

## What is IB?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme is a challenging two-year curriculum for juniors and seniors providing an integrated and proven approach to college prep.

Students learn more than a collection of facts. The Diploma Programme prepares students for university and encourages them to:

- ask challenging questions
- learn how to learn
- develop a strong sense of their own identity and culture
- develop the ability to communicate with and understand people from other countries and cultures.

Freshman and sophomores take pre-requisites and world language in preparation for the diploma program and IB coursework.

## The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Chief Sealth High School

After two years of intensive staff and program preparation, Chief Sealth is an accredited International Baccalaureate World School. With a goal of 70 percent program participation, students can challenge themselves to earn a full IB Diploma, or take several IB Certificate courses. IB courses are open to all students who have successfully met the pre-requisites.

## Program Overview

The mission of the International Baccalaureate is to promote international understanding and responsible world citizenship through high academic standards and the development of lifelong learners who think critically. Students learn how to compare and contrast information, draw connections between knowledge from a variety of fields, and broaden their understanding of themselves and the world as they prepare themselves for higher learning opportunities.

There are six core curriculum areas including:

- English
- History
- Science
- Math
- World language
- Arts

IB students also take a unique course called Theory of Knowledge, which helps them

integrate and apply what they learn in the core subjects. To earn an IB Diploma, students write a 4,000 word original essay and meet Creative/Action/Service requirements.

### **Whom does the program serve?**

The IB Diploma program is available to Juniors and Seniors who wish to challenge themselves with a world-recognized curriculum. There are no test in requirements.

## **Links to Program Sites and IB Resources**

IB Organization Web Site

<http://www.ibo.org/diploma/index.cfm>

### **IB Diploma Brochure**

Get an overview of the IB Curriculum, educational philosophy, approach to assessment, and emphasis on building strong, compassionate world citizens.

([http://www.ibo.org/programmes/documents/schools\\_guide\\_diploma.pdf](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/documents/schools_guide_diploma.pdf))

### **College Credit Eligibility**

Depending on the institution, college credit is available for the successful completion of individual IB exams as well as for the IB Diploma. Students can take exams in multiple disciplines including world language, math, science, art and English. To check out the college credit transfer policy at the colleges that interest you and your student, check out: <http://www.ibo.org/country/US/index.cfm>

### **What makes the IB Diploma Program different from Advanced Placement**

The IB Diploma program emphasizes critical thinking and an integrated approach to learning along with an international perspective. Students are evaluated in a variety of ways in addition to course work, portfolios and exams. Exam sessions are longer for IB than AP, which is beneficial for students who need more time to formulate and communicate their thoughts and to demonstrate their subject mastery.

[http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/repository/ibcomparbro\\_20740.pdf](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/repository/ibcomparbro_20740.pdf)

### **What Educators are saying about the IB Diploma Program**

Colleges and universities evaluate students based on whether they took the most rigorous courses available to them. The IB Diploma program levels the playing field for Seattle School District students looking to demonstrate their competence and achievements.