Message about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

Since 2013, Port Chester High School has belonged to the prestigious International Baccalaureate Organization. The IB is a comprehensive and rigorous, two-year, pre-university course of study offered to eleventh and twelfth grade students. The Diploma and individual IB coursework are widely recognized by universities around the world as a symbol of academic excellence. The curriculum is internationally recognized and leads to examinations that demonstrate mastery of subject content as well as academic skills. Students who participate in advanced level courses are expected to take the appropriate IB and/or AP exams.

Through meaningful and challenging learning experiences, teachers will foster an environment that allows students to learn about themselves and to recognize their strengths and weaknesses, and that encourages them to develop the characteristics of the IB learner. IB learners should strive to become inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk takers, balanced, and reflective human beings.

Though IB courses begin in grade eleven, students may prepare for the program by pursuing Honors and Pre-IB/AP classes, as well as other rigorous courses of study in core academic areas as underclassmen. A student entering the International Baccalaureate Program receives a solid education in all areas of study and obtains the academic tools to pursue advanced scholarship at the college level.

All IB courses are open to motivated eleventh and twelfth grade students. In fact, we hope that more than half of upperclassmen will one day be enrolled in at least one IB course. Students seeking to complete the IB Diploma must meet requirements in six areas of study, in addition to the three requirements listed below. Students enrolled in one or more IB courses but not seeking the Diploma will be awarded IB Certificates and may receive course credit as well as advanced placement or other recognition at the college level.

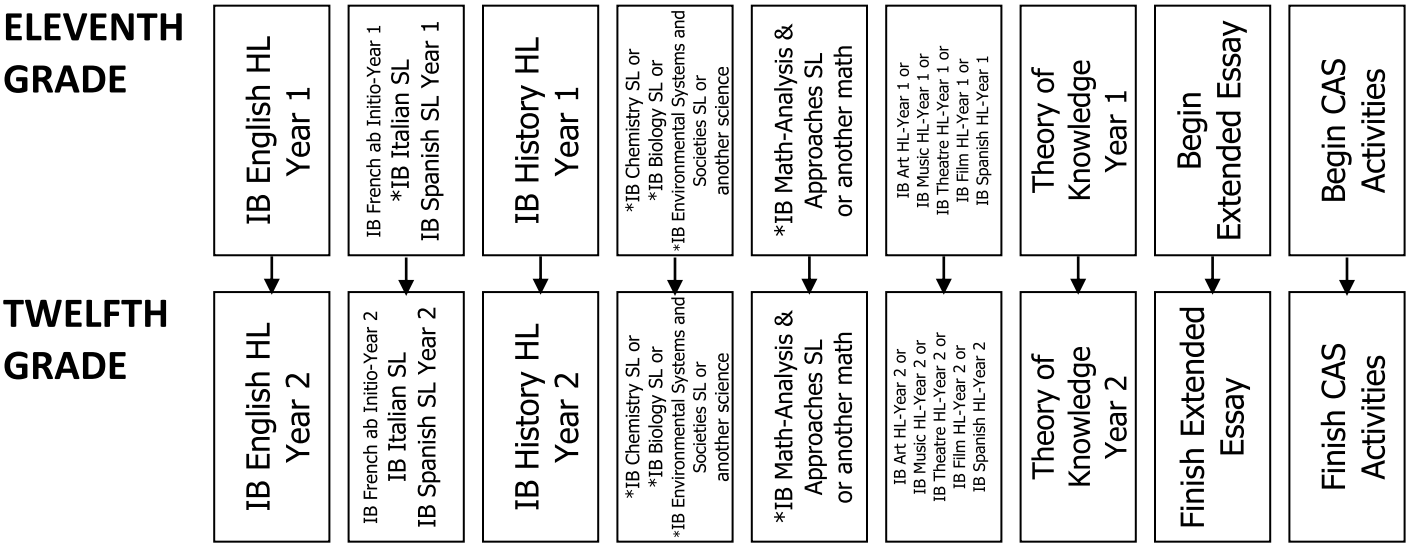
The Six Typical Areas of Study

1. English
2. Spanish, French, or Italian
3. History
4. Biology or Chemistry
5. Mathematics
6. Art, Music, Theatre, or Film

Three Additional Requirements

1. Theory of Knowledge
2. Extended Essay
3. Creativity, Action, and Service

TYPICAL PATH OF STUDY FOR THE IB DIPLOMA



Please note that students cannot sit for more than two SL Examinations in the 11th grade. Course with an * are one-year courses.