

Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB)

Which class style is right for you?



IB

AP

COURSE OFFERINGS

- Students choose to take individual IB courses or the full IB Diploma pathway
- There are a total of 12 IB courses offered at Dakota Ridge High School
- IB classes can be 1 or 2 years
- Classes are interdisciplinary and connect learning to a broader curriculum
- Students choose which AP courses they want to take and how many
- There are a total of 8 AP courses offered at Dakota Ridge High School
- All AP classes are one year
- AP classes are stand-alone classes, not part of a broader curriculum

COLLEGE CREDIT

- Students can be awarded credit for individual exams or for earning the IB diploma
- Colleges and universities around the world recognize IB coursework
- Credit is awarded based on the AP exam score earned
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*College credit is only awarded upon obtaining a minimum score on the AP or IB exam; the credit awarded is determined by each individual university.

EXAM

- IB exams are externally assessed by IB examiners and scored on a scale of 1-7
- IB compiles final exam scores using work completed in class and external exams
- AP exams are assessed externally by AP examiners and scored on a scale of 1-5
- One exam is taken at the completion of the AP course

DIPLOMA

- The IB Diploma is recognized nationally and internationally for its rigor and broad, balanced curriculum
- Colorado guarantees a minimum of 24 college credits at public universities to students who have earned the IB diploma



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