

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

Admissions Policy



The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

At Notre Dame Prep, we believe in providing opportunities for students to pursue excellence and achieve their potential. Motivated and willing students should be able to challenge themselves in a way that is appropriate for their academic goals and personal maturity. By electing to participate in the IB program, students are signaling that they are ready for a challenge.

The IB Program Coordinator will host an informational session for parents and families in January as well as give a presentation to all sophomores in February about IB opportunities. Students will be counselled about their IB opportunities until the course selection process is completed.

The IBDP looks for a mix of academic qualifications, personal qualities, and potential for success in the program, so students will be evaluated holistically. Students who wish to attempt the full IB Diploma (six courses plus the DP Core) must schedule an appointment with the DP Coordinator to review:

Academic goals and achievement: Academic achievement is important, but so are growth, resilience, and the ability to meet challenges. Admissions to the program will consider grades, current courses, teacher recommendations, and potential for growth.

Interest and motivation: Demonstrating a commitment to learning beyond just grades is important. A student's passion for learning, extracurricular activities, and involvement in community service or leadership roles will also be evaluated.

The learner profile: Students will identify their strengths as learners by discussing several aspects of the learner profile.

After consultation with the DP coordinator, counselors, teachers, and parents, students may choose to participate as a full IB Candidate.

Students who do not wish to become a candidate for the full IB Diploma may take one or more subjects during their junior and senior years (including TOK, CAS or, the EE). Students should talk with their counselors and subject teachers to discuss what would be an appropriate choice.

Please contact the IB Program Coordinator, Mr. Marc Sulzycki (msulzycki@notredame.org), if you have any questions.