

Parents of IB Grade 11 Students

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The IB Diploma

Broad **Rigorous Assessment**
Balanced
Inquiry **Community Service**
Reflection
Flexible
Critical Thinking
Develops Research skills
Choice within structure
Pre-university



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The Diploma Programme allows us to develop students who:

- ▶ have excellent breadth and depth of knowledge
- ▶ flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically
- ▶ study at least two languages
- ▶ excel in traditional academic subjects
- ▶ explore the nature of knowledge through the unique Theory of Knowledge course

The IB Diploma

- ▶ Requires that students complete 6 subjects from 6 groups, taking at least 3 HL, at most 4 HL subjects.
- ▶ HL refers to Higher Level consisting of 240 hours of instruction; SL refers to Standard Level consisting of 150 hours of instruction.

The IB Diploma at PMSS

- ▶ English A: Literature HL
- ▶ French B SL, Spanish B SL, Japanese B SL, or Mandarin B SL
- ▶ History HL, Geography HL, or Economics SL
- ▶ Biology HL, Physics HL, or Chemistry SL
- ▶ Mathematics: Approaches and Analyses HL or Mathematics: Approaches and Analyses SL
- ▶ Visual Arts HL/SL, Film SL or another subject from group 2 to 4.
- ▶ Theory of Knowledge
- ▶ Extended Essay
- ▶ CAS

IB Timetable Example

Block	Day 1	Day 2
1	IB English Lit HL 11	IB Biology HL 11
2	IB Math SL 11	IB Geography HL 11
3	IB Core 11	IB French SL 11
4	IB Chemistry SL 11	IB TOK 11
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IB Timetable: T-F schedule

Block	Time HL Classes	Time SL Classes/Gr 10
1	7:31 - 9:02	7:35 – 8:51
2	9:06 – 10:37	9:21 – 10:37
3	10:41 – 11:57	10:41 – 11:57
Lunch	11:57 – 12:44	11:57 – 12:44
4	12:44 – 2:00	12:44 – 2:00
5	2:04 -- 3:20	2:04 – 3:20

- ▶ To meet the required hours of instruction HL classes should be about 15 minutes longer than other classes.
- ▶ We are still about 15 hours short, so IB students are expected to attend classes through the semester turnaround in January and during the final week of June.

IB Timetable: HL Fun Time!

Grade 11 and 12 years	Monday Jan 25	Tuesday Jan 26	Wednesday Jan 27	Thursday Jan 28	Friday Jan 29
8:00-11:00	Block 1 Day 1	Block 1 Day 2	Block 1 Day 1	Block 1 Day 2	
12:00-3:00	Block 2 Day 1	Block 2 Day 2	Block 2 Day 1	Block 2 Day 2	
Grade 11 year only	Monday June 21	Tuesday June 22	Wednesday June 23	Thursday June 24	Friday June 25
8:00-11:00			Block 1 Day 1	Block 1 Day 2	
12:00- 3:00			Block 2 Day 1	Block 2 Day 2	

IB Core

- ▶ This is an enrolling class through which we are delivering 3 curriculum
 - ▶ CAS
 - ▶ Extended Essay
 - ▶ Career Life Connections

Creativity, Activity, Service

- ▶ Students need to be involved in all 3 strands of CAS, adding evidence weekly on their experiences, growth and learning, as well as completing a project by the end of the diploma programme.
- ▶ Full reflections on the 7 learning outcomes and the project are also required.
- ▶ CAS is an 18 month component that continues during the summer between grade 11 and 12, for approximately 3 hours of experiences per week.
- ▶ Assessment for IBO is pass or fail; we produce a grade for report card purposes reflecting the students achievement in meeting the learning outcomes of CAS.
- ▶ Students will reflect and record their CAS programme on ManageBAC, a secure, password protected online system

