THEMES: OUR MOST COMMON QUESTIONS

1. Information & Decision Process
2. The IB
3. Diplomas and university recognition
4. Curriculum & Choice of subjects
5. A focus on Languages
6. A focus on Math and Sciences
7. Exam assessment
Q1. What is the timeline for us to choose a program?

1. **Information & Decision Process**
   - When do we have to make a decision?
   - How will we find the information we need?
   - Who can we speak with about our choices?

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**January-February**
- **INFORMATION SESSIONS**
  - Academic choices at the end of 2nde: the IB DP
    - February 1 (today)
  - Academic choices at the end of 2nde: the French Program
    - February 2
  - Academic choices at the end of 2nde during Vie de Classe
    - February

**March**
- **FIRST “FICHES Voeux provisoires”**
  - Conseil de classe 2nd Trimester
- **SECOND “FICHES Voeux définitifs”**
  - Conseil de classe 3rd Trimester
Any additional questions? Do not hesitate to speak with Mrs. Percy, Mme Gaultier or M. Vanhille.

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Watch the recordings of our information sessions

Visit the school website

Attend an online session with Mme Gaultier & Mrs. Percy (dates to be published)
Q2. What is the International Baccalaureate?

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✓ What are the different programs offered at Rochambeau?
✓ What is the IB? The IB Diploma Program?
✓ What is the IB philosophy?
End of 2nde/10th Grade

IB DP
11th & 12th Grade

OR

FRENCH PROGRAM
1ère & Terminale

Diploma Program

Bac Français

Bac Français International
What is the IB?

- Inquiry
- Conceptual understanding
- Local and global contexts
- Action and collaboration
- Differentiation
- Assessment

A RIGOROUS & INTERNATIONALLY-MINDED PROGRAM

1968, Geneva, Switzerland
The IB DP

Rochambeau has joined a community of 5,600 IB world schools in 160 countries

Offered by 3,578 schools
Offered by 1,472 schools
Offered by 1,916 schools
The IB at Rochambeau

2021
IB Diploma Program since September 2021

37
IB DP students

20
Teachers

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- Diploma Programme offered by 3,578 schools
- Middle Years Programme offered by 1,472 schools
- Primary Years Programme offered by 1,916 schools
Q3. At the end of High School, what diploma(s) will my child be awarded?

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- What diplomas are awarded at Rochambeau?
- Can you have both the IB and the FB diplomas?
- Do IB DP courses qualify for the High School Diploma?
- What about university recognition?
11th grade

**IB DP**

- Diploma Program

OR

**FRENCH PROGRAM**

- Bac Français
- Bac Français International

US High School Diploma
The Maryland High School Diploma

Whatever programs they choose at Rochambeau, our students qualify for the US/Maryland High School Diploma. Courses in all programs meet the requirements and allow students to get the credits they need.

- **You have been at Rochambeau from 4ème/8th through 1ère/11th grade**
- **You joined Rochambeau after 4ème/8th grade**

You might miss some credits. Contact Mme Bessaha, our Registrar: bessahad@rochambeau.org

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<td>A minimum of 22 credits.</td>
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<td>- 2 credits in Social Studies (1 credit in U.S. History)</td>
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<td>- 6 credits in Math and Science (including at least 2 in Science and 2 in Math)</td>
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<td>- 1 credit in Physical Education</td>
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<td>+ 5 elective units from any curricular area.</td>
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University recognition

The IB Diploma recognizes IB students’ level of achievement and completion of the challenging IB DP.

It opens the doors of universities worldwide.

However, each university, regardless of the diploma, has specific admission criteria. It is important to check with your university counselors.
Q4. What is the IB DP Curriculum?

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- What subjects are offered?
- Are all subjects mandatory?
- Are there electives?
- What will an IB DP schedule look like?
- How much work will the IB represent for a student?
## 6 mandatory courses (1 from each subject group)

**At Rochambeau:**

1. **English A**
2. **French A OR French B**
3. **Economics or History or Global Politics**
4. **Biology or Physics**
5. **Mathematics AA* or AI***
6. **Film or Visual Arts (or Chemistry or Spanish B)**

**Electives**

3 courses at the **higher level** (5 hrs/week)

3 courses at the **standard level** (3 hrs/week)

3 CORE subjects

**CAS, Extended Essay & TOK**

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*Math AA – Analysis and Approaches SL & HL  
*Math AI – Applications & Interpretation SL
The IB program is demanding in terms of independent study, reflection & service.

- **28 to 30** hours of IB class in 1ère
- **25 hours** in Terminale
- **+ 1 hr vie de classe/advisory**

**TOK**
Theory of Knowledge
A course aimed to engage students to think reflectively about knowledge. Students’ work is assessed through a 1,600-word essay and an exhibition.

**CAS**
Creativity, Action, Service
A collection of enjoyable & challenging experiences determined by students to extend their abilities in the areas of creativity, action, and service.

**EE**
Extended Essay
An independent and self-directed piece of research finishing with a 4,000-word paper.
Q5. What is the place of languages?

