

## IB DP Admission and Placement Criteria

- The International Baccalaureate Diploma programme (IB DP) is an academically challenging and balanced program of education. IB defines it as: “A future-ready program that builds students' inquiring mindset, fosters their desire to learn, prepares them to excel at their careers and lead meaningful lives.”
- Admission into the IBDP at the secondary school is open to all students in grade 10 across programs (FB, LB and CPP). Accordingly, students joining the IB 1 class have different academic backgrounds of content and skills.
- Admission takes place during the class meetings of the second trimester, and it follows the following criteria:
  1. Student academic performance during the first and second trimesters of grade 10.
  2. The result of an **English proficiency exam** with a grade of 80/100 for English SL students and 85/100 for English HL students, along with a recommendation from the English teacher.
  3. The result of an **Arabic proficiency exam** for holders of Lebanese nationality only. A minimum grade of 70/100 is required along with a recommendation from the Arabic teacher.
  4. To enrol in Math Higher level (HL), the student needs to attain an average of at least 75/100. To enrol in a Math Standard level (SL), the student needs to attain an average of at least 70/100. LB and FB students admitted into the IB diploma program need to complete additional work in Math before joining the IB 1 year.
  5. Recommendations of the class teachers for the student readiness for the program.
- All Lebanese students who join the IB as Lebanese nationals need to follow the conditions of the Ministry of Education and register in **IB Arabic A and LB History and Civics**, in order to get the equivalency of the IB Diploma with the Lebanese Baccalaureate.
- Placement of IB students in **group 2 Arabic levels**:
  1. Ab initio level is open to all students with no or very limited prior knowledge of the language ( 1-2 years).
  2. B Standard level (SL) is open to students with a foreign nationality from the College Preparatory Program (CPP) who were in the CPP as of grade 6 at least, including grade 9.
  3. B Higher level is open to students with foreign nationality from the College Preparatory Program who were in grade 9 Brevet class.
- Students admitted into the first IB year have **2 weeks of drop and add** at the beginning of the academic year to change subjects. Beyond this period no change of subjects is possible unless the student is taking 4 HLs and wants to drop one of them to the SL level.