

## International Baccalaureate Diploma Program for Juniors and Seniors

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is an internationally recognized program of studies offered to highly motivated 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. This program provides the academic rigor, structure, and experiences for students looking for the highest degree of academic challenge. Students are challenged to use their education to “*create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.*”

*-IBO Mission Statement*

**The IB Diploma Program is a two-year program of studies across disciplines with multiple components.**

- **IB courses, assessments and external examinations in six different subject areas**

### Group 1

Language A, the student’s first language or the language of the school

### Group 2

Language B, the student’s second or classroom-learned language OR Language A2, for students with near-native fluency

### Group 3

Humanities: Individuals and Societies

### Group 4

Experimental Sciences

### Group 5

Mathematics

### Group 6

Arts and Electives

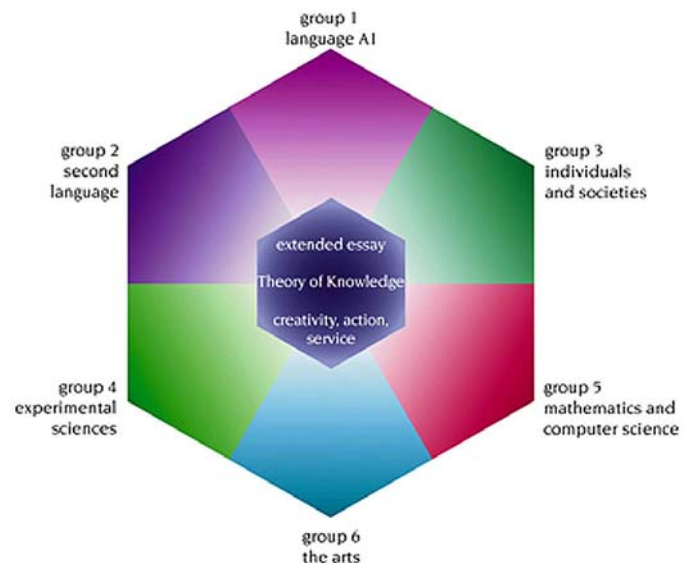
- **Participation in Creativity, Action, Service (CAS)**
- **Attending Theory of Knowledge seminar one semester during both the junior and senior years**
- **Writing and submitting an Extended Essay under the supervision of a mentor teacher**

The International Baccalaureate Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, awards an IB Diploma to students who complete all of the required components.

Students at South Lakes High School are encouraged to participate in the full diploma program or may elect to take individual IB courses and earn an IB Certificate for those courses. To enroll in IB courses, students must have earned at least a grade of C in the prior course in the subject area and be firmly committed to pursuing the highest level of academic challenge available. It is essential for a student considering an IB Diploma to work with his or her IB Coordinator and the counselor to plan a 4-year sequence that matches his or her interests, abilities and goals while meeting the requirements for graduation, the IB Diploma, and college admission.

Taking IB Diploma courses is excellent preparation for college. Students who take IB courses are admitted to college at higher rates than non-IB students, are better prepared for college and have a higher rate of college completion than their non-IB counterparts.

*“IB teaches one how to think analytically and critically, exactly what they expect in college.”*  
*-FCPS IB Diploma Graduate,*  
*College of William and Mary Class of 2008*



## **The IB Diploma and University Recognition**

IB students routinely gain admission to some of the best known universities in the world. Most of these institutions have established recognition policies for the IB Diploma. Colleges and universities recognize the rigorous nature of the IB Diploma program in **recruitment, admissions, college credit, placement and scholarships**. University recognition policies are listed on the IBO website [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) and on individual college and university web sites. At the IBO site select Diploma Program and then University Recognition to access recognition policies from universities throughout the world.

*“Send us prepared students a la IB...it is the best high school prep curriculum an American school can offer.” **M.I.T.***

*“One of the advantages of an IB curriculum is its structure and quality. It’s a coordinated program, well established, well known, and well respected. We know the quality of IB courses, and we think the IB curriculum is terrific.” **Duke University***

*“The IB is a first-rate program, one we are familiar with, and it prepares students well for a university like ours.” **Princeton University***

*“IB is well known to us as excellent preparation. Success in an IB program correlates well with success at Harvard. We are always pleased to see the credentials of the IB Diploma Program on the transcript.” **Harvard University***

*“The rigor of the IB Diploma requirements meets our recommendation for the strongest high school preparation possible... The IB diploma candidate who has met the challenge successfully receives strong consideration from the William & Mary admissions committee.” **College of William & Mary***

### **For More Information**

On South Lakes High School: [www.fcps.edu/SouthLakesHS](http://www.fcps.edu/SouthLakesHS)

On the International Baccalaureate Organization: [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

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#### **IBO Mission Statement**

The International Baccalaureate Organization aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the IBO works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.