

What Universities Say about the IB Diploma:

Students seeking the finest [high school] preparation available for an American college should consider the IB. The IB offers an integrated curriculum that provides students with the skill needed to be world-class scholars and an educational philosophy that prepares them to be first-class citizens. I do not know of a more comprehensive and appropriate learning model.

Jim Crowder
Director of Admissions
Macalester College

IB is well known to us for excellent preparation. Success in an IB programme correlates well with success at Harvard. We are always pleased to see the credentials of the IB Diploma Programme on the transcript.

Marilyn McGrath Lewis
Director of Undergraduate Admissions
Harvard University



What IB Diploma students say...

The IB programme allows you to be part of a unique classroom experience . . . not only are the classes more interesting, but you will also be constantly challenged by your peers, which I think is more important than anything else in terms of furthering your education.

Jeremy Schiffberg, South Eugene High School,
Class of 2006

The IB programme provided me with more benefits than I could ever have imagined. The program provided me not only with useful skills, but also with friendships and bonds that I don't think could have been formed any other way. I am definitely able to look back on the program with extreme fondness and am so glad to have had that experience.

Emily Carrick, Bend High School,
Class of 2012

I really think the IB programme is amazing. I would not be going to Harvard and be so confident if it were not for the program. There is room for individuality and independence in what you are studying, and it's a lot of fun.

Diana Robles, Nogales High School
Class of 2006



International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

At Bend Senior High School

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Participate in the International Baccalaureate Programme

- Take one or more IB courses (graded on a 5.0 scale).
- Aim for an IB Certificate and potential college credit by completing all IB assessments in the course.
- Pursue the IB Diploma by taking courses in six IB subjects and completing IB Programme requirements of Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay, and Creativity-Action-Service.

Did you know? Students at Bend High School can receive numerous college credits through IB scores, AP scores, Dual credit opportunities, and Expanded Options Program. Whether a student receives a few credits or 40+ credits depends on student performance and college policies.

The IB Learner Profile encourages all students to be

Knowledgeable, Caring, Risk-takers, Inquirers, Reflective, Balanced, Communicators, Thinkers, Open-minded, and Principled.

IB Diploma Programme at Bend Senior High School

IB Diploma Candidates are required to study 6 subjects: 3 at the higher level (HL) and 3 at the standard level (SL). Students must choose a subject in groups 1-5. Their 6th subject may come from group 6, or they may choose another subject from 1-5.



Group 1 Studies in Language and Literature

IB English HL

Group 2 Language Acquisition

IB French SL/HL

IB Spanish SL/HL

Group 3 Individuals and Societies

IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL
IB History SL; IB History of the Americas HL
IB Psychology SL/HL
IB World Religions SL

Group 4 Sciences

IB Biology HL
IB Chemistry SL/HL
IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL
IB Physics SL

Group 5 Mathematics

IB Math Studies SL
IB Mathematics SL (Pre-calculus and Calculus)
IB Mathematics HL (Calculus and beyond)

Group 6 The Arts: IB Music SL/HL or other IB Subject from Groups 1-5

IB Core Requirements

Theory of Knowledge: A 100-hour seminar based on questions such as, "How do we know what we know?"



Extended Essay:

A 4,000 word Independent research paper exploring a student's passion.



Creativity, Action, and Service: 150 hours devoted to community service, athletic, and creative activities.

Preparing for IB in Grade 9

Sample Student Schedule & Explanations

To be best prepared for the Year 1 and Year 2 portion of the Diploma Program, 9th grade students should be prepared to take the following schedule. Students are required to take courses in Language Arts, Modern World History, Language Acquisition (Spanish, Heritage Spanish, or French), Mathematics, and Science.

Sample Grade 9 Schedule	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7
Classes	Health 1 / P.E.	Literature and Composition 1 Honors	Modern World History Honors	Choir or Band / CTE Exploration/ Art	Biology / Physics Honors (Honors Bio)	Algebra 1	Spanish II

**** IB and Bend High believe in well-rounded students. We encourage our students to reflect on their skills, interests, and hobbies when they sign up for classes. Our electives (including leadership offerings starting in 10th grade, music, and CTE) are part of the building blocks for education and careers post high school****

Grade 9 Pathways:

The International Baccalaureate course work and Diploma Program officially begin in the 11th and 12th grade year. However, at Bend Senior High School there are several pathways that will help students develop the skills they need to be successful in the IB DP coursework.

Humanities: For history and literature, the best plan is to sign up for Modern World History Honors and Literature and Composition I Honors. These courses will begin to introduce the analytical foundation, and historical foundation needed for understanding global humanities on a deeper level.

Math: Students typically begin in Algebra I or Geometry; however, if these classes were taken in 8th grade, students may choose to jump to Algebra II. In this path, students may begin accessing IB math courses their sophomore year.

