



OHS IB HANDBOOK

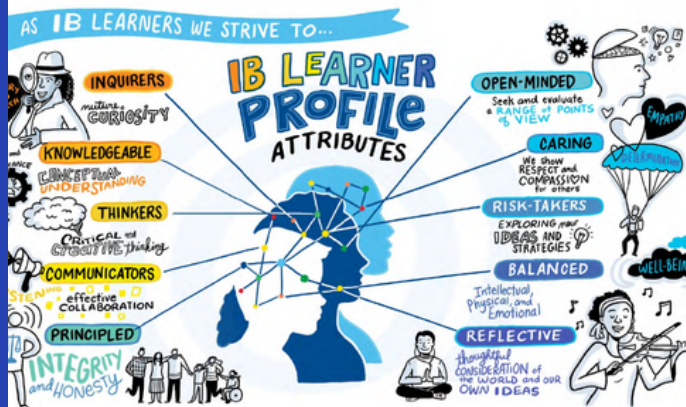


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WHAT IS THE IB?



The International Baccalaureate (IB) develops inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through education that builds intercultural understanding and respect.

<http://www.ibo.org>



IB students learn to know and understand the skills needed to thrive in modern societies increasingly go beyond traditional academic content and disciplines. There is growing evidence of the importance of “21st century skills”, which encompass a wide range of skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, communication and time management. These skills can prepare students to live and work in a world with rapidly evolving technologies and many complex issues.

THE IB DIPLOMA

Students who wish to receive the full IB Diploma or take at least one IB course must plan their four years at Oakmont High School carefully. Students must meet district, state, IB, and college admission requirements. IB students must complete and pass the appropriate pre-requisites for the IB classes prior to the start of their junior year.

The IB courses are divided into Higher Level (HL) courses and Standard Level (SL) courses. These courses can only be taken during the 11th and 12th grade years.

All IB Students and Parents need to understand that:

- Each IB class is two semesters in length. Sometimes these classes are covered in one school year, but most of the time the courses are one term each in grade 11 and 12.
- All HL courses must be studied over the 11th and 12th grades.
- **If a student starts an IB class, they are expected to complete the IB class.**
- **If a student takes an IB class they are expected to complete all of the required examinations for IB.**
- Every IB class is weighted by RJUHSD. All IB classes, including TOK, meet at least one area of the A-G list. The current A-G list will be found in the current Oakmont course catalog.

To receive the IB Diploma students must:

- Pass exams in 6 subject areas of the hexagon. A student must take 3 HL courses/exams and the rest as SL courses/exams.
- Successfully complete the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course and its assessments.
- Write an Extended Essay of approximately 4000 words in one of the six areas of the hexagon.
- Complete Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) activities over the two years in IB



IB EXAMINATIONS



IB Testing Requirements

The IB Program designs each of its courses to have a rigorous curriculum and examinations for each. **Students are expected, once they finish an IB course, to sit for the examination as well.** Students pay for their examinations in October of the same school year they will sit for the exam. **Juniors may not add an IB SL2 course for the Spring after November 1st. They will need to wait and take it their Senior year.**

Invoices will be emailed to each family and a hard copy is given to each student. **Payment for exams begins October 1st.** In person payment will be due by **Friday October 30 @3:30pm in Student Services.** Online payment is due no later than **11:59pm on November 1st** of the testing year. Families that qualify for the free/reduced meal program will qualify for the reduced testing fee program. For families that need payment plans, they should contact the coordinator before **October 1.**

IB Testing Fees

Exam fees are charged per exam. The May 2026 fees are **\$127 per exam.** Diploma students are not charged a testing fee for CAS or the Extended Essay. If a Certificate student chooses to take TOK, the fee is **\$50.** If a Certificate student chooses to complete the Extended Essay, the fee is **\$97.** If they choose to complete CAS, it is a **\$11** fee.

If a student chooses to cancel an exam for any reason, that cancellation **must be made by the last day of the Fall term 12/19/2026.** This cancellation **must be in writing to the IB Coordinator, Mrs. Carroll.** No refund for the exam will be issued after this date.

THE OHS IB STUDENT HONOR CODE

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Oakmont High School is designed to offer students the opportunity to achieve a high level of learning, develop responsible behavior and to demonstrate integrity and respect for themselves and others. Honor is of great importance in the program, for it is personal integrity that will influence and finally determine many of our actions and beliefs.

