

International Baccalaureate Program

Inglemoor High School

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To the parents and guardians of the 2020 Diploma Class:

Congratulations to your student for completing Year 1 of the Diploma Program. We are sending you this letter to keep you informed of important developments 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.

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 cost of the IB Diploma is approximately \$550 for current seniors. 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 upon the return to school. 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 or the use of a word processor and/or scribe if the candidate is unable to write.

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 automatically satisfy most if not all graduation requirements. In order to qualify for a Washington State High School Diploma as an IB Diploma candidate, a student must meet the following 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.

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

CAS Requirement

Students should have completed 50% of their CAS commitment at this time. Students should be using ManageBac to post proposals, reflections and evidence. ManageBac is an online system for organizing and tracking the IB Diploma requirements. Inglemoor students are using this online system to meet their CAS and EE requirements. Please know that all CAS work must be completed by **April 30, 2020**.

Extended Essay Requirement

Students should spend 20 hours on their EE this summer. Please note the following deadlines:

September 30 – Interim Reflection Session due

Student must bring a draft of essay with evidence highlighted in one color and analysis in another.

October 28 - Complete Draft Due

January 31 – Final Draft Due

Important Note

Students must complete the above IB Diploma requirements. Students who do not turn in a complete draft of the extended essay by October 28th will be unable to register as a Diploma candidate for the May 2020 exams. These students will be removed from the Theory of Knowledge course and scheduled into courses necessary to fulfill high school graduation requirements.

Finally, please join the IB Booster Club for the 2019-2020 academic year. This 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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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
- 9/30 EE – Mandatory Interim Reflection Session with Supervisor is due, then Reflection 2 completed on RPPF form on ManageBac
- 10/1 – 18 IB Exam Registration in English Classes
- 10/28 EE Complete Draft - 3200 word minimum with works cited page & citations or footnotes
- 12/20 EE – Conference
- 5/1 – 5/22 2020 IB Examination Session
- 5/28 IB Recognition Ceremony for the Class of 2020 @ 7pm – Cafeteria, All Purpose Room