

IB Diploma Program

at Stafford County Public Schools

Exceptional College Preparation



MISSION STATEMENT: The IB aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end, the organization works with schools to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment. These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

*SCPS students
at our best for a better world*

What is the IB Diploma Program?

The IB Diploma Program is a comprehensive, rigorous program of study that students complete in the 11th and 12th grades. Combined with the pre-IB sequence of 9th and 10th grade courses to represent a 4-year program of study at both Brooke Point and Mountain View, the IB DP:

- provides a package of education that **balances subject breadth and depth**, and considers the nature of knowledge across subject areas
- encourages **international-mindedness** and education for a modern, global society
- develops the character traits of the **IB Learner Profile**
- emphasizes the development of the **whole student**: physical, intellectual, emotional, and ethical
- **involves students** as active members of their local and global communities

The Curriculum

The IB Diploma Program is a comprehensive and balanced curriculum in which students take **one IB course in each core academic area (English, math, science, history), an IB world language course, and an IB elective**. In addition, students complete three unique 'core components' to round out their Diploma Program: **CAS, EE, & ToK**.

Creativity-Activity-Service (CAS)

CAS is an experiential learning component that requires students to engage in a range of activities beyond the classroom. CAS encourages students to be involved in activities that take place in local, national and international contexts. It enables students to enhance their personal, interpersonal, social, and civic development. Students are required to be involved in a reasonable balance of activities related to Creativity, Activity, and Service throughout their junior & senior years, meeting and reflecting on prescribed Learning Outcomes along the way.

Extended Essay (EE)

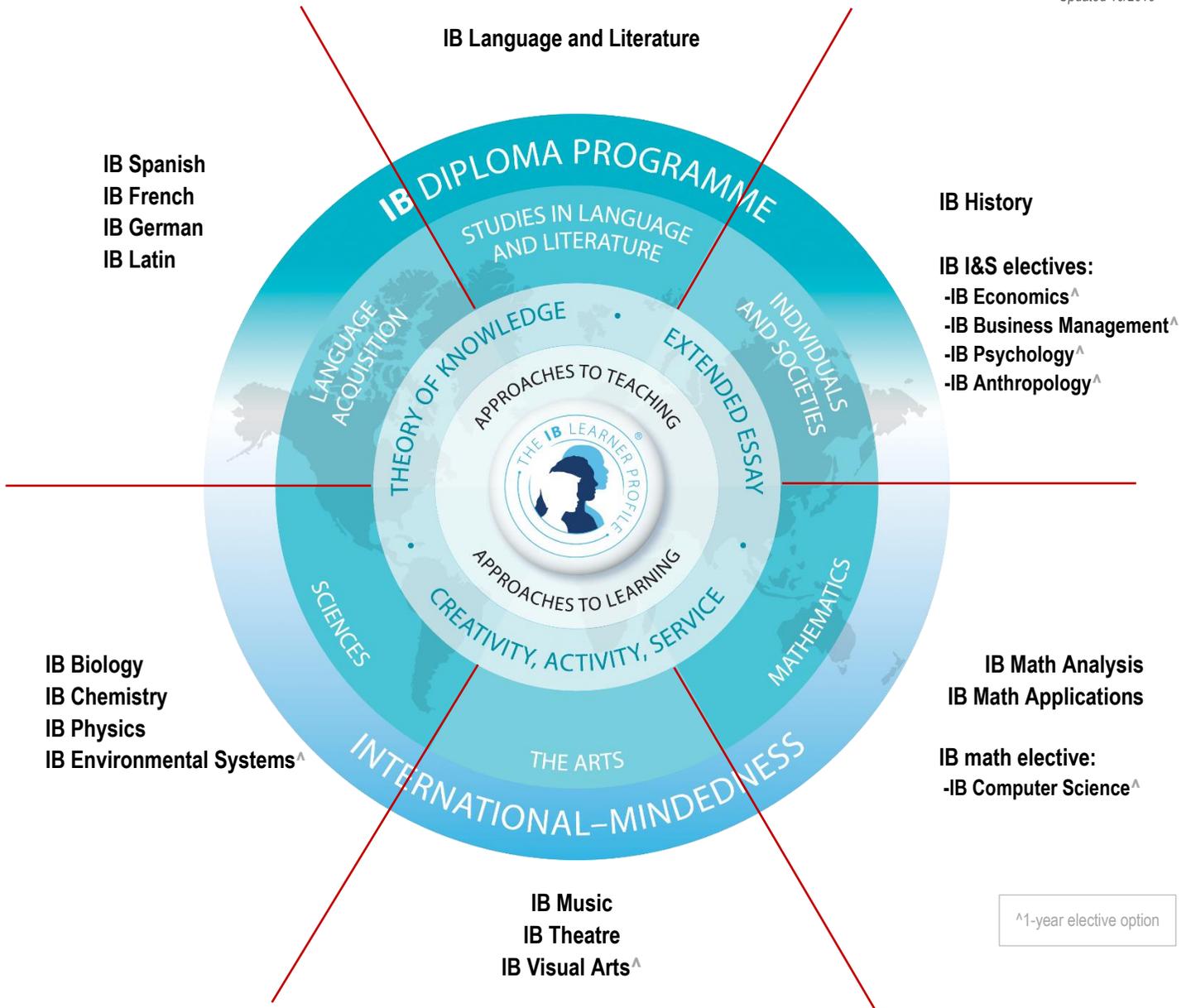
The EE is an independent research project that culminates in a 4,000-word analytical essay. Students may select any IB subject for their EEs. Once they have selected a subject, they are assigned a Faculty Supervisor who works as their adviser through the process. The EE is one of the important reasons that colleges and universities value IB Diploma students; they know that a student in the IB Diploma Program has completed a college-level research paper before finishing high school.

