

HOW CAN ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE IB COURSEWORK AT MHS?

Individual/Multiple IB courses	Viking Honor Cord	IB Diploma
-This is the most popular way the IB Program is accessed at MHS. -Students along with their families', counselors', IB coordinators', and teachers' advising can select IB courses that are best aligned with their academic goals and personal interests. -We have courses in many different core subject areas and electives, and some are SL (1 year course) and some are HL (2 year course). -We do recommend for all IB courses that students are motivated and are at least C students in their classes. Some IB courses do have skill based prerequisites such as Math Physics, Visual Arts, and Theatre which can be fulfilled in earlier 9th, 10th, and 11th grade coursework at MHS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT IB PLEASE CONTACT: Jeremy Hahn - jhahn@srcs.k12.ca.us	1. Coursework and Exams: -Complete any 4 IB classes (40 units) with grades C or better. -2 of the 4 courses must be either a IB Higher Level (HL). -All 4 courses may be IB HL, or a combination 2 SL's and 2HL's. One SRJC course can be substituted (with C's or better) for one of the HL's or two different SRJC courses for the two SL's. -2 of the 4 courses may be IB Standard Level (SL). TOK may be used for this if you register and submit the coursework needed for the IB TOK Certificate to IB. -Register and sit for at least 2 IB or AP exams. 2. CAS Hours- 100 hours of Creativity, Activity, and Service: -Starting in your junior year, and after meeting with an IB coordinator, students must complete, verify, and reflect in writing upon their CAS experiences. This must be completed and turned in by April of their Senior year.	1. Coursework and Exams: -Complete 6 IB courses (3-4 HL's and 2-3 SL's) in the required 6 different subject areas. -Take 6 exams and score at least 4 or higher on all exams. -Complete the TOK class and exam work. 2. CAS Hours- 150 hours of Creativity, Activity, and Service: -Starting in your junior year, and after meeting with an IB coordinator, students must complete, verify, and reflect in writing upon their CAS experiences. This must be completed and turned in by April of their Senior year. 3. Extended Essay -Beginning the second half of your junior year choose a topic of your interest and an individual teacher as an advisor. Also working with a research and writing skills teacher you will begin work on a 4000 word research paper. -You will complete this paper by the March of your Senior year and need a passing score from IB.

KEY TERMS:

SL- abbreviation for "Standard Level" this designates an IB course that is typically a year long and while not always good for college credit, it is a requirement to complete and successfully test 2 or 3 SL courses to receive the honor cord or diploma. You can begin testing in these courses in your junior year.

HL- abbreviation for "Higher Level" this designates an IB course that is typically two years long and is available for college credit at most schools if they score high enough. It is required that you take at least 3 HL courses to complete the diploma. You test in HL courses at the end of your senior year. CAS- This stands for Creativity, Activity and Service and is one of the IB Diploma requirements. Students need to log approximately 150 hours divided between the three areas as evenly as is reasonable. Part of the hours should include a

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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN IB AND AP?

Montgomery does not offer Advanced Placement (AP) classes but students can still take AP tests in some of their IB classes. IB is a balanced program of study, all IB classes have an interconnected philosophy. IB HL classes are taken over two years and IB SL classes are one year in length. AP classes are taken independently of each other with an assessment at the end of each class. It is not required to take an AP class to take an AP test.

WHAT OTHER BENEFITS DOES AN IB EDUCATION PROVIDE?

IB DP students in the US have higher rates of university enrollment and graduation at four-year institutions compared to the national average. IB DP graduates studied in Chicago public schools were significantly more likely to enroll in college, to enroll in selective colleges, to stay enrolled and to perform better than similar non-IB DP graduates. DP students who score well on certain IB exams can earn college credit for coursework in the US and all over the world.

HOW DOES A STUDENT BECOME PART OF THIS PROGRAM?

We have adopted IB's approaches to teaching and learning as the basis for all instruction at MHS, so even if the course is not listed as an IB course the goals of developing life-long, empathetic, enthusiastic learners who are prepared to deal with a complex and ever-changing world is at the heart of our teaching philosophy.

All 11th and 12th grade MHS students can participate in the IB diploma program coursework in a way that matches their own individual goals and abilities. The three most common routes are: the IB diploma (the most challenging), the Viking Honor cord (also rigorous), or by taking either individual or multiple IB courses and exams.

WHAT IS THE IB DIPLOMA?

The IB diploma is one possible, but not required, avenue a student can head down to participate in the program. It is the most challenging course of study and personal development that MHS offers. This achievement is internationally recognized and in California if a student scores a 30 (avg. score) or higher they are automatically eligible for 30 quarter units of University of California credit. See the reverse side for more specific information.

HOW ARE IB CLASSES DIFFERENT FROM OTHER CLASSES?

IB classes exist in all 11th and 12th grade core subject areas (English, Math, Social Studies, Science, World Language) and some elective subject areas. All IB classes are designated either SL (standard level) or HL (higher level). The main difference between the two is that SL's are typically one year courses, while HL's are two year courses. HL exam scores are the most applicable for college credit. Many IB courses do have a weighted honors grade.