IB Diploma Program

Senior Parent Meeting Summary

August 19, 2015

Happenings

* Last year, we hosted the head of world languages from the IB office at The Hague.
* Last year, we participated in field testing of proposed changes to the World Languages exam, a Listening Paper, and this year, we have been asked to participate in field testing of changes to the Written Assessment.
* In September, we will host the Head of Diploma Programme Development, also from the Hague office.
* The district hosts monthly PLC meetings of all IB coordinators in the district.
* We have given extra planning to Ms. Costarides to be the Extended Essay Coordinator and to assist the DP Coordinator.

IB DP Results

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| **YEAR** | **FULL CANDIDATES** | **DIPLOMAS** | **PERCENT** |
| **2015** | 73 (83-10^) | 39 | 53.4% |
| **2014** | 77 (86-9^) | 35 (plus 2 retakes\*) | 45% (48%) |
| **2013** | 77^ | 31 (plus 1 retake\*) | 42% |
| **2012** | 71^ | 21 | 30% |

^Some students did not complete all of the assessments or requirements even though they were registered for the exams.

\*Students may return to retake an exam (for a fee). In 2015, 2 students from the class of 2014 did this and earned the diploma. In 2014, one student from the class of 2013 did this and earned the diploma.

Frustrating news is that 6 students scored 23 points and 2 scored 22 points. 24 points are needed. So close! Even more frustrating is that 5 students scored more than 24 points but did not earn the diploma because they did not earn the minimum total required on the HL tests or scored an "E" on TOK or the EE.

The IB DP Senior Class Schedule

1. IB English
2. IB Spanish, IB French, IB Arabic or IB Chinese
3. IB US History, IB History, IB Economics, IB Business and Management
4. IB Chemistry, IB Biology, IB Physics
5. IB Math OR IB Math Studies
6. IB Film, IB Visual Arts, IB Dance or one from #2, #3 or #4 above
7. TOK
8. An elective

Every student MUST test in at least one subject in:

First language

Second language

Humanities

Science

Math

Arts or arts substitute

And submit an Extended Essay, TOK Paper and Presentation, and complete 150 CAS hours.

*Students must test in 3 Higher Level subjects and 3 Standard Level subjects.*

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| Offered at Higher Level  English  French/Spanish  History/Bus Mgmt  Biology/Chemistry/Physics  Film/Dance/Art | Offered at Standard Level  Biology/Chemistry/Physics  Economics/Bus Mgmt  Film/Dance/Art  Math/Math Studies |

CAS

* ***Creativity: arts and other experiences that involve creative thinking***
* ***Action: physical exertion contributing to a healthy lifestyle, complementing academic work***
* ***Service: unpaid, voluntary exchange that involves community or social service that has learning benefit for the student****.*

CAS is run through the TOK classes. Students will be given opportunities to satisfy the CAS documentation in TOK.

Cost of IB Exams

* Registration Fee: $164
* Fee per exam: $113
* Total for typical 6-exam student: $842
* Total due from each student: ZERO
* The North Cluster principals have agreed, with district approval, to use some of the cluster budget to pay for all DP exams.

*Registration deadline: October 15*

Late fees apply after November 1 and will be the responsibility of the student.

Once exams are ordered, the district will have to pay for the exams.

If a student fails to complete any part of any exam, he/she will be held responsible for the fee for that exam and it will be added to senior obligations.

* Examples:
  + fails to turn in an IB paper that is part of the exam score
  + fails to take an oral exam
  + fails to appear for and take any part of the exam in May.

It is currently undetermined whether the student or the district will pay for an extra exam above the required 6 exams.