Welcome

Lee's Summit West High School
8th Grade Parent Night

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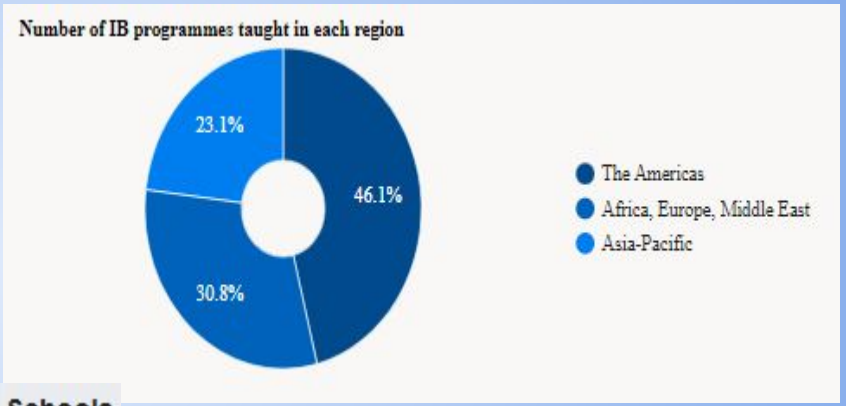
Snapshot of IB Schools in the US & Abroad

Globally - over 8,000 programs in over 5700 schools in 159 countries

Nationally - over 1200 schools
91% public

Top 5 Countries with IB schools -
4 types of IB programs



Country and region	Primary	Middle	Diploma	Career-related	Schools
United States	634	736	961	156	1,922
Canada	100	174	188	6	381
China	160	27	83	1	263
Australia	152	49	85	2	213
India	127	52	155	4	204

IB began in 1968
IB in America - 1975
IB in Lee's Summit - 1987

International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit by Exam Course

College Credit is awarded by the college base on the qualifying exam score. Each college creates their own score criteria and decides which course the exam will count towards.

Benefits

- Demonstrates academic rigor
- Improve your GPA - 1.00 weight towards GPA
- Diploma, Career-Related, and Course Programs are available to all students
- Colleges and universities understand the rigor, skills & content students gain through IB coursework
- IB students are more likely to attend college & graduate on time
  - 85% enrolled in a 4 year college compared to 66% in the US,
  - 90% continued their 2nd year compared to 80% across the US.

Courses

- Over 20 IB Courses available in almost all subject areas
- No application process or special requirement to register other than prerequisites.
- Curriculum set by IB Organization.

Enrollment Information

- Cost of the IB Exam - $124 (May 2026)
- Teacher recommendation, but not limited to it
  - No GPA requirements
- Students must take the exam
- Scores are released in July
- One free IB transcript is ordered by the school
- Some IB courses have dual credit options
- IEP, 504, ELL accommodations can be requested
- District Scholarship available for qualifying students

New IB Law
Beginning August 28, 2025

SB 243 - This act requires public institutions of higher education to adopt a policy for undergraduate course credit for any student who receives a score of 4 or higher on an International Baccalaureate exam.

In May 2025, 89% of all LSW test takers earned a 4 or higher.

Potential Savings

Tuition per hour for a 3hr class
Mizzou *$448/credit hour = $1344*
UMKC $411/credit hour = $1233
UCM - $297/credit hour = $891
Longview - $121/credit hour = $363

LSW Academic Wall of Fame

Earning College Credit in IB ($126.50 exam fee per course)

Scoring well on the IB Exam - Individual universities determine the amount of college hours granted based on the student's IB exam score

- IB Scores range from 1-7
- Most colleges accept scores between 4-7
- Explore college websites to learn more about how they award credit for IB exam scores

Dual Credit IB courses - Available for IB History, IB modern language classes, IB Business Math Analysis and Approaches SL, and a few others

Other Non IB Opportunities to earn college credit: Dual Credit classes (tuition based through UMKC, UCM, MCC, MSU) and AP classes ($99 Exam fee and exam score) Seal of Biliteracy

IB Coursework available at LSW * Denotes Dual Credit Option

GROUP 1
- IB English A1 HL

GROUP 2 *(Seal of Biliteracy)
- IB Spanish SL & HL
- IB French SL & HL
- IB German SL
- IB Chinese ab int & SL

GROUP 3
- IB History of the Americas HL *
- IB Psychology SL or HL *
- IB Business Mmgt SL or HL *
- IB Social & Cultural Anthro SL

GROUP 4
- IB Biology HL
- IB Chemistry HL
- IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL
- IB Sports, Exercise & Health SL

HL - 2 years
SL - 1 year

GROUP 5
- IB Math Applications & Interpretation SL
- IB Math Analysis & Approaches SL *

GROUP 6
- IB Music SL
- IB Theatre SL/HL
- IB Visual Arts SL/HL
- Film SL/HL

3 Ways to Participate in the IB

- IB Course Candidate
  - Students may take one or more individual courses during their 11th or 12th grade year.

- IB Diploma Program
  - The IBDP is an academically challenging and balanced program of education with final examinations that prepares students for success at university and life beyond.

- IB Career-related Program
  - The IBCP incorporates the values of the IB into a unique program addressing the needs of students engaged in career-related education.

IB Diploma Courses vs IBCP

IB Diploma Program

- Six IB Courses
  - One in each subject group
- **IBDP Core**
  - Theory of Knowledge Class (zero hour - 3 times a week)
  - Extended Essay
  - Creativity, Activity, & Service (CAS)
- 6 IB required course exams fees are paid by the district

IB Career-related Program

- Two IB Courses
- Completion of Career Path - 3 credits
- **IBCP Core**
  - Personal and Professional Skills Class (zero hour - 3 times a week)
  - Reflective Project
  - Community Engagement Project
  - Language and Cultural Studies Project
- 2 required IB course exams are paid by the school district)

What should I do as a freshman to better prepare for IB, AP, and Dual Credit Options

- **Enroll in Advanced Studies courses 9th & 10th grade**
- **Take care of PE, Health, Fine Arts, and Practical Arts graduation requirements during 9th and 10th grade**
- **Continue or start modern language (needed for IB Diploma 9th - 12th grade)**
- **Consider summer school/online courses**
- **Get more information!**

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