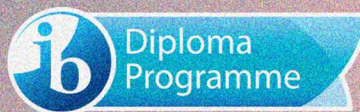


HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

A quick guide



What is the IB Diploma Programme?

The IB Diploma Programme (IB DP) is a challenging two-year educational programme primarily aimed at students aged 16–19. It is a university preparatory programme that emphasizes intercultural understanding, critical thinking, and personal development. At Hillcrest High School, we are proud to offer this globally recognized program.

Core Components

Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

Explores the nature of knowledge across disciplines, encouraging critical reflection on knowledge claims.

Extended Essay (EE)

A 4,000-word independent research essay, fostering research and writing skills.

Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

Involves students in experiential learning through creative pursuits, physical activities, and community service.

Subject Groups

Students choose one subject from each of the following six groups. At least three subjects must be taken at Higher Level (HL), and the rest at Standard Level (SL).

- **Studies in Language and Literature**

- English Language and Literature

- **Language Acquisition**

- French
- Spanish

- **Individuals and Societies**

- History of the Americas

- **Sciences**

- Biology
- Physics

- **Mathematics**

- Analysis and approaches
- Applications and interpretation

- **The Arts**

- Visual Arts
- Psychology

Why Choose IB at Hillcrest?

- **Globally Recognized:** IB Diploma is highly regarded by universities worldwide.
- **Holistic Education:** Develops well-rounded individuals with strong academic and personal skills.
- **Critical Thinking:** Encourages students to think critically and independently.
- **University Preparation:** Equips students with the skills and knowledge needed for success in higher education.
- **Intercultural Awareness:** Fosters understanding and respect for diverse cultures and perspectives.
- **Supportive Environment:** Hillcrest provides a supportive learning environment with experienced IB teachers.

Assessment & Exam Points

- **Internal Assessments:** Projects, essays, presentations graded by teachers and moderated by IB.
- **External Assessments:** Exams graded by external graders
- **Scoring:** Each exam earns 1-7 points (maximum 42 points)
- **Bonus Points:** Up to 3 extra points earned from TOK and the Extended Essay
- **Diploma Award:** 24 minimum points required, including certain distribution rules (at least 12 points from HL courses, completion of CAS, no failing conditions).
- **Maximum Score:** 45 points total.
- [Guide for IB Grading](#)

Contact Us and More Information

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