

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Theory of Knowledge - An interdisciplinary class examining different ways of knowing.

Extended Essay - A 4000 word research paper on a topic of the student's choosing.

Creativity, Action, Service - Candidates engage in and reflect upon diverse extracurricular activities.

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The International Baccalaureate Diploma

Introduction to the
Diploma Program at
Palmer High School



ABOUT THE IB DIPLOMA

The Diploma program is a rigorous course of study designed to challenge motivated students in their academic growth across different disciplines.

In order to qualify for the full IB Diploma students need to complete a course and test in each of the following categories of classes during their junior and senior year:

1. Language and Literature
2. Language Acquisition
3. Individuals and Societies
4. Experimental Science
5. Mathematics
6. An IB elective of choice

HIGHER LEVEL VS STANDARD LEVEL

Of the six areas of study, students must select three subjects to be studied at a Higher Level (HL) and three at a Standard Level (SL).

HL courses cover exams in greater depth over two years.

SL courses explore a range of topics within a subject over one to two years.

BENEFITS OF THE DIPLOMA PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER

Outside of subject specific knowledge, the IB Diploma's emphasis on critical thinking, analytical reading and writing, student agency, and time management helps students develop skills that they can take with them wherever they go next.

CREDIT AND SCHOLARSHIP

The IB Diploma can help set students apart in competitive admissions policies. Additionally, many Universities incentivize the program with additional scholarships and credit opportunities, jumpstarting a student's college career.

PERSONAL GROWTH

By emphasizing a cross curricular and holistic approach, students are encouraged to embrace and work through challenges. Within classes students have the opportunity to pursue lines of inquiry of personal interest, growing a love of learning. Diploma candidates also participate in a range of extra curricular activities, fostering community engagement and a balanced personal life.