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- How do students choose languages?
- Are there admission criteria in languages?
- What is the expected level of mastery of English? French?
At Rochambeau, each student will study at least 2 languages*

The IB DP offers two types of language courses to suit a student’s language profile:

**A. Language & Literature courses:**
critical, creative, personal approaches to studying and analyzing literary and non-literary texts (in a student’s best or second best language)

**B. Language Acquisition courses:**
comfort and autonomy, and knowledge of the culture (in a student’s second best or another language)

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*Spanish can be studied as an additional language if selected in Group 6
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### Languages of instruction:
- English: ~56-90%
- French: ~10-44%

### 3 CORE subjects
- CAS, Extended Essay & TOK

Taught in English
The IB Bilingual Diploma is a version of the IB Diploma. It is awarded to candidates who demonstrate language proficiency in two different languages.

There are two different ways to obtain a Bilingual Diploma:

Completion of **two languages from group 1** (language A subjects) scoring a 3 or higher in both.

=> ENG A + FR A

OR

Completion of **one of the subjects from group 3 or 4** in a language that is not the same as the group 1 language, scoring a 3 or higher in both the group 1 language and the group 3 or 4 subject.

=> ENG A + BIOLOGY OR HISTORY
=> FR A + GloPo OR ECON OR PHY

The “regular” IB Diploma only requires students to take a second language from group 2, and the other subjects will be in the group 1 language.
Started as a pilot program at three French schools in North America and officialized in 2018, the IB Advanced Bilingual Diploma is another version of the IB Diploma and the result of the collaboration between the IBO and the Mission Laïque Française.

To be eligible, students must:

- Study **two languages from group 1** (language A subjects) scoring a 4 or higher in both.

- Study **at least one subject from group 3, 4, 5 or 6** in each of the group 1 languages, scoring no grades below 4 in all subjects*.

=> **ENG A + FR A + HISTORY OR BIOLOGIE OR VISUAL ARTS**

Encouraged (but not required): to write the TOK essay and EE in two different languages.

*If a student scores one grade below 4, but still meets the requirements for the Bilingual Diploma, they receive a Bilingual Diploma instead.
Level of English
This program will be taught primarily in English. Applicants need to be proficient in English to join the program:

- **Recommendation** from current English teacher
  For external applicants:
  - **At least level B2 or equivalent**
  - **A letter grade equivalent to a B for US students in a Standard/Honors English level class**

Level of French

- Different levels of French are welcome
- We will look at your child’s language profile and make a placement recommendation in either French A or French B.
Q6. What is the place of Math and Sciences?

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- What is the Math offering and level of Math?
- How many & which sciences can a student take?
A choice between 2 courses in IB Math

The IB DP program offers a choice between two Math courses:

Math AA – Analysis and Approaches, SL & HL
- Emphasis on algebraic methods
- Develop strong skills in mathematical thinking
- Real and abstract mathematical problem solving
- For students interested in mathematics, engineering, physical sciences, and some economics

Math AI – Applications & Interpretation, SL
- Emphasis on modelling and statistics
- Develops strong skills in applying mathematics to the real-world
- Real mathematical problem solving using technology
- For students interested in social sciences, natural sciences, medicine, statistics, business, engineering, some economics, psychology and design

See this [LINK](#) for a more detailed presentation of both curricula.
IB DP: How many & which sciences can I take?

**1 SCIENCE**
- English A and/or French A
- French B
- Economics or History or Global Politics
- Biology or Physics
- Mathematics AA* or AI*
- Film or Visual Arts (or Chemistry or Spanish B)

**2 SCIENCES**

In Group 4
Choose either
- Biology SL (in FR)
- OR
- Physics SL & HL (in EN)

In Group 6, either an art, Spanish OR Chemistry SL & HL (in EN)

*Math AA – Analysis and Approaches
*Math AI – Applications & Interpretation
Q7. How is the IB Diploma awarded?

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✓ How many exams do IB students sit?
✓ What is an internal assessment?
# IB DP Exam Assessment

**Internal assessment***

30%-40% of Diploma

- 1 in each subject + 1 in ToK
- Oral, research papers, productions, etc.
- Completed by the students in Year 1 & Year 2
- Assessed by teachers

**External assessment**

70%-60% of Diploma

- Exams in MAY of Year 2
- Essays
- Short-response questions
- Data-response questions
- Text-response questions
- Multiple-choice questions...

*or IA: means internally assessed. This is not “continued assessment” where trimester grades count toward the exam. IA grades are sent to the IB and are not included in the trimester averages.

The 6 IB subjects are graded on a 1-7 scale with 7 being the highest score.

24 points minimum

42 points maximum

With HL + HL + HL ≥ 12 points and SL + SL + SL ≥ 9 points

+ 3 points max. TOK & EE
IN CONCLUSION
How to choose?

- **INQUIRE** about courses offered in each track (content, programs, expectations, grading, exams...)
- **DISCUSS** with your teachers, your guidance counselors, juniors and seniors
- **REFLECT** on your plans for the future, but also your profile and your academic results.

No good or bad diploma. It is about choosing the program that best suits a student’s interests, academic results, and project. A program where they will succeed the best.
Is the IB DP for my child?

My child:

- Is fluent in English and prefers to study in this language.
- Enjoys project-based learning.
- Is organized, has a strong work ethic, and enjoys independent work.
- Collaborates and likes to work in a team.
- Is curious about world issues.
- Is a critical thinker who asks “how” and “why” questions rather than “what”.

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Thank you!

Essential resources

IBO [website](#)
Rochambeau [website](#)

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