

Welcome to Port Moody Secondary School “A Tradition of Excellence”



Future IB Grade 11
Parent Session
December 11th, 2025

Agenda

- Introductions
- Course Selection and Considerations
 - Gr 10 to 11
- Graduation Requirements: BC Dogwood Diploma
- IB Diploma Requirements
- Post-secondary planning
- Questions?

Programming Process

1. Read the information on the Course Selection website linked on our school website in the quick links section
2. Complete course selection on MyEd- either student or parent can do this! Instructions on the Course Selection website.

The screenshot shows the Port Moody Secondary School website (School District No. 43 Coquitlam). The header includes the school logo, name, and navigation links (Home, About, Programs & Services, Staff, Parents, Intranet, More). A banner for the School District 43 Communicable Disease Management is visible. Below the banner is a section for School News with three articles. The main content area is divided into three columns: District News, On the Calendar, and a Quick Links section. The Quick Links section is highlighted with a red arrow pointing to the 'Course Selection Website' link and a black arrow pointing to the 'MyEd BC Log In' link. Other links in the Quick Links section include 'IB Programme Registration Info', 'Commencement Ceremony', 'Student Transcript Services', 'After Grad', 'Course Selection Website', 'Absence Report Form', 'Career Centre', 'Edublog for Digital Learning 10', 'My School Day App', and 'Student Learning Survey'.

Programming Process

1. Grade 10 to 11: Complete course selection before Jan 5th please
2. We start building the timetable for the school based on student requests.

The Big Question(s)

- Should I do IB?
- What about 'half IB'?
- Can I do IB and still keep extracurriculars?
- Isn't it easier to not do IB?



B.C. Dogwood Diploma Graduation Requirements

Our IB students are dual-track, meaning they meet BC graduation requirements mainly through the IB diploma courses.

80 credits over grades 10,11, and 12 consisting
of.....

B.C. Dogwood Diploma Graduation Requirements

52 Required Credits

- **English (10,11 &12)**
- **Social Studies (10 & 11 or 12)**
- **Science (10 & 11 or 12)**
- **Math (10 & 11 or 12)**
- **Physical and Health Education 10**
- **Arts Education or Applied Design, Skills and Technologies (10 or 11 or 12)**
- **Careers Life Education 10**
- **Careers Life Connections 12**
- **Indigenous Graduation Requirement (4 credits)**

B.C. Dogwood Diploma Graduation Requirements

28 elective credits (10, 11, or 12)

At least 16 credits at the grade 12 level including English 12.

IB Diploma students typically do not worry about most of this. They will earn more than enough credits in the appropriate areas by completing their IB Diploma.

Graduation Program Assessments

- Numeracy Assessment
 - Grade 10
- Literacy Assessment
 - Grade 10
 - Grade 12

The goal is to be proficient.



IB Diploma Programme

Grades 9 and 10 are our foundation programme (now called Pre DP)– preparing for the Diploma.



Grade 11 and 12 are the IB Diploma years.

Description of groups by grade on course planning website or on www.ibo.org

Course Selection Grade 11 IB Diploma

Group	Course Choices
Group 1	IB English A: Literature 11 HL
Group 2	IB Modern Language 11 SL (French, Spanish, Mandarin, Japanese)
Group 3	IB History 11 HL or IB Geography 11 HL or IB Economics 11 SL
Group 4	IB Biology 11 HL or IB Chemistry 11 SL or IB Physics HL
Group 5	IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches 11 SL or HL, Applications & Interpretations 11 SL/HL
Group 6	IB Visual Arts 11 HL/SL, IB Film SL <u>or</u> a second choice from group 2-4.
Core	IB Theory of Knowledge 11 IB CAS 11, IB Extended Essay 11 and CLC 11

Minimum of 3 HL courses, maximum of 4 HL course for Diploma.

