

# ***IB@CAHS***

## ***FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS***

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### **Q: WHAT KINDS OF STUDENTS ARE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME?**

**A:** We find that our students who gain the most out of our IB Programme are those who are able to let go of perfection as an expectation. Students should expect to work hard, make mistakes, grow academically and personally, and build meaningful relationships with their peers and teachers. We strive to help all IB Candidates cultivate the attributes of the [IB Learner Profile](#). We firmly believe that these skills are also imperative during the 9th and 10th grades in preparation for engaging with the IB.

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### **Q: ARE IB COURSES WEIGHTED?**

**A:** Yes, all IB courses are weighted on a 5.0 scale.

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### **Q: DO IB COURSES HAVE EXAMS?**

**A:** All IB subject courses, excluding Visual Arts and Theory of Knowledge, have end of course exams, called External Assessments, that assign scores between 1 and 7. Courses also have assessments of different styles (presentation, essay, experiment, etc) that occur within the course called Internal Assessments.

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### **Q: DO COLLEGES RECOGNIZE IB COURSES FOR COLLEGE CREDITS?**

**A:** Colleges and Universities have their own policies around what credits they will award based on AP and IB scores. It is important to research the policies of the specific schools a student is interested in starting Junior and Senior year.

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### **Q: DO I HAVE TO DO IB?**

**A:** CAHS is an IB World School and we implement IB for All through English courses. This means that all Juniors and Seniors taking English at CAHS will experience at least one IB course through IB English at the Standard Level or the Higher Level.

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### **Q: HOW DOES IB COMPARE TO AP OR CCP?**

**A:** [Please view our Comparing Advanced Studies Programs document](#)

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### **Q: HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT IB?**

**A:** Please visit the Academics tab on the CAHS website: <https://www.ccsch.us/domain/3420>

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### **Q: WHEN CAN I TAKE IB?**

**A:** The IB Diploma Programme and Coursework is only available for Juniors and Seniors in high school.

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### **Q: HOW DO I PREPARE FOR IB?**

**A:** The most important areas to pay attention to are Math and World Language. You'll need an Algebra 2 credit and a third language credit (with the exception of French) before the start of your Junior year. If you need these prerequisites, it is great to start having conversations with your Counselor during your Freshman year to plan ahead.