



CIS offers one significant and rigorous learning pathway in Years 12 and 13, leading to **IB Diploma Programme**, graduating with an **IB Diploma** and the **CIS Diploma**.

In certain circumstances, with specific criteria and approval by the Head of Secondary, there are the following pathways:

- **Individual IB courses**, graduating with an IB transcript of subject grades and **CIS Diploma**
- **CIS school-based curriculum**, graduating with the **CIS Diploma**

In order to graduate from CIS, students will need to satisfy a range of graduation requirements that are listed below.

- Students who complete four years of high school (Year 10-13), whether entirely at CIS or not, would need to successfully complete at least 46-semester courses out of a maximum possible 56-semester courses.
- Students must have a 90% attendance record

Graduation Requirements (semesters)*	
English	8 - 4 years
Chinese	8 - 4 years
Individuals and Societies	6 Preferably 8 - 3 years preferably 4
Sciences	6 Preferably 8 - 3 years preferably 4
Mathematics	6 Preferably 8 - 3 years preferably 4
The Arts/Product Design/ Computer Science/ **French or Spanish	8 - 2 years
Physical Education	4 - 2 years
Total	46

**For students who join CIS for part of High School their previous school's classes will contribute to graduation requirements.*

*** Students who select French or Spanish must complete 4 semesters of the Arts/Product Design/ Computer Science*

- Chinese International School Educational Leadership Team is the final arbiter in determining the awarding of the High School Diploma.

CIS Graduation Diploma

Students will receive the Chinese International School Graduation Diploma upon fulfilling one of the three following options below in addition to the requirements listed [above](#). Students who started at CIS later than Year 10 will have credits transferred from their previous education.

1. **IB Diploma Student** - the completion of the full International Baccalaureate curriculum as outlined [below](#).
2. **IB Certificate Student** - a course of study, approved by the Head of Secondary, which contains the following requirements:
 - A. Satisfactory performance in a maximum of six IB courses, with at least one course being at Higher Level;
 - B. Full participation in the CAS and Fitness, Health and Wellbeing programmes;Optional:
 - The Theory of Knowledge course,
 - Submission of an Extended Essay.

3. **CIS School-Based Curriculum** - a course of study, approved by the Head of Secondary, which contains the following requirements:
 - A. Satisfactory performance (Transcript Grade 3) in a minimum of 46-semester courses;
 - B. Full participation in the CAS and Fitness, Health and Wellbeing programmes;Optional:
 - The Theory of Knowledge course,
 - Submission of an Extended Essay.

IB Diploma

The award of the IB Diploma requires a minimum total of 24 points and the following pass requirements as issued by the IB

- At least 24 points overall
- At least 3 HL and 3 SL subjects chosen
- Grades in all six subjects and Extended Essay and ToK

- All CAS requirements met
- At least grade D in Extended Essay or ToK
- No grade 1 in any HL or SL subject
- No more than two grades 2s or below (HL or SL)
- No more than three grade 3s or below (HL or SL)
- Must have at least 12 points from HL subjects
- Must have at least 9 points from SL subjects
- Not judged by IB guilty of malpractice

In addition, the IB mandates the satisfactory completion of three additional requirements:

- The Extended Essay of 4000 words, which provides the first experience of the independent research paper;
- A course entitled Theory of Knowledge (TOK), which explores the relationships between the various disciplines and ensures that students engage in critical reflection and analysis of the knowledge acquired within and beyond the classroom;
- Compulsory participation in CAS, representing activities in Creativity, Action and Service.

IB Certificate

Not all students require or are best suited to the IB Diploma pathway. As an alternative pathway, IB Courses run concurrently with IB Diploma subjects with students experiencing the same academically rigorous curriculum and assessment, but without the pass requirements listed above in the IB Diploma section. Students are not required to meet the minimum of 24 points nor have 3 HL and 3 SL subjects. Students are issued with an IB transcript, with the grades attained for each subject undertaken. Advice from University Counsellors and the IB Coordinator is essential to ensure the individual IB courses taken meet university admission requirements.