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April 20, 2026

Dear Class of 2027 STEM Academy Parents,

As the first year of the IB Diploma Program comes to a close, the Class of 2027 has demonstrated that the heart of the IB experience is thriving at the Academy. Their perseverance, collaboration, and dedication have been evident throughout the year.

Providing a strong IB experience requires significant ongoing support. As part of a global program, IB schools maintain a standardized curriculum, participate in common assessments, and stay aligned with international expectations. This involves continuous professional development, updated resources that reflect our changing world, and regular communication with the IB Organization. The IB fees help ensure that every student receives this consistent, high-quality experience.

To complete the registration process, six required fees must be paid in full. The total cost is \$759.00 for all Academy seniors, including both Course and Diploma candidates. Please note that these fees are set by the IB Organization, not the Downingtown Area School District.

All payments must be made through [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com), a secure platform used by school districts nationwide. Please do not send checks to the Academy or District Office. For your convenience, an installment plan is available.

| Name of Fee       | Due Date           | Amount |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------|
| IB Fee Payment #1 | July 15, 2026      | 126.50 |
| IB Fee Payment #2 | August 15, 2026    | 126.50 |
| IB Fee Payment #3 | September 15, 2026 | 126.50 |
| IB Fee Payment #4 | October 15, 2026   | 126.50 |
| IB Fee Payment #5 | November 15, 2026  | 126.50 |
| IB Fee Payment #6 | January 15, 2027   | 126.50 |

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After January 15, any outstanding balance will result in a financial obligation that may delay the issuance of your student's IB diploma and participation in commencement.

Changes to a student's IB registration may be made without additional charges through October 31, 2026. After this date, changes to courses (e.g., moving from Biology HL to SL) or to the Extended Essay topic will incur additional fees set by the IB Organization.

If your student is considering a change to their IB course schedule or Extended Essay topic, or if you have questions about the payment process, please contact Ms. Schell ([mschell@dasd.org](mailto:mschell@dasd.org)) as soon as possible so that additional fees can be avoided whenever possible. We are here to support you and your student throughout this process.

Sincerely,

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