Limit of **8 Courses**

Music may be a 9th option

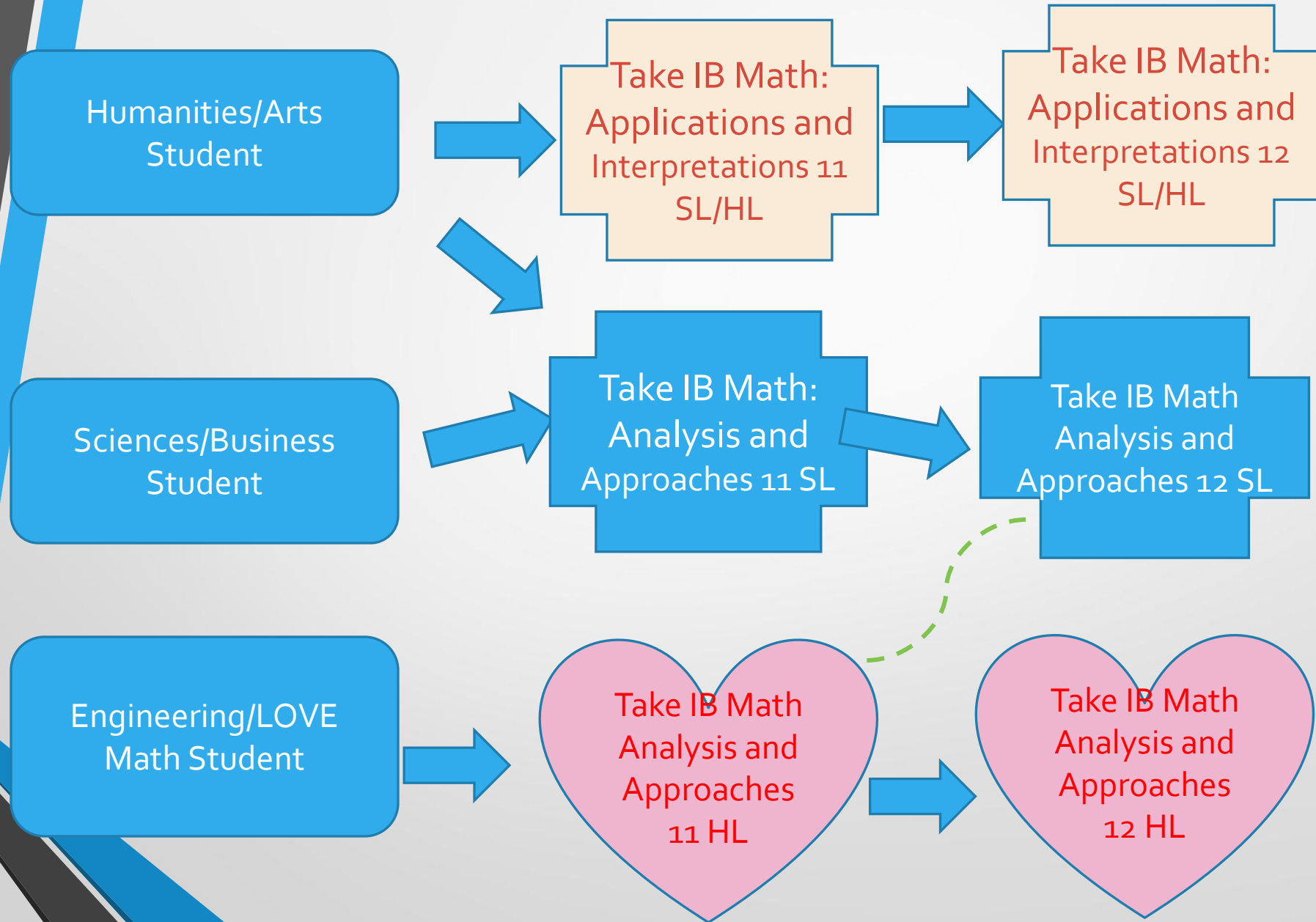
What is HL and SL?

- HL refers to Higher Level. This means that the school is expected to provide 240 hours of instruction.
- SL refers to Standard Level. This means that the school is expected to provide 150 hours of instruction.
- Many courses will have the same core at HL and SL, with extensions or options or additional topics for HL.
- HL is not 'harder', it is just more...

Changing Language Courses

- Former French Immersion or strong heritage language students wanting to change language for grade 10 or 11 must complete a form which is available in the office
- This form will be approved by the language teacher who will recommend placement
- IB Language is a SECOND LANGUAGE course
- Risk takers? Principled? Open minded?

IB Mathematics Curriculum

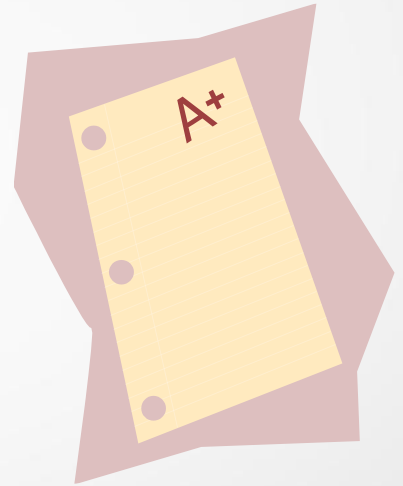


What is TOK?

- The Theory of Knowledge course encourages critical thinking about knowledge itself, to try to help young people make sense of what they encounter in their studies and in the world around them.
- Core requirement of the IB Diploma programme.
- Requires the completion of an essay on a prescribed title and the completion of an exhibition on how knowledge manifests in the real world.
- 4 graduation credits per year for the BC Dogwood Diploma

What is the Extended Essay?

