

IB Exam Policy 2009

The International Baccalaureate exams are externally assessed examinations that allow students to demonstrate the knowledge they have gained over their course of study. The accomplishment that students show on each exam may allow them to gain college credit, and also reflects on the efforts made at Chief Sealth to help students learn.

Students should review the exam schedule to verify the date for their subject, and they should eat well and rest adequately in the days leading up to the exam. Students should follow their teachers' recommendations regarding review and study for the exams.

The IB Exam schedule is set by the IBO. The schedule indicates whether or not an exam should be given in the morning or afternoon, although it leaves the exact hour of the exam to the discretion of individual schools.

The IB exams at Chief Sealth will be given in Room 139. AM exams will begin at 9 AM and PM exams will begin at 12:30 PM, with the exception of the ITGS exam on Paper 1 on Thursday May 14, which will begin at 1 PM.

Students scheduled for an IB exam are not required to attend any other classes that day. Students must report to the exam room ten minutes before the beginning of the exam in order to check their exam cover sheets. Students may not be admitted more than 30 minutes late to any exam except in the case of circumstances beyond the control of the student (road accident, civil unrest, etc.).

Students are not permitted to have phones nor any electronic devices during the examination except a graphic display calculator (GDC). A GDC is required on the following exams:

- Biology exam Papers 2 and 3 only
- Math Studies exam Papers 1 and 2
- Mathematics exam Paper 2 only

A calculator of any kind is not permitted for the Biology exam Paper 1, nor the Mathematics exam Paper 1. Calculators must not be shared or exchanged during examinations, and CASE calculators are not allowed at any exam. RAM memory must be reset or initialized on all calculators, and ROM memory must be reset, initialized or modified so that only approved applications remain in the calculator memory.

Examinations must be proctored at all times. Teachers may not proctor an exam on the subject that they teach. Students may not leave an exam room if the exam is one hour long or less. During a longer exam, students may be accompanied to the bathroom. In case of illness, students may interrupt the exam for treatment. No food or beverages are allowed in the exam room, except for those students with medical conditions and with the exception of bottled water.

Students who engage in an act of misconduct during the examinations will be reported to the IBO which may result in no grade being awarded in that subject.

Chief Sealth administrators and staff are committed to supporting our students in their efforts to perform as well as possible on these assessments. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help make this exam period as successful as possible.