



NHS IB Diploma Program (DP) and AP Course

Overview (January 2016)

- 1) Brief Overview of IB Diploma Program (newer program)**
- 2) Brief connections and distinctions between AP and IB**
- 3) Release from auditorium to move through tables in cafeteria – ask the subject area experts about their specific courses**
- 4) Any questions for AP or IB coordinator? Please remain in auditorium at close of slide show or move back into auditorium after speaking to teachers.**

Please reference IB DP planning handout during this portion of the presentation. Thanks.





DP Overview continued

- Academically-challenging and balanced, cross-curricular *program* of international education: successful students receive internationally recognized International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma and Northville High School diploma
- Students must take six courses – 3 or 4 of which must be at the HL level – across the curriculum over the two year period
- Taught over two years: DP for grades 11 and 12 in the U.S (MYP runs from grades 6-10)



DP Overview continued

- In addition to six courses, program has three core requirements
 - 1) Extended Essay (EE)
 - 2) Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
 - 3) CAS (Creativity, Action, and Service) -- @150 hours and reflections on learning outcomes



IB DP Assessment Details

See accompanying handout about assessments in AP and IB.

- Multiple internal and external assessments tasks for each course occur, which are either initially marked by teachers and then moderated by external moderators (IAs) or sent directly to external examiners (EAs).
- These multiple, varied, ongoing, and authentic assessments differ by subject areas and level of the course (i.e., higher or standard).
- Written examinations (May “papers”) come at the end of the courses and are all marked by external IB examiners.

IB DP End of Year Assessment

- In each subject, students' assessments will be evaluated on respective rubrics; in each course they will earn a final IB mark of 1-7, released in June (like AP scores).
- These number marks are similar to AP marks (which range from 1-5) that colleges evaluate on a course and score basis for respective college credit. Each college determines this credit for each course. Many IB DP SL courses do *not* receive this college credit.
- The IB diploma is awarded to students who gain at least 24 points and meet certain SL and HL minimums.



What does IB DP student life look like on a daily basis?

- IB DP students fulfill six college-readiness courses (in multiple academic areas of advanced study) *and* commit to all aspects of the *program* over the two-years
- Two-year program of study often allows for more depth of coverage than one-year offerings (in both one-year SLs and in one-year AP courses)
- Requires students to follow own inquiries and interests through project and group-based learning opportunities: *students must be self-directed and independent inquirers across the curriculum* (Class of 2018 DP applications – forthcoming – due during registration for full Diploma Program, 3.4.16)

How does IB compare to AP?

- ▶ Both AP and IB distinctions offer colleges a clear understanding of what a course covers (i.e., content) and how it is covered (i.e., methodology)
- ▶ Rigor, university placement/acceptance, and overall college readiness are common elements in both IB and AP
- ▶ Highly competitive colleges and honors colleges within competitive schools look favorably on both AP and IB courses in terms of analyzing rigor of a student's schedule
- ▶ Both AP and IB require teachers to be trained and involved in ongoing course development and professional development in their fields

How does IB compare to AP? (continued)

- ▶ Both AP and IB at NHS are growing in numbers and both have offered new courses in recent and upcoming years
- ▶ IB grew at NHS from 13 tests in 2015 to 164 tests in 2016 (i.e., from 13 to 70 test-takers)
- ▶ AP grew at NHS from 827 exams in 2010 to 1,452 exams in 2015
- ▶ Students have shown success in both programs, based on previous test scores

How does IB compare to AP? (continued)

- ▶ Students can enroll in as few or as many AP and IB courses as they want at NHS; they can mix and match too
- ▶ Full DP students can, however, only enroll in 6 IB DP courses over high school tenure
- ▶ IB DP courses include a variety of external and internal (continuous) assessments throughout the course of study and over three weeks of May assessments, in contrast to the typical one -sitting, three-hour May AP test over a period of two-weeks.
(Please see assessment handout for specific course level details)

How does IB compare to AP? (continued)

- ▶ Focus on depth of learning and inquiry favors IB to some degree.
- ▶ Potential for college credit *and* number of college-readiness courses in which an advanced student can enroll during high school favors AP to some degree.
- ▶ We offer more AP options than we do IB. (see assessment handout)



Take-away: Both IB and AP are excellent preparation and practice for university

- At NHS, IB and AP students can opt to “test” in courses they are enrolled
- Full IB Diploma students, however, *must* “test” in all 6 subject areas
- IB DP costs more than AP due to evaluations of multiple assessments: \$164 registration fee + \$113 per IB DP course (___X \$113) + \$5 testing center charges
- AP costs of \$100 per course (which includes \$5 testing center charge). Note: there is no separate registration fee for AP
- Seek best fit for learning profiles and interests

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