

# 10 Reasons



why the IB Diploma Programme (DP) is ideal preparation for university

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## It increases academic opportunity

Research shows that DP graduates are much more likely to be enrolled at top higher education institutions than entrants holding other qualifications.

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## IB students care about more than just results

Through creativity, action, service (CAS) you learn outside the classroom and develop emotionally and ethically as well as intellectually.

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## It encourages you to become a confident and independent learner

For example, the extended essay requires independent research through an in-depth study.

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## The IB encourages critical thinking

Learn how to analyse and evaluate issues, generate ideas and consider new perspectives.

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## Graduates are globally minded

Language classes encourage an international mindset, key for increasingly globalized societies.

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## It's an international qualification

The DP is recognized globally by universities and employers.

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## DP students have proven time management skills

Take good study habits and strong time management to further education and the working world.

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## Subjects are not taught in isolation

Theory of knowledge (TOK) classes encourage you to make connections between subjects.

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## It encourages breadth and depth of learning

You are able to choose courses from six subject groups and study subjects at different levels.

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## It assesses more than examination techniques

Learn to understand, not just memorize facts or topics and prepare for exams.

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Diploma  
Programme

# The IB Diploma Programme at Lamar for Current DP Families

5:00: Juniors

5:30: Seniors

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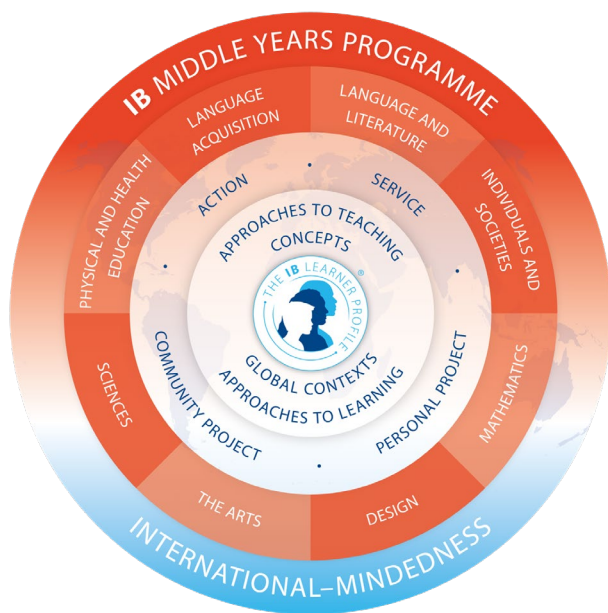
# What to expect this evening

- Review of IB Diploma Programme Requirements
- Reminders
- Helpful links: Texas IB College Fair and Writing Lab
- Q&A
- Please contact me for a private chat if you'd like to chat in depth about your child's DP needs.

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# You need to know: Lamar is an *IB for All* school

- Every 9th and 10th grader participates in the Middle Years Programme (MYP).
- Every 11th and 12th grader has the opportunity to choose the Career-related Programme or Diploma Programme.





# The Diploma Programme Around the World



**1.3** million\*  
DP graduates  
**140+** countries

\*as of May 2015

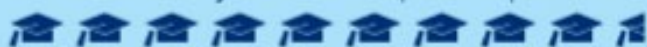


Alumni of the Diploma Programme attend top-ranking universities, studies find.<sup>1</sup>

DP students not only do well academically while in high school, but also go on to perform well at the university level.<sup>2</sup>

DP students in the US who enrolled in post-secondary education immediately after high school **enrolled in and graduated from four-year institutions at much higher rates than the national average.**

**95%** of DP cohort enrollment at four-year institutions (public and private)



60% national cohort



**79%** of DP cohort average graduation rate at four-year institutions (public and private)



39% national cohort



- DP course = student-led project, research, portfolios, oral exams, and written exams in May.
- Highly respected by universities around the world.
- DP students are researchers, writers, thinkers, and inquirers.
- DP students are prepared for college and for life after college.
- Potential for college credit.



