

# B. T. Washington High School IB World School



# **The IB Diploma Program at Booker T. Washington High School**

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# What is the IB Diploma?

- Created in 1968
- BTW has been authorized since 1985
- Utilizes international standards
- High quality curriculum
- Educates the “whole person”

# IB encourages students to:

- think critically
- ask challenging questions
- develop research skills proven to help in higher education
- consider both local and global contexts

# Where is the IB Diploma offered?

- 3287 schools in 153 countries
- 1770 schools in the Americas
- 940 in the United States

# Who is eligible for IB?

- All Juniors and Seniors at BTW
- Hard work is required.
- Students must commit to IB schedule for at least junior year.

# Are there fees??

- \$122 per exam X 6 exams = \$732
- Free/Reduced Lunch: \$20/exam
- Registration occurs in October
- Scholarships available.

# IB Diploma Requirements

- IB Core: CAS, TOK, and EE
- IB Courses: 3 Higher Level (2 year) and 3 Standard Level (1-2 year)



# Creativity, Activity, Service

Experiential learning that takes place outside of the classroom.

- Share talents and energy
- Develop awareness and concern for others
- Learn to work together

# Theory of Knowledge

- Consider what it means to know something
- Consider the strengths and limitations of different ways of knowing
- Relate subjects to personal knowledge
- Recognize the biases inherent in each discipline

# Extended Essay

Independent research:

- Due in senior year
- Select a subject area
- Develop a research question
- Present an extended argument, supported by research
- 4000 words maximum

# The Courses

Group 1: English

Group 2: World Language

Group 3: Social Sciences

Group 4: Experimental Sciences

Group 5: Mathematics

Group 6: IB Fine Arts or IB Elective

# Group 1: English

- Freshman Year: English I preAP
- Sophomore Year: English II preAP
- Junior Year: English HL1
- Senior Year: English HL2

## Group II: World Lang.

- Must reach 4<sup>th</sup> year of language (SLII).
- Cannot take SL exam prior to Jr. year
- “SL” = 4-5 years
- “HL” = 6 years (French and Spanish only)

# Group III: Individuals/Societies

- 9<sup>th</sup> : OK History/Government
- 10<sup>th</sup>: AP U.S. History (recommended)
- 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>: Select SL or HL

SL (1 yr.): Psych, Econ, World Hist., World Religions

HL (2 yrs.): Psych, Hist. of Europe, Hist. of Americas

# Group IV: Experimental Science

- 9<sup>th</sup>: Biology I preAP
- 10<sup>th</sup>: Chemistry I preAP (recommended)
- 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>: Select SL or HL

Options: Biology HL, Chemistry HL/SL,  
Physics HL/SL, Sports and Exercise SL\*

\*Sports Exercise SL is a one-year course. All other sciences require two years.



# Group V: Mathematics (2019-20)

- 9th: Algebra I
- 10th: Geometry
- 11th: Algebra II
- 12th: Math SL (2021)
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Geometry
- 10<sup>th</sup>: Algebra II
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Math Studies SL (2020)
- 12<sup>th</sup>: choice

## Note:

- IB is launching new math courses in 2020-21. There will be new SL and HL courses. At BTW, HL will not be available until 2021-22.
- For 2019-20, juniors may still take Calculus SL.

# Group VI: IB Fine Arts/Elective

- Film SL/HL (both require 2 years)
- Music Theory\* SL (1 year) or HL (2 years)
- Visual Arts\* SL/HL (both require 2 years)

\* Prior experience/talent required

Or you may take an additional science, social studies, or world language.

# Sample IB Schedule

## ■ Junior Year

- 1) English HLI
- 2) French SLI
- 3) World SL
- 4) Biology HLI
- **5) Math Studies SL**
- **6) Psychology SL**
- 7) TOK

## ■ Senior Year

- **1) English HLII**
- **2) French SLII**
- **3) Hist. of Amer HL**
- **4) Biology HLII**
- 5) AP Statistics
- 6) elective
- 7) TOK

# Assessment

- Internal Assessments
- External Papers
- External Exams
- Students maintain *control* over many aspects of assessment



## What do colleges say about the IB?





Studies have shown that the rigor of a student's high school curriculum is the single best predictor of success in college.