Extended Essay

- ▶ An independent research project conducted under the supervision of a teacher that results in a 4000 word academic paper.
- ▶ Students have will begin working on skills and planning soon, will decide on subject area and be paired with a supervising teacher in the second half of Grade 11, and will complete the essay by the end of October of Grade 12.
- ▶ The essay is submitted to IBO for external assessment.
- ▶ A report card mark is produced based on student completion of the required components of the course; this % grade reflects that the students are doing work beyond the normal high school level

Career Life Connections 12A

- ▶ Requirement to graduate with a BC Dogwood Diploma
- ▶ Focus: preparing students for their first year after graduating
- ▶ Grade 11 Assignments:
 - ▶ Who am I?
 - ▶ Mentoring
 - ▶ Career Exploration
 - ▶ Balanced Lifestyle
- ▶ All 4 assignments are completed in Core 11 block
- ▶ Students earn 2 graduation credits in Grade 11 and 2 graduation credits in Grade 12

Theory of Knowledge



- ▶ A course in which students reflect on the nature of knowledge and on how we know what we claim to know.
- ▶ Develops critical thinking, inquiry, open mindedness and perhaps just a little confusion.
- ▶ IB assessment is derived from an exhibition completed in Grade 11 and from an essay submitted to IBO for external assessment in Grade 12.
- ▶ Classroom assessment is based on assessment of quizzes, tests, essays, discussions, projects, etc, etc.

Assessment in IB Classes

- ▶ Classroom assessment is conducted by the teacher using a variety of methods and is used to produce grades for reporting to parents and to the BC Ministry of Education.
 - ▶ You should be getting access to at least 3 reporting periods
 - ▶ For IB 11 and 12, our linear formal report cards will be available to you on
 - ▶ December 18
 - ▶ April 16
 - ▶ June 25

Assessment in IB Classes

- ▶ A % grade will be reported as well as an anticipated grade on the IB scale
- ▶ We do our best to ensure that students are not penalized despite the often advanced content and requirements of the IB course

Assessment for IB Grades

- ▶ IB courses are scored on a scale of 1 to 7.
- ▶ Internal assessments are graded by the teacher and then moderated by the IBO for consistency with the worldwide standards.
- ▶ External assessments are graded by the IBO and are also moderated for consistency with the worldwide standards.
- ▶ Diploma Score: 6 subjects x 7 plus 3 points for EE and TOK for a perfect score of 45 points.
- ▶ Minimum score to earn diploma is 24; our average has been 33 for the past few years.
 - ▶ May 2026 average = 34...equivalent to 93% admission average at UBC

Reporting Grades in IB classes

- ▶ Students are evaluated to IB standards and IB grade descriptors for each class
- ▶ An anticipated IB grade is converted to a % for reporting
- ▶ This equivalency is derived from a lot of work done by UBC in comparing achievement of IB students to non-IB students in BC

Table of Equivalencies 2019

<u>IB Anticipated/Predicted Grade</u>	<u>Standard Level Class Range of Equivalent %</u>	<u>Higher Level Class Range of Equivalent %</u>
1	0-49%	0-49% (69%?)
2	50-69%	70-75%
3	70-75%	76-85%
4	76-85%	86-89%
5	86-89%	90-95%
6	90-95%	96-97%
7	96-100%	98-100%

IB Fees

- ▶ Fees paid in grade 9 and 10 support the additional costs of the program over 4 years
- ▶ In Grade 11 and 12, the fees are connected to exam registration
 - ▶ No exams written in grade 11 so no costs
- ▶ **Expected** costs for grade 12:
 - ▶ Approximate guesswork
 - ▶ US\$126.5 x 6 subjects = US\$759 (CAD\$1056.45)
- ▶ Will be billed in October of grade 12 year

IB Pathway & Policies

- ▶ PMSS completed 5 year evaluation process in Spring 2023 and will be undergoing evaluation next year
- ▶ We have high expectations of the students academically...and personally in terms of character, responsibility, being principled...

