



Ross Sheppard International Baccalaureate

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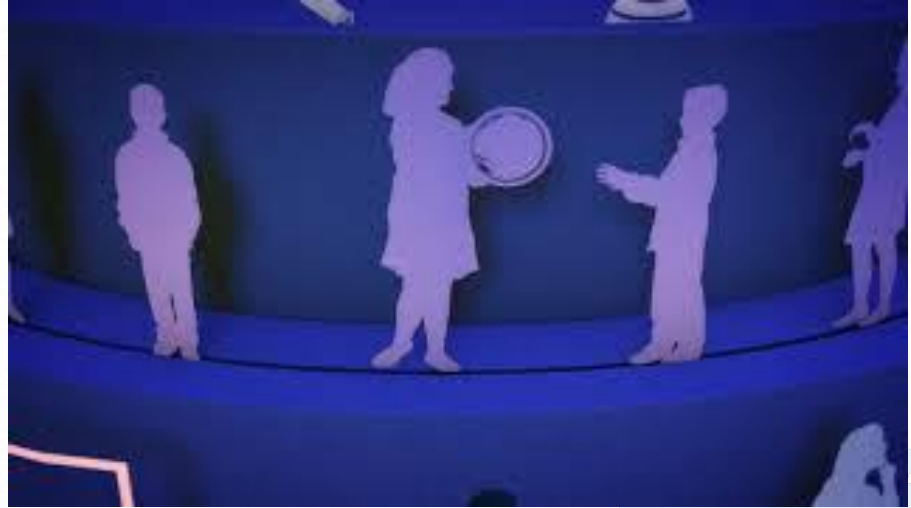
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What is an IB education?

IB programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

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Goals of the IB Programme



**IB learners
strive to be**

inquirers	open-minded
knowledgeable	caring
thinkers	risk-takers
communicators	balanced
principled	reflective

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

IB at Shep



Pre-IB

- For grade 10s wanting an enriched program
- Covers the Alberta Program of Studies and exposes students to features of the grade 11 and 12 IB Programme



Certificate Programme (Partial IB)

- Students in grades 11 and 12 can enroll in one or more IB courses based on their interests and strengths
- Covers the Alberta Program of Studies as well as the IB curriculum

*Standard Level = 150 teaching hours

*Higher Level = 240 teaching hours



Diploma Programme (Full IB)

- Grade 11 and 12 full IB students take six core IB classes (3 at the standard level* and 3 at the higher level*)
- Diploma Programme students also register for TOK (Theory of Knowledge), CAS (Creativity, Art, Service), and EE (Extended Essay)

Pre-IB (grade 10)

Pre-IB students enrol in:

- English Language Arts 10 Pre-IB
- Math 10C Pre-IB **AND** Math 20-1 IB*
- Science 10 Pre-IB
- Social Studies 10 Pre-IB

All Pre-IB
classes are 5
credits

Students wanting to earn an IB Diploma **must** take an IB Language:

