COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA PATHWAYS

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College Preparatory Diploma Pathways are designed to prepare students for success in college by offering rigorous academic coursework across core subjects. These pathways often include opportunities to take Advanced Placement (AP®) or International Baccalaureate (IB®) courses, allowing students to experience college-level material while still in high school. Completing these pathways can help students strengthen their college applications and potentially earn college credit before graduation.*

BENEFITS OF EARNING AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP®) OR INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB®) DIPLOMA:

- Earn college credit for course exams*
- Improve college admission & scholarship prospects*
- Take steps toward a double major or early graduation*
- Reduce tuition costs*
- Gain an internationally recognized credential
- Develop critical thinking & college readiness skills
- Develop deep foundational knowledge
- Earn a weighted GPA

WHICH COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA PATHWAY IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP®) CAPSTONE DIPLOMA

The AP® Capstone requires students to complete 6 courses:

- AP® Seminar
- AP® Research
- 4 additional AP® courses
- Earn a 3 or higher on all 6 exams

MARYLAND ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP®) OPTION

The Maryland AP® Option requires students to complete 5 courses:

- 2 courses in the same content area
- 2 content areas included
- 3 or better on at least 3 AP® exams
- Earn a C or better on all 5 courses

} ***EARN A SCHOLAR'S AWARD!***

ADVANCED PLACEMENT INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA (APID)

The APID is designed for students who may be interested in studying abroad. It requires students to complete 5 courses:

- 2 AP® language courses *(must be across different areas)*
- 1 Global Perspectives course
- 1 Science or Math/Computer Science course
- 1 additional course *(cannot be an AP® language course)*
- Earn a 3 or higher on all 5 exams

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB®) DIPLOMA

The IB® Diploma requires students to complete coursework in 6 subject areas and additional requirements including:

- Theory of Knowledge course
- Extended Essay *(earn a D or higher)*
- Creativity, Activity, & Service project
- Earn a minimum score of 24 points on all 6 IB® assessments

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* *Disclaimer: Students should consult with the colleges or universities they plan to apply to in order to understand how AP® or IB® credits transfer, what assessment scores are required, and whether specific majors have additional or different requirements.*