electives interest them. Students will not take an IB elective until Jr. year, with the exception of some 10th graders who take Physics.

Jr. and Sr. year: IB Diploma Program

- **6 subjects/groups**

Group 1: English

Group 2: World Language/Language B

Group 3: Individuals and Societies

Group 4: Sciences

Group 5: Math

Group 6: Electives

Students will take at least 3 of these subjects at the Higher Level (HL) and 3 at the Standard Level (SL)

All IB subjects have Internal Assessments (IA) and External Assessments (EA)

Higher Level/HL Standard Level/SL

- ❖ **Higher level:** two year courses over the Jr. and Sr. year. Students test in May of their Senior year
- ❖ **Standard level:** one year or two year courses. Students will test at the end of the course, Jr. or Sr. year
- ❖ **Lakewood High School IB program has expanded its course offerings to include up to 16 courses offered at the Standard Level/SL and up to 13 courses offered at the Higher Level/HL**

CAS, TOK and EE

The Core of the IB Diploma Program

❖ **CAS: Creativity, Activity, Service**

- ❖ 9th and 10th- students begin involvement in CAS activities and submit a CAS portfolio at the end of each year (reflection component)
- ❖ Activities include: Sports, the arts, volunteer activities, leadership roles, clubs, any class that does not count for IB Diploma counts for CAS. These are things most students are already doing

❖ TOK: Theory of Knowledge:

A thoughtful and purposeful inquiry into different ways of knowing, and into different kinds of knowledge. TOK is comprised of mostly questions such as “How do we know what we know?”

**Students take one semester of TOK
their Jr. year and one semester
their Sr. year**

❖ EE: Extended Essay

It is an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4,000-word paper in a curriculum area of the student's choosing.

Students begin their EE second semester of their Jr. year. They work with their teacher advisor to complete the EE by October of their Sr. year.

Earning the IB Diploma

- ❖ Successful completion of IB assessments
- ❖ Successful completion of the IB Core: CAS, EE and TOK

And my student is doing this because.....?

- ❖ IB students undertake one of the most challenging education programs available to them.
- ❖ IB students tend to go to university at higher rates, go to more selective universities, and perform better once there.
- ❖ Feedback collected from a wide range of IB graduates suggests that IB students have an easier time adjusting to university studies.

IB Graduates and parents:

- ❖ IB has definitely prepared me for school here at one of the top five sciences & engineering schools in the nation. (Harvey Mudd) Most of the people are amazing in some area but need help in almost every other area. IB means my Humanities papers come out right the first time, where most of the people spend twice the time I do and still have significant revisions.
- ❖ My daughter wasn't sure until the very last sign up day whether IB was right for her. She didn't want to leave her home school and didn't want to be isolated at Lakewood from the general population (which she is not). She decided to go for it - now she has new friends, plays softball, is on the debate team and is getting good grades!

- ❖ I'm graduating in August from Colorado State University with a degree in English Language and Linguistics and have plans in the works for a PhD in my field. Years ago, in my IB Language and Culture class we read Bill Bryson's *The Mother Tongue* which first introduced me to the subjects I study today.
- ❖ I feel incredibly lucky to have been exposed to my academic passion so early and it's given me even greater opportunities for advancement at the university level. I entered my program more prepared than many of my peers, while I'm certain you hear this often, IB changed my life.
- ❖ I will probably never again have the connection to a school and the sense of community that I found at Lakewood and being in IB."

College Admissions Officers:

❖ “Send us prepared students a la IB...It is the ‘best’ high school prep curriculum an American school can offer.”

-Marilee Jones, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, MIT

❖ “The rigor of IB diploma requirements meets our recommendation for the strongest high school preparation possible....”

-Allison Jesse, Former Associate Dean of Admission, College of William and Mary

❖ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gS4BUi3Exog&list=PLWBNztdOp2pznut3UFMmu-uqj9LXsMxj>

Support for your child

- ❖ **IB office-** make sure your child knows where the IB office (A-119) is and knows that my door is always open...for any reason!
- ❖ **IB teachers-** they are here to help your student be successful. All teachers are available to work with students during office and/or off hours. I am happy to facilitate meetings between students and teachers.
- ❖ **Counselors-** they are informed about all aspects of the IB program- the good, the bad and the ugly. Counselors are an amazing resource of support!

Support for your child

- ❖ **Administration**-our administration loves working directly with students and helping them navigate their high school careers.
- ❖ **Study deck**-A teacher is on the study deck every hour of every day, ready to help any student. The study deck is open to any students during their off hours.

If any of these resources can't solve a problem or answer a question, please ask me! We will find what your child is looking for!