Theory of Knowledge (ToK)

ToK is a class that helps students develop a coherent, analytical approach to learning that unifies the academic disciplines. In this metacognitive, critical thinking course, students examine how they know what they know by reflecting on diverse ways of knowing and on areas of knowledge.

Students earn a VA Advanced Studies Diploma and an IB Diploma simultaneously through this program.





^1-year elective option

A Typical 4-Year IB Diploma Program Sequence

✓ weighted credit for GPA purposes	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
English	Honors English 9	Honors English 10	IB English year 1 [✓]	IB English year 2 [✓]
*World Language	levels 1 &/or 2	levels 2 &/or 3	IB World Lang year 1 [✓]	IB World Lang year 2 [✓]
Social Studies	Honors World Hist. 2	AP Comp. Gov. [✓] <small>(meets VA grad req.)</small>	IB History year 1 [✓]	IB History year 2 [✓]
Science	Honors Biology	Honors Chemistry	IB Science year 1 [✓]	IB Science year 2 [✓]
*Math	advanced math course	advanced math course	IB Math year 1 [✓]	IB Math year 2 [✓]
Other Requirement	Health/PE 9	Health/PE 10	Theory of Knowledge 1[✓]	Theory of Knowledge 2[✓]
Elective/Other Req.	elective	elective	IB Elective year 1 [✓]	IB Elective year 2 [✓] or regular elective
Elective/Other Req.	elective	elective	Econ. & Pers. Finance [^]	elective

Creativity – Action – Service

Extended Essay

*Placement in Math will depend on highest level achieved in 8th grade. Students must complete Algebra 1, Honors Geometry, and Honors Algebra 2 (at a minimum) before beginning IB Math courses. Students must complete 3 levels of world language before beginning IB world language; if no world language is completed in 8th grade, 2 levels of language must be taken in either 9th or 10th grades.

[^]EPF is a VA graduation requirement and can be taken in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade.



IB Learner Profile

The aim of all IB programs is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

IB Learners strive to:

- Inquirers** We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently *and* with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.
- Knowledgeable** We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.
- Thinkers** We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative to make reasoned, ethical decisions.
- Communicators** We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.
- Principled** We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.
- Open-minded** We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.
- Caring** We show empathy, compassion, and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and in the world around us.
- Risk-takers** We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.
- Balanced** We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives – intellectual, physical and emotional – to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.
- Reflective** We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB Learner Profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals become responsible members of local, national and global communities.



The International Baccalaureate Program

at Stafford County Public Schools

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IB Diploma Program (IB DP) Prep / Timeline

- **In 8th grade:** Gather info to decide if want to apply for full IB. It is *best* to be on track to take advanced math and advanced English; level 1 of a world language is optimal but not required.
- **In 9th and 10th grades ["Pre-DP" years]:** Take honors/advanced courses in all academic areas. Attend Pre-DP seminars.
- **End of 10th grade:** Make final IB scheduling decisions re: the full IB Diploma.
- **In 11th grade:** Begin IB diploma classes & Diploma Core (ToK, CAS, and EE).

What do I do next?

- Visit the IB web pages for your high school zone & read more about the program.
- Attend IB Info Night at either BP or MV (see websites for details).
- Let your guidance counselor know you intend to pursue IB in high school.
- Decide if you will take individual IB courses or pursue the full IB Diploma.
- **Apply** to the IB Diploma Program as a rising freshman (winter of 8th grade) **only** if you decide to do the full IB DP.

IB World Schools in Stafford County

Contact and Website Information



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