- 4000 word research paper
- Can be written in any of the curricular areas of IB but should be chosen as a function of personal interest and teacher expertise.
- Students must complete the paper in stages and are required to have a member of the school staff as supervisor.
- 4 Graduation credits from Ministry of Education in both years.



What is C.A.S. (Creativity, Activity, Service)?



- **Creativity:** arts, and other experiences that involve creative thinking
- **Activity:** physical exertion contributing to a healthy lifestyle
- **Service:** an unpaid and voluntary exchange that has a learning benefit for the student.
- About 3 hours per week plus reflection recorded on ManageBAC.
- 4 graduation credits per year from Ministry of Education

Bell Schedule

- Starting grade 11, all IB classes are linear or FULL YEAR, not one semester
- HL classes will be 89-90 minutes long
- SL classes and Core blocks will be 75 minutes long
- Classes will alternate Day 1 and Day 2 through the year.
- HL classes will continue during the “I” week in January in some form; HL classes in Grade 11 will continue through to the last day of school in June.

Timetabling

- Students will be asked to prioritize their course selections between Group 3 subjects (Economics, Geography and History) and Group 4 subjects (Biology, Chemistry and Physics).
- The school will try to meet all requests but may have to give students their second choices.

Considerations

- Grade 11 is a step up in academic demand from Grade 10
- IB Grade 11 is a bigger step up from IB Grade 10.
- Time management is crucial!
- Communication with teachers is crucial!

Post Secondary Requirements

- Admission requirements are different for each post secondary school and program
 - Science faculties often require 2 sciences
 - UBC & SFU- Chem 11 and Physics 11 traditionally but changes happen ...
 - Math requirements may vary

Post Secondary Requirements

- IB Diploma students are *usually* accepted based on their anticipated IB Grades, but some universities will consider % averages
- IB “Certificate” students are accepted just like all BC Dogwood Diploma students:
 - % average on 5-6 courses...

Post Secondary Considerations

- Decide what you want to study.
- Make a list of universities you may want to attend.
- Go to their websites and **search** for IB admission requirements.
- Canadian universities will typically have faculty specific requirements.
- Go where you are wanted!
- Don't listen to the rumour mill– do your own research and think for yourself.

Post Secondary Information

Arts Degree: Typically need English Lit and graduate from high school/earn your diploma

Business/Commerce Degree: Typically need English Lit, Math A&A SL, and earn your diploma/graduate from high school

Science Degree: Typically need English Lit, Math A&A SL, 2 Sciences, and earn your diploma/graduate from high school

*UBC and SFU ask for Physics 11 and Chemistry 11; UBC only requires 1 gr 12 Science, SFU requires 2

*Take IB Physics 11&12, take Chemistry 11 at summer school and qualify for UBC

*Take IB Biology 11& 12, take IB Chemistry 11 & 12, take Physics 11 at summer school and qualify for either.

*Etc etc

Engineering Degrees: Typically need English Lit, Math A&A HL, Physics and Chemistry at Gr 12 level, and earn your diploma/graduate from high school

Post Secondary Information

Career Resource Centre (Ms. Chang) provides students with :

- Post Secondary Information
- Resume workshops/support
- Scholarships and Bursary Information

IB Scoring

IB Score

- Internal Assessment: 20%-50% of final mark, typically completed in final year, moderated by IBO.
- External Assessment: 50%-80% of final mark, typically exams in May, marked and moderated by IBO.
- Grade boundaries established by IBO each year.
- Summative assessment of what students know and can do at the end of their studies.
- Not a cumulative **average** of scores over the 2 years.

IB Scoring

- Classroom assessments are graded to the IB standards
- Teachers will generate an anticipated score (also called predicted grade) based on their assessments
- Teachers then report a % equivalency so as not to negatively impact students for taking more academically rigorous curriculum

Diploma Scores

- IB diploma:
 - 6 courses scored from 1-7 points
 - 3 possible additional points from TOK and EE
 - Maximum score is 45
 - Minimum score to earn diploma is 24.

UBC Equivalencies without bonus points

24 = 82%

27 = 86%

31 = 90%

34 = 93%

36 = 95%

3 = 70% 4 = 76% 5 = 86% 6 = 90% 7 = 96%

IB Fees

- Fees are charged in grade 9 and 10 on a cost recovery to support the additional expenses of the program
 - \$500 dollars in grade 9 and in grade 10
- No fees charged in grade 11 year
- IB exam fees are charged in grade 12 on a per subject basis
 - 6 subjects x \$124 US= \$744 US (\$1175 including taxes at this year's exchange rate) [This is an estimate]

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Questions & Answers...