Science: 9th grade science at Bend High is designed in year 9 to give students a base in both biology and physics. In the next year, students will then begin to develop their base in chemistry. This base is important for students' success in IB Chemistry, IB Physics, and / or IB Biology. Students interested in the IB pathway should sign up for Bio/ Physics their freshman year.

Foreign Language: Spanish and French are the two languages offered at Bend High School. Year 9 students should plan to sign up for Spanish II / French II as freshman; however, students will need to sign up for the language that sequentially fits past experience. If level I coursework is needed, there will be other avenues the 10th and 11th grade year to make sure students are on track for IB graduation.

****We encourage all students to take the most rigorous coursework that they are ready for. At Bend High, counseling and IB coordinators will work with students on an individual basis if there are concerns around classes that a student may not be ready for in their 9th grade year****

Preparing for IB in Grade 10

Sample Student Schedule & Explanations

To be best prepared for the Year 1 and Year 2 portion of the Diploma Program, 10th grade students should be prepared to take the following schedule. Students are required to take courses in Language Arts, Modern World History, Language Acquisition (Spanish, Heritage Spanish, or French), Mathematics, and Science.

Sample Grade 10 Schedule	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7
Classes	**Drawing & Painting	IB Prep English 10	IB Prep U.S. History	**Leadership / Marketing/ CTE	Chemistry I	Algebra II / IB Math Analysis Y1	Spanish III / French III

****Students should plan to select electives that fit their interests, hobbies, and skill sets: IB and Bend High believe in well-rounded students. We encourage our students to reflect on their skills, interests, and hobbies when they sign up for classes. Our electives (including leadership offerings starting in 10th grade, music and CTE) are part of the building blocks for education and careers post high school****

Grade 10 Pathways:

The International Baccalaureate course work and Diploma Program officially begin in the 11th and 12th grade year. However, at Bend Senior High School there are several pathways that will help students develop the skills they need to be successful in the IB DP coursework.

Humanities: For history and literature, the best plan is to sign up for IB Prep U.S. History and IB Prep English 10. These courses will continue to introduce the analytical, and historical foundation needed for understanding global humanities on a deeper level. As well as introduce different techniques to analyze different types of sources, which is imperative for IB exams in Y1 / Y2 of the IB program.

Math: Students will use Algebra II as a starting point to access the IB math analysis and IB math application classes their junior year. These classes may be accessed in Year 10 as long as students have met the prerequisite requirements.

Science: Students in year 10 begin to develop their base in chemistry. This base is important for students' success in IB Chemistry, IB Physics, and / or IB Biology, depending on what IB classes students sign up for. Students interested in the IB pathway should sign up for Chemistry I their sophomore year.

Foreign Language: Spanish and French are the two languages offered at Bend High School. Year 10 students should plan to sign up for the next sequential language class. It is important that students are signed up for either Spanish or French class. We will work with students on language placement so they are prepared to take IB exams their junior / senior year.

****We encourage all students to take the most rigorous coursework that they are ready for. At Bend High, counseling and IB coordinators will work with students on an individual basis if there are concerns around classes that a student may not be ready for in their 10th grade year****

Getting Set Up for IB Diploma Junior & Senior Year

Class Options for Juniors & Seniors

Each student will decide on a pathway that fits their academic interests, filling their schedule with 3 SL & 3 HL courses over two academic school years

** Students may choose to pursue coursework as a certificate accessing any class that they are interested in and prepared for**

Group 1 - Studies in Language and Literature

- Language A: Language and Literature HL

Group 2 - Language Acquisition

- Language B: Spanish SL and HL
- Language B: French SL and HL

Group 3 - Individuals and Societies

- History SL and HL
- Environmental Systems and Societies SL
- Psychology SL and HL
- World Religions SL

Group 4 - Sciences

- Biology HL
- Chemistry SL and HL
- Computer Science SL
- Environmental Systems and Societies SL
- Physics SL and HL

Group 5 - Mathematics

- Mathematics Analysis and Approaches SL and HL
- Mathematics Applications and Interpretation SL

Group 6 - The Arts

- None at this time

Core - Students pursuing the IB Diploma will also be enrolled in IB Theory of Knowledge

10th Grade: In the 10th grade year at Bend High School, students interested in the IB program will have an opportunity to sit down with the IB Coordinators, along with guidance counselors to work through class selection

11th grade: Junior year, students will be engaged in their IB course work to include internal assessments, theory of knowledge, and CAS hours. Juniors typically expect to take about 2 IB SL exams in May of their junior year. With the help of IB coordinators and EE advisors, students will begin planning their Extended Essay.

12th grade: By senior year, students are preparing for their spring exams, finishing IAs, and working towards the completion of their TOK, CAS, and EE projects. Seniors can expect to take about 4 IB HL exams in May of senior year.