



IB Diploma Program

at Brooke Point High School

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.

*BPHS students
at our best for a better world*

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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 approach to learning that unifies the academic disciplines. In this 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.

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✓ 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	Hon. World Hist. 2 / AP World✓	AP Comp. Gov.✓ <small>(meets VA 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

Extended Essay