The IB Honor Code applies to all students enrolled in IB courses. Students are expected to be prepared for assignments and exams, submit original work, cite research appropriately, and encourage fellow students to do the same. Students in IB courses are expected to uphold the integrity of the IB Honor Code by neither committing nor assisting another student in committing a violation of the code. This Honor Code will be enforced in all IB classes, non-IB classes, and all activities associated with Oakmont High School.

All IB students and parents MUST read [OHS IB Student Honor Code](#) and students must sign the honor code pledge. Please click on the link above to read the full honor code. Students will sign the Honor Code during an Orientation meeting in August.



HOW TO FIND STUDENT SUPPORT

Student Support

Taking an IB course, or committing to the IB Diploma can be challenging. Most IB students are also involved in sports, activities, work or volunteering outside of their school day. You do not have to do this alone! We have tons of support for you at Oakmont.

Always start with your teachers. Your IB teachers love what they do and care about your success. Reach out to them through email, stop in before or after school or make an appt to see them at Intervention.

Mrs. Carroll, your IB Coordinator has an open door policy. You are always welcome to drop in and see her in 401 when you need someone to bounce ideas off of, or just need a quiet place to hang out.

If you feel like you need more support—reach out to your counselor or to the **Wellness Center**. Both are there to support your emotional as well as academic support.



IB PARENT SUPPORT

Parent Booster Club

One of the best resources for our IB Parents is the IB Parent Booster Club! The group meets regularly in 401. You have a chance to talk with other IB parents and share experiences.

The IB Parent Boosters support IB student retreats, scholarships for testing, Sr. activities, and field trips. This is a great way to share your student's IB journey with other parents.

If you'd like to learn more about how to get involved please contact the IB Booster Club team at oakmontib@gmail.com.

School Resources

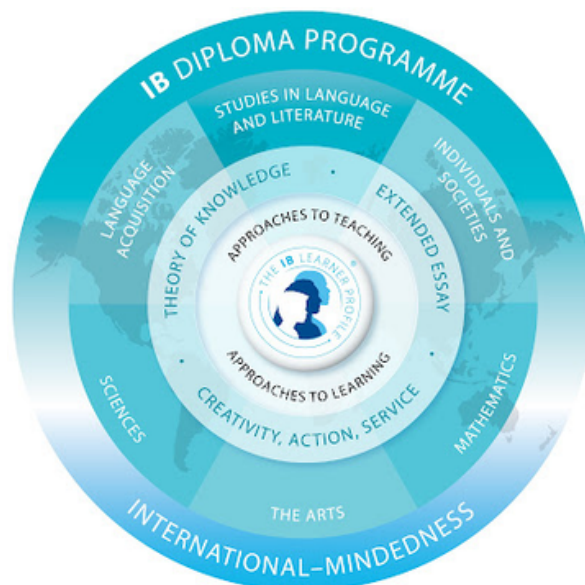
Parenting a student as they take this IB journey can be challenging. We are committed to helping you through the next couple of years.

If your student has concerns about a class, please encourage them to reach out to their teacher. You are welcome to reach out as well in order to get any answers to questions you still aren't clear about.

Mrs. Carroll, the IB Coordinator, is also open to your questions. Please reach out to her at kcarroll@rjuhsd.us.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What is the difference between IB Diploma Candidate and Certificate Student?

IB Diploma students complete one course from each of the six groups as well as TOK, CAS and the Extended Essay. Certificate students complete 1-5 courses from the six groups. Students who enroll in individual courses will receive an IB certificate noting the courses they took and the marks they earned. All students must take the exam at the end of the course no matter whether they are certificate or diploma students.

Do all IB classes earn weighted grades?

Yes. All IB classes, including Theory of Knowledge, receive a weighted grade (i.e. A = 5pts instead of 4pts for the GPA). IB classes follow the same guidelines for weighted grades as Honors and AP classes. Please check with your desired universities on accepting weighted grades as each have their own policies

Can I drop the second part of an IB Class?

No. It is expected that when you enroll in an IB class you are committing to both parts. ie...SL1 and SL2 or HL1 and HL2. Make sure you are planning your course schedule accordingly.

Can I take an IB Class and NOT sit for the exam?

If a student is enrolled in an IB course, **they are required to take the exam for that course.** There are exam fees that apply to these courses, and they are due by November 1st of the testing year. Financial assistance is available for families in need.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

<https://www.rjuhsd.us/oakmont>

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[Schedule a Meeting!](#)

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