

The International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes use a variety of acronyms and terminology. Here's a glossary of some commonly used acronyms and terms in the world of IB education:

- **ATL - Approaches to Learning:** Skills and strategies developed throughout all IB programmes, including research, communication, and critical thinking.
- **CAS - Creativity, Activity, Service:** A core component of the DP and CP programmes that encourages students to engage in extracurricular and community service activities.
- **CP - Career-related Programme:** A program for students aged 16 to 19 that combines academic subjects with career-related learning and experiences.
- **DP - Diploma Programme:** The IB programme for students aged 16 to 19, which is often considered the most rigorous and comprehensive.
- **EE - Extended Essay:** A mandatory research project in the DP, where students explore a topic of their choice in-depth.
- **HL - Higher Level:** Refers to the more in-depth and demanding courses in the DP, which require more classroom hours and rigorous study. All HL courses must be two school years in length.
- **IB - International Baccalaureate:** The overarching organization that offers various educational programmes.
- **IBARMS – International Baccalaureate Associations of Rocky Mountain Schools:** This is our regional IB organization. It includes schools from Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico.
- **IBO - International Baccalaureate Organization:** The former name of the organization, now referred to simply as the IB.
- **IBIS – International Baccalaureate Information System:** The digital platform for submitting official internal IB assessment items, registering students for external assessments and score reporting preferences, and portal where results are delivered.
- **IO – Internal Oral Assessment:** For language classes, the Internal Assessment is an oral commentary. Like written IAs, a sample is selected by IB to be submitted for score moderation. The IO score is part of the official assessment for the course and contributes to the overall score awarded by the IB.
- **IA – Internal Assessment:** A required assessment for each diploma-level course that is internally supported and assessed. A sample of IAs is selected by IB to be submitted for score moderation. The IA score is part of the official assessment for the course and contributes to the overall score awarded by the IB.
- **MYP - Middle Years Programme:** The IB programme for students aged 11 to 16, typically offered in middle or junior high schools.

- MyIB – The digital platform that houses the Programme Resource Center (PRC) and other official publications.
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- PYP - Primary Years Programme: The IB programme for students aged 3 to 12, typically offered in elementary or primary schools.
- RP – Reflective Project: A long-term project completed by each student engaged in the Career-related Programme that examines an ethical dilemma within their career pathway.
- SL - Standard Level: Refers to the standard-level courses in the DP, which are less intensive than HL courses but still cover the core content. SL courses may be one year or two years in length, depending on the content.
- TOK - Theory of Knowledge: A required course in the DP that encourages students to think critically about knowledge and the ways of knowing.
- TR: Total Registration: The digital platform through which students register for exams. This is not an IB-specific resource but exports information for upload into IBIS.