# Diploma Programme Components

## 6 Groups

Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature

Group 2: Language Acquisition

Group 3: Individuals and Societies

Group 4: Sciences

Group 5: Mathematics

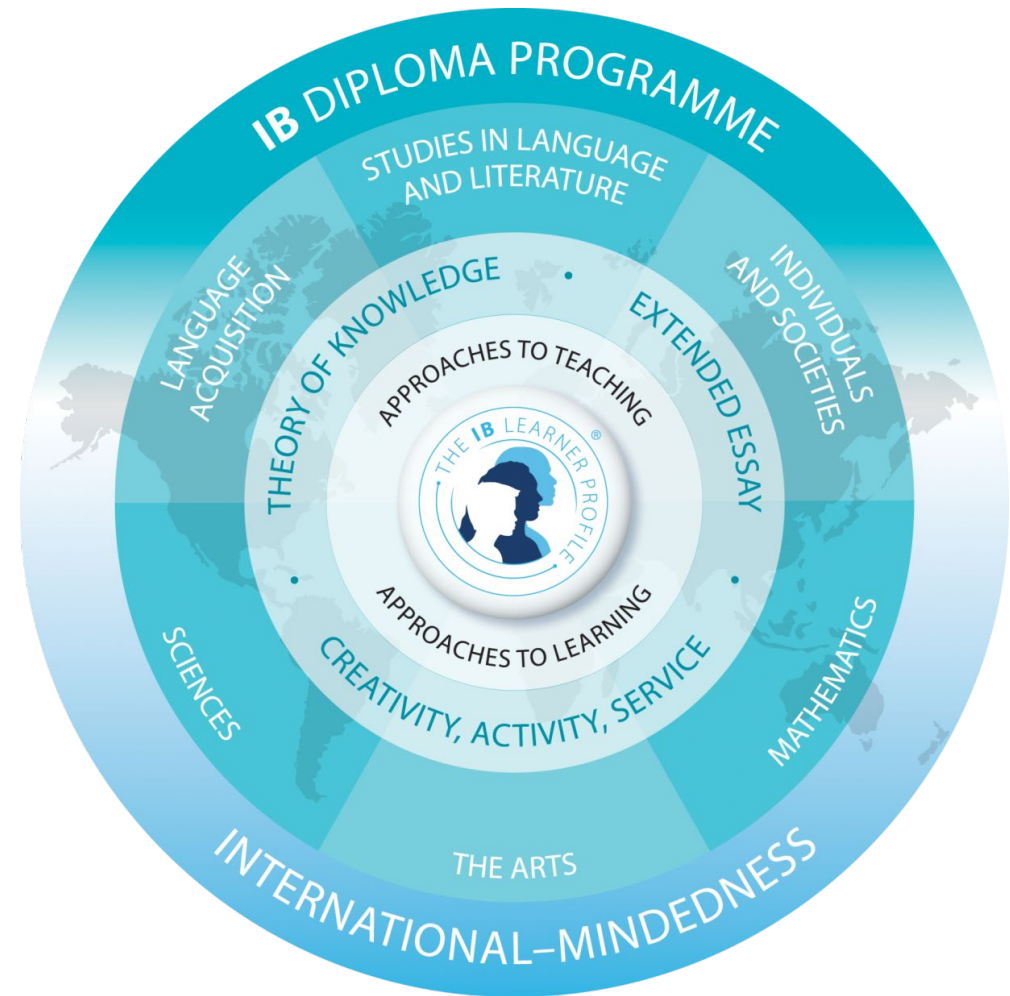
Group 6: The Arts or extra Group 2 or 3

## DP Core

CAS: Creativity, Activity, Service

Theory of Knowledge Course

Extended Essay





# Diploma Programme Courses at Lamar

## Group 1:

English Language and Literature (HL)

## Group 2:

Arabic (SL and HL)  
Chinese (SL and HL)  
French (SL and HL)  
Spanish (SL and HL)

## Group 3:

Business Management (HL)  
History of the Americas (HL)  
Economics (SL and HL)  
World Religions (SL)  
Art History (SL)  
Psychology (SL)  
Philosophy (SL)

## Group 4:

Biology (SL and HL)  
Chemistry (SL)  
Physics (SL and HL)  
Computer Science (SL and HL)  
Environmental Systems and Societies (SL)  
Sports, Exercise and Health Science (SL)

## Group 5:

Mathematics Analysis and Approaches (HL only)  
Mathematics Analysis and Interpretation (SL and HL)

## Group 6:

Dance (HL)  
Film (HL)  
Visual Arts (HL)  
Theatre (HL)



# Student courses checklist for DP

## 11th grade

Group 1: Language and Literature HL  
(HL only)

Group 2: Language SL or HL

Group 3: SL or HL

Group 4: Science SL or HL

Group 5: Math SL or HL

Group 6: Arts or Group 2, 3, 4

TOK A: Second Semester

## 12th grade

Group 1: Language and Literature HL  
(HL only)

Group 2: Language SL or HL

Group 3: SL or HL

Group 4: Science SL or HL

Group 5: Math SL or HL

Group 6: Arts or Group 2, 3, 4

TOK B: First Semester

**3 or 4 HL courses** over the two year program.  
If 3 SL courses, at least 1 must be a 2 year SL course.





# 11th grade to-do list

- Submit the signed DP commitment contract: Student and parent sign it. Student returns it to Dr. Acord
- Attend required Extended Essay meetings with Mr. Fisher and Ms. Keller. All students received invites via their school email.
- Complete all IB projects, coursework, and oral assessments before the due dates.
- Plan and carry out CAS experiences. Creativity, Activity, and Service are required. Document with reflections, supervisor contact information, and photos.
- Pay the \$90 IB program fee before Nov. 1
- Sit for SL2 exams in April and May. (These are 1 year IB courses.)

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# 12th grade to-do list continued

- One missing assessment item prevents students from earning the DP.
- One missing IB exam prevents students from earning the DP.
- Students who do not submit a required item will no longer be classified as a DP student and will need to notify colleges that they are no longer in the most rigorous high school program.
- Students who complete ALL IB items by the due dates will receive an IB stole to wear at graduation.





# The \$90 fee: Paid each year of the DP

The fee supports our DP program. Due Nov. 1.

- IB Annual DP Fee: \$10,000 approximately
- Registration fees (6 IB classes X \$119 = \$714)
- IB Resources: Kognity, IBQuestion bank
- Teacher trainings (\$500 min per training)
- Graduation stoles

\* Students who are identified as economically