

# *International Baccalaureate Program*

Inglemoor High School

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To the parents and guardians of the 2021 Diploma Class:

You are receiving this letter because your student is an International Baccalaureate Anticipated Diploma student and we wanted to keep you informed of important requirements related to the IB Program.

## **IB Crediting Bill – ESB 5917**

This past March, Senator Mark Mullett's IB crediting bill – ESB 5917 – was signed into law by Governor Jay Inslee marking the end of a long journey for area IB Coordinators. This legislation grants SL and HL credit for every IB class offered at public institutions in the state. All public state post-secondary institutions - from community colleges to universities - must publish their new IB crediting policies by this fall. Western Washington has just updated their credit award chart and we're seeing recognition for SL exam scores. Thank you to Senator Mullett, Representatives Laurie Dolan, Tina Orwall and Gerry Pollett for their work passing this legislation. Washington State IB Coordinators are especially thankful for the leadership of Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib and Superintendent Chris Reykdal for, once again, working on behalf of IB students all over Washington.

## **May 2020 Exams**

**Please join us Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Little Theater for an information meeting about the May 2020 examination session.** The total cost of the IB Diploma is approximately \$980. Most anticipated candidates will take one to two exams junior year which will cost \$306 or \$430 respectively. All students will be testing in their IB Elective course or "sixth subject" and some may be sitting for either a foreign language or a math exam. Nearly all of these funds go directly to the International Baccalaureate Organization. We make every attempt to keep these costs down, but the mailing and grading of exams is an expensive endeavor. As it stands now, students that qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch can obtain substantial support for exam costs from the state of Washington and so families with financial concerns may want to explore this opportunity. Families are encouraged to set aside funds now in anticipation of exam registration. Exam registration materials will be distributed to students in history classes during the first two weeks of October.

## **Testing Accommodations**

The IB believes that all candidates must be allowed to take their examinations under conditions that are as fair as possible. Where standard examination conditions and assessment procedures would put candidates at a disadvantage, and would prevent them from being able to demonstrate their skills and knowledge adequately, reasonable forms of access arrangements may be authorized.

Candidates eligible for inclusive assessment arrangements are those with individual needs such as:

- specific learning difficulties
- communication and speech difficulties
- autism spectrum disorders
- social, emotional and behavioral challenges
- physical, sensory, medical or mental health issues

Eligible students must contact an IB Coordinator by **November 1** to apply for testing accommodations. Students should have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 already filed with the school.

If a candidate is affected by an injury that prevents them from completing the written examinations in the usual way (for example, an injured hand so the candidate cannot write), inclusive assessment arrangements will normally be authorized. This may include additional time, the use of a word processor and/or scribe if the candidate is unable to write.

### **Changes to the Theory of Knowledge Course – Why the change?**

In 2016, Inglemoor High School was informed by the International Baccalaureate Organization that TOK is a two-year course. Our re-authorization stated that we must demonstrate that our “schedule includes the TOK teaching hours distributed over the two years of the Diploma Program.” Because of this, we need to do TOK in Year 1 of the program.

### **When is TOK offered?**

TOK Diploma juniors are required to attend Seven TOK Year 1 Sessions which will occur after school on Wednesdays on teacher-directed days. These sessions will last approximately 90 minutes. At this time, we do not know which Wednesdays will be available to us and therefore we are unable to let you know the schedule until the start of school.

### **Inglemoor High School, the IB Diploma and Washington State Graduation Requirements**

In 2011, the Washington State Legislature passed a law that recognizes the IB Diploma in such a way that a student that fulfills all IB Diploma requirements will have earned all credits required for graduation. In order to qualify for a Washington State High School Diploma as an IB Diploma candidate, a student must meet certain requirements:

- The earning of passing grades in all IB classes.
- The successful completion of the Diploma Requirements; Extended Essay, CAS and Theory of Knowledge.
- The successful completion of all coursework in six IB classes, including the proper combination of HL and SL subjects.
- The successful completion of all Internal Assessment work in each IB class.
- Registration and completion of all appropriate IB Exams.

An IB Diploma student will also need to meet the following requirements:

- Meet all state high school assessment requirements.
  - Complete the High School and Beyond Plan.
- Most colleges require one year of fine arts credit. It is strongly advised that college-bound students complete one full year of fine art credit in high school in order to meet college entrance requirements. Please note that California public universities require one full year of the same type of art. We highly recommend that you review the admissions criteria of individual colleges if you have not already done so.

Finally, please join the IB Booster Club for the 2019-2020 academic year. This vital club is a group of invested parents with the shared goal of supporting and maintaining the success of the IB program at Inglemoor.

We look forward to working with you and your student. Best wishes for a happy and restful summer.

Sincerely,  
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IB Coordinators

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CAS & Extended Essay Coordination

## **SAVE THE DATES**

- 9/23 IB Exams and Accommodations meeting for parents of students taking one or more exams in May 2020 7:00 pm, Little Theater
- 10/1-18 IB Exam Registration in English Classes
- January EE introduced in Year 1 TOK session
- 1/31 Semester One CAS due
- 2/28 EE – Supervisor form and subject declaration form submitted to EE Coordinator
- 3/30 EE – Check-in 1 with Supervisor completed
- 4/27 EE – Check-in 2 with Supervisor completed
- 5/1 – 5/22 IB Exams
- 6/1 EE – Mandatory initial reflection session with Supervisor complete