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Some quick facts about the International Baccalaureate Organization

- Founded in Switzerland in 1968
- Originally mainly private international schools, but now most are public
- The Diploma Programme is offered to students in their final two years of high school in about 2800 World Schools in over 140 countries
- The United States is the country with the most DP schools, nearly 900
- An IB diploma is recognized by universities around the world
- Externally developed and graded exams ensure all DP students are evaluated according to the same high standards

## Mission Statement of the IBO

- 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 programs of international education and rigorous assessment.
- These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and life-long learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.



The DP Curriculum is summarized by the diagram at left. At its heart is the Learner Profile, and crossing all of the curriculum areas are the Core experiences which DP students have in common: the Theory of Knowledge course, researching and writing an Extended Essay, and performing a Creativity, Action & Service project. Students choose classes from each of six groups, with some flexibility allowed for the arts. Those who successfully complete all the components, including the exams, will earn an IB Diploma.