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## IB Diploma Programme at Inderkum

CIRCLE ONE: Diploma Certificate

The IB DP is a *rigorous* set of courses offered over *two* years, grades 11-12. The goal is to develop students with strong inquiry and critical thinking skills who are internationally-minded. Students from around the world are assessed according to the same criteria, and the DP is considered one of the finest curricula available. Students who successfully complete the DP, including the exams, are far more likely to graduate from college and may be more likely to gain admission at the universities of their choice. Also, many universities give credits based on students' achievements in the DP. For further details, general information is at [ibo.org](http://ibo.org), and for IHS specifics, see <https://natomasunified.org/ihs/ib-diploma-programme>. Also check individual university websites to find out about their policies with regard to IB courses.

Making the decision to pursue a full IB Diploma versus IB Certificates is highly individual. Please reflect on your own academic progress, goals, activities and stress levels. Use the IB 101 presentation slides available on the Scholars/DP website for guidance. Listen closely when the counselors come to present in class and ask questions of them and IB DP Coordinator Ms. Downing.

Please use this document as a planning guide prior to the student's individual sophomore meeting with a counselor. During the meeting, they will put course selections into the student's MYAP (multi-year academic plan) in Infinite Campus. When all the meetings are complete, MYAPs will be locked. Parents/guardians will be notified to check them for approval. Parents/guardians who wish to meet with the counselors during the course selection process will have a chance to sign up for appointments.

To earn an **IB Diploma**, students must take **6** courses, do the Internal Assessments (IAs), score well enough on the exams, plus complete the Core requirements. A student does not need to ace every course/exam but does need to make a substantial commitment of time and effort to be well-rounded and successful.

Put a check next to each course you are requesting. You must take **3 SL** (standard level) **and 3 HL** (higher level) courses. If doing Math Analysis HL, you will have 2 SL and 4 HL courses.

Students may pursue **IB certificates** instead of the full IB Diploma by taking just those courses/exams best matching their strengths and interests. Those pursuing certificates are not required to do the core requirements, but they may request to take TOK. Likewise, they may choose to do CAS and/or the EE. Those who do not do CAS will do the regular Senior Project.

Put a check next to each course you're requesting. Your counselor will check that your full schedule meets all the graduation and college requirements.

### Required for full IB Diploma:

- English Language & Literature HL
- History of the Americas HL
- Chemistry SL
- Second Language SL (continuing Spanish, French or Mandarin)

### Choose one of these:

- Math Applications SL
- Math Analysis SL
- Math Analysis HL

(Actual math placement will also consider college and career goals, course level/grades, teacher recommendations and placement test results.)

### Choose one of these:

- Theatre HL
- Biology HL
- Info Tech in a Global Society (ITGS) HL (social science course with tech projects)

### Core Requirements:

- Theory of Knowledge course (TOK) (0 period spring of 11th *and* fall of 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) begins in 11th, instead of Senior Project
- Extended Essay (EE) 4000-word research paper, begins in 11<sup>th</sup>
- Continue in Band, period depends on level and whether doing Diploma/Certificates