

Founded in 1968, the International Baccalaureate (IB) is a non-profit educational foundation that works to develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills needed to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalizing world. The IB foundation works with more than 4,000 schools in 147 countries to develop and offer challenging programmes to over one million students worldwide. In all IB programmes, the education of the whole person is manifested through all domains of knowledge, involving the major traditions of learning in languages, humanities, sciences, mathematics and the arts. There are over 1,600 IB World Schools [in the United States](#) offering one or more of the IB Programmes.

The International Baccalaureate Mission Statement:

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. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These 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.

- [IB PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME](#) (PYP) - for students aged 3 to 12, focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside.

This programme may be taught in any language (the IB publishes PYP curriculum documents in English, French and Spanish but this does not prevent schools teaching the programme in other languages).

- [IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME](#) (MYP) - students aged 11 to 16, provides a framework of academic challenge that encourages students to embrace and understand the connections between traditional subjects and the real world, and become critical and reflective thinkers.

This programme may be taught in any language. The IB publishes MYP curriculum documents in English, French, Spanish and Chinese but this does not prevent schools teaching the programme in other languages. However, if schools require the grades of their students to be validated by the IB, then sufficient student work must be produced in English, French, Spanish or Chinese.

- [IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME](#) (DP) - for students aged 16 to 19, is an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with final examinations that prepares students for success at university and beyond.

Annually, DP students request transcripts sent to over 3,300 institutions of higher education in nearly 90 countries. While universities worldwide recognize the strength of our Diploma Programme, the degree to which these and other institutions recognize the IB diploma and DP

courses varies widely. Even institutions with no formally published recognition policy often still consider DP performance in admissions decisions.

The DP programme may be taught in English, French or Spanish. The IB publishes Diploma Programme curriculum documents and produces examination papers in English, French and Spanish. Schools must therefore choose at least one of these languages as the language of instruction in the school.

- [CAREER-RELATED PROGRAMME](#) (CP) - designed for students aged 16-19, is specifically for students who wish to engage in career-related learning while gaining transferable and lifelong skills in applied knowledge, critical thinking, communication, and cross-cultural engagement. The Programme leads to further/higher education, apprenticeships or employment.

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