

# S PATHS TO UNIVERSITY

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## Paths to University

University admissions may seem like a daunting process to many families. Students move through High School and are presented with decisions regarding their academic and professional routes. Celebrating each child's unique qualities, strengths and areas for development, paths to graduation & universities have been created to serve each student while aligning with their families values and expectations.

Universities are concerned with a student's admission, but more importantly, completing the chosen program and graduating. The AISK 3 Paths, emphasizes the development of skills and work ethic that fully prepares the student to enter university, build on their acquired knowledge, complete university and find overall personal and professional success.

#### 3 PATHS TO UNIVERSITY

#### U.S. High School Diploma

The High School Diploma is an excellent option for students who are unsure of their personal and career desires. Students may concentrate on achieving their best transcript and GPA to guarantee college admission. AISK students will receive a U.S High School Diploma exclusive to AISK, as a student completes Grade 12. The courses offered will follow the IB curriculum, without the rigorous testing and independent, essay component. Students receive the benefit of both worlds while being introduced to college level coursework.

#### **AISK**-IB Courses

Students also choose from the selection of courses to create a program that best suits their needs and a U.S. High School Diploma as well as internationally recognized credits for the chosen IB course credit.

#### SISK - Full IB Diploma

Students who wish to challenge and set themselves apart in the university admissions process are encouraged to pursue the full IB Diploma. The AISK IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) positions students for entry into the university that best fits their personalities, strengths and career goals. Our program builds out their academic profile and becomes a differentiator for college admissions.

#### NOTE:

THE 3 PATHS TO UNIVERSITY OFFERS THE FLEXIBILITY OF CHOICE . S TUDENTS MAY SHIFT THEIR INTERESTS AND NOT FEEL PRESSURED TO CONTINUE ON A PATH THAT NO LONGER SERVES THEM.

AISK students are guided throughout the IB course selection process and are encouraged to choose subjects that not only amplify their strengths but also align with their interests and career choices. The AISK-IB program offers the flexibility of choice that students may shift their interests.

The AISK-IB Diploma Programme is the most rigorous of the 3 Paths to University. Students must achieve a minimum of 24 points out of a possible 45, including 12 in their Higher Level courses. To help our students meet the demands of the course and prepare to complete the diploma. There are strategies and academic support systems implemented annually to guide our students along these two years.

### The SISK-IB Programs for Success

#### Sk -IB Retreat

At the start of each academic year, the incoming Grade 11 cohort, locks in for the annual IB retreat. This weekend away is where the IB coordinator, IB teachers and Grade 12 students speak all things IB. From concerns, to misconceptions, subject choices as well as the mental, emotional and physical requirements are discussed and debated with students. The students come away with the dedication and discipline to complete the two - year program.

#### **∕Ais**k-IB Student Advisory Program

All Grade 11 & 12 students, regardless of the chosen path, have access to our Advisory Program, which matches each student with a member of faculty. Teachers meet with each one regularly, speak openly and lend guidance and support on challenges faced during the program, which may include self management, social skills and subject area challenges.

#### Extended Essay Panel

Completion of an Extended Essay is a requirement of the IB Diploma. Students participate in Extended Essay Panels giving them an opportunity to defend their thesis and receive valuable feedback on their research from a variety of perspectives including teachers and IB classmates.

#### **Faculty Access**

Any of the 3 Paths to university may prove rigorous to students, however there is a strong culture of support and family within AISK. Should candidates experience subject challenges that cannot be resolved while class is in progress, there is designated time that faculty are available each day after school to work through individual concerns and promote understanding.

#### **College Counseling**

Having invested time, energy and finances in the education of your children, college acceptance is the big payoff. The AISK College Counseling program designs a compelling profile for submission to university admissions.

#### NOTE:

In the second semester of Grade 11, students are actively engaged in ollege counseling classes. Students and parents are familiarized with the university application process, which includes research on universities for fit and program, College essays, completion of the U.S. Common App and other international applications are discussed. Research and guidance on financial aid are also a large piece of the information shared with parents.

AISK college counselors are seasoned advisors who have strong relationships with university admissions' officers. This relationship benefits students and allows AISK to recommend, with confidence, the right "fit" university.

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