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

*Allison Jesse, former Assoc. Dean of Admissions, William and Mary College*

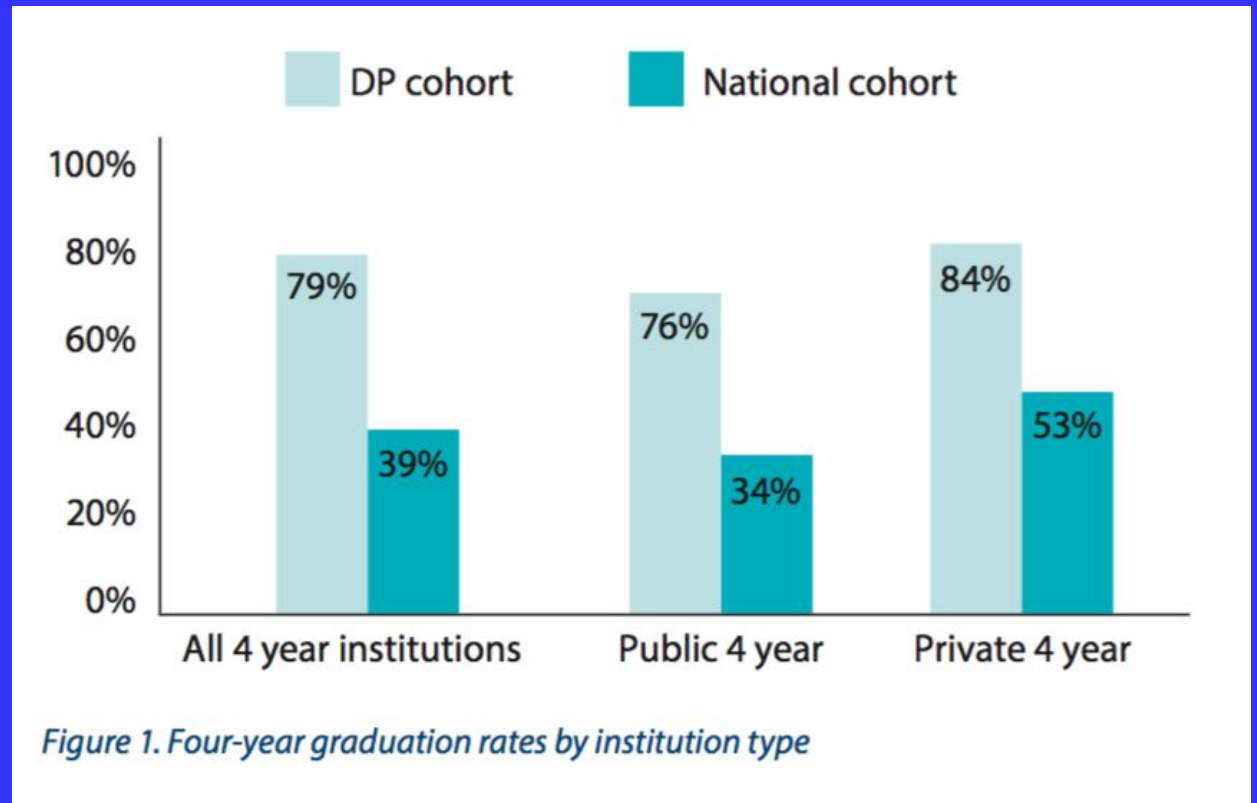
# What does the research say about the IB impact on college preparation?







2015 study: the four-year graduation rates at all four-year institutions were higher than the national average (Bergeron, 2015).



Bergeron, L. 2015. Diploma Programme students' enrollment and outcomes at US postsecondary institutions 2008–2014. Bethesda, MD, USA. International Baccalaureate Organization.

# 2014 Univ. of Oregon Study: College Readiness of DP vs. Non-DP Graduates

- DP graduates were better able to adjust to university coursework and demonstrated stronger critical thinking, time management and research skills.

Conley, D, McGaughy, C, Davis-Molin W, Farkas R and Fukuda, E. 2014. *International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme: Examining college readiness*. Bethesda, MD, USA. International Baccalaureate Organization.



# How does participation in the IB Diploma Program impact college admission?



<b>University or college</b>	<b>IB students acceptance rate</b>	<b>Total population acceptance rate</b>
<b>University of Florida</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>Florida State University</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Brown University</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Stanford University</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Columbia University</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>University of California - Berkeley</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Harvard University</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>New York University</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>University of Michigan - Ann Arbor</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>University of Miami</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>30%</b>

University or College	IB students acceptance rate	Total population acceptance rate
Cornell University	31%	18%
Duke University	28%	16%
University of Pennsylvania	24%	14%
Yale University	18%	7%
University of Central Florida	90%	47%
Boston University	70%	58%
University of California - Los Angeles	48%	23%
University of Virginia	64%	32%
UNC Chapel Hill	63%	32%
Princeton University	16%	8%

# Credit: General and Specific

- University of Tulsa: 28 points on IB Diploma = 30 credit hours
- University of California: 30 points on IB Diploma = 30 credit hours
- University of Texas: “4” or better on all exams = at least 24 credit hours
- University of Oklahoma: “4” or better on HL exams = subject specific credit

# IB Credit Policies

## Typical

- HL courses only
- No special recognition for whole diploma
- Admission reps not familiar with IB

## Exemplary

- Credit for HL and SL
- Recognition of whole diploma
- Aggressive recruiting of diploma candidates

# Ready to Accept the Challenge?

- Make appointment to discuss two-year plan
- Select 3 SLs and 3 HLs





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