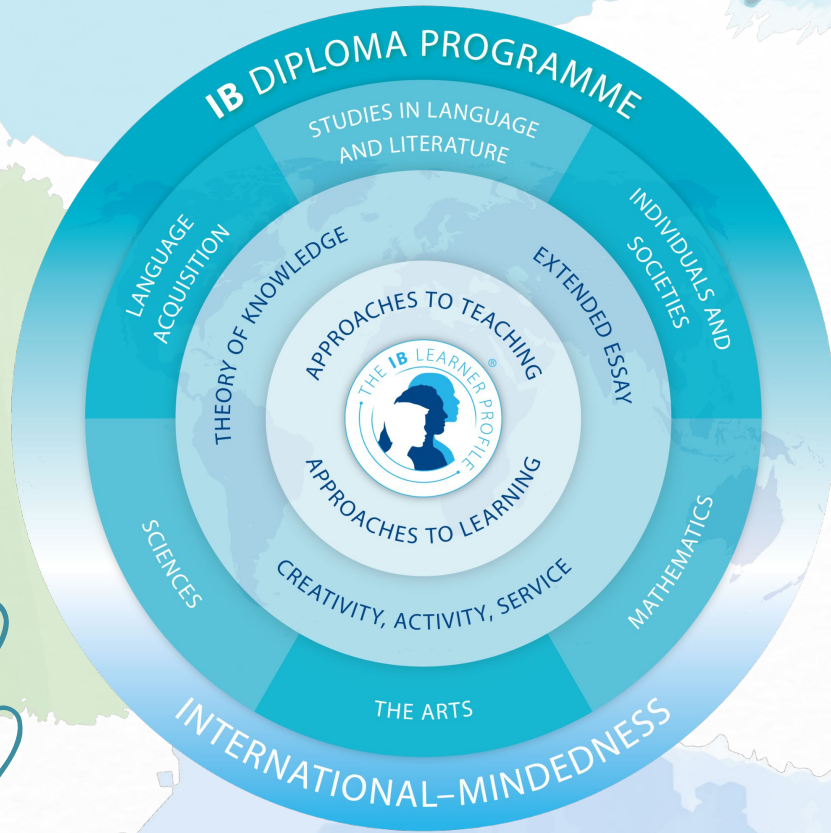
- Beginner Chinese 10 Pre-IB
- Mandarin Bilingual 10 Pre-IB
- French 9Y 10 Pre-IB
- Beginner Spanish 10 Pre-IB

Grade 10s should take
a minimum of 8 classes and
earn 40 credits by
the end of the year.

IB Fine Arts option:

- Art 10 Pre-IB

*Full IB candidates are required to take Math 30-1 IB in grade 11 and Math 31 IB in grade 12.



The curriculum is made up of the DP core (Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay, and Creativity, Activity, Service), and six subject groups. Made up of the three required components, the DP core aims to broaden students' educational experience and challenge them to apply their knowledge and skills.

IB Classes Offered at Shep

Studies in Language and Literature:

- [English Literature HL](#)

Individuals and Societies:

- [History HL](#)

Mathematics:

- [Mathematics SL](#)
- [Mathematics HL](#) (teacher permission required)

The Arts:

- [Visual Arts SL](#)
- [Visual Arts HL](#) (teacher permission required)
- [Music SL](#) (teacher permission required)

Sciences:

- [Biology HL](#)
- [Chemistry SL](#)
- [Physics SL](#)

Language Acquisition:

- [Chinese ab initio SL](#)
- [Chinese B SL](#)
- [Chinese B HL](#) (teacher permission required)
- [French SL](#)
- [Spanish ab initio SL](#)

SL = Standard Level = 150 teaching hours

HL = Higher Level = 240 teaching hours

Why take IB?

10 Reasons



why the IB Diploma Programme (DP) is ideal preparation for university

1



It increases academic opportunity

Research¹ shows that DP graduates are much more likely to be enrolled at top higher education institutions than entrants holding other qualifications.

2



IB students care about more than just results

Through creativity, action, service (CAS) you learn outside the classroom and develop emotionally and ethically as well as intellectually.

3



It encourages you to become a confident and independent learner

For example, the extended essay requires independent research through an in-depth study.

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The IB encourages critical thinking

Language classes encourage an international mindset, key for increasingly globalized societies. Learn how to analyse and evaluate issues, generate ideas and consider new perspectives.

5



Graduates are globally minded

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4



It's an international qualification

The DP is recognized globally by universities and employers.

7



DP students have proven time management skills

Take good study habits and strong time management to further education and the working world.

9



Subjects are not taught in isolation

Theory of knowledge (TOK) classes encourage you to make connections between subjects.

10



It encourages breadth and depth of learning

You are able to choose courses from six subject groups and study subjects at different levels.

8



It assesses more than examination techniques

Learn to understand, not just memorize facts or topics and prepare for exams.

¹Based on IB research - www.ibo.org/research



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