

International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate Planning Sheet

To earn an IB Diploma, you have to take courses from six subjects, one each from Groups 1-6. For Group 6, students may opt to study an additional Science or Language B course, instead of a course in the Arts.

Between 3 and 4 subjects must be taken at the “higher level” (HL) and the remaining 2 or 3 subjects at the “standard level” (SL) to earn the diploma.

All courses are offered over 2 years (Year 1 in 11th grade and Year 2 in 12th grade) except for IB Chemistry, IB Biology, IB Physics and IB Math Applications SL(with lab) which are completed in 1 school year.

If you would like to be an IB Diploma Candidate next year, please complete the following checks when selecting your courses online:

1. CHOOSE ONE COURSE FROM EACH OF THE 6 CATEGORIES:

Group 1 – Language A	Group 2 - Language B	Group 3 – History
IB English HL IB English SL	IB French SL IB Italian SL IB Spanish SL IB Spanish SL Ab Initio	IB History HL
Group 4 - Sciences	Group 5 - Mathematics	Group 6 - Arts or Elective
IB Biology SL IB Chemistry SL IB Physics SL	IB Math Analysis HL IB Math Analysis SL IB Math Applications SL IB Math Applications SL w/lab	IB Art HL IB Film HL IB Music HL IB Music SL IB Biology SL IB Chemistry SL IB Physics SL

2. CHECK TO SEE THAT YOU HAVE AT LEAST 6 COURSES, ONE FROM EACH GROUP, AND 3 OF WHICH MUST BE HL

MY HIGHER LEVEL COURSES ARE (3 or 4 are needed)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ (4. _____)

MY STANDARD LEVEL COURSES ARE (2 or 3 are needed)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

3. ADD THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE -YEAR 1 (11th) or YEAR 2 (12th) TO YOUR COURSE SELECTIONS

To complete the diploma program, you also need to complete what is known as the core in addition to the class requirements above. The core consists of 3 components: a Theory of Knowledge (T.O.K) course in 11th and 12th grade, an Extended Essay (E.E), and a project known as Creativity, Activity, Service (C.A.S). Information about E.E. and C.A.S. will be shared through your T.O.K. course.

For more information, please read the [DFHS IB World School Handbook](#) and the 2025-2026 [Course of Study Guide](#).