



International Baccalaureate

Should I mention that I am an IB Diploma candidate? Of course. IB candidates are attractive to colleges because of the rigorous and challenging nature of the IB curriculum. There is usually a place on the application to indicate your status as a Diploma candidate and/or enrollment in IB courses.

What are some advantages of IB? Being an IB Diploma candidate marks you as a student who chose the most demanding program of study available (which colleges like). Studies have shown that IB Diploma students succeed in undergraduate education: given the attrition rate at the undergraduate level, colleges are eager to enroll students who are likely to graduate from the college. Many colleges will give you credit or advanced standing if you arrive in the fall with an IB Diploma. Some will give you credit for HL courses whether you earned the Diploma or not.

How do I know if a college gives credit or advanced standing for IB courses or the IB diploma? You are responsible for knowing each college's policy regarding credit for IB courses. Check the website for each college.

How can I find out which colleges accept IB coursework? There are lists available in room 127. MCDS also receives information from foreign universities that are recruiting IB students. Check with Mrs. Schweber and Mr. Childs.

Will colleges know about my IB exam scores? Not when you are applying. You will take your exams after you have been accepted to college. Once you have chosen a college to attend, you provide the IB Diploma Programme Coordinator with that information and your scores are automatically sent to your college.

A note about AP Exams: If you have taken AP exams, be sure to mention this on your applications. With a few exceptions, it is to your advantage to report AP scores of 3 or higher. See Mrs. Schweber if you have questions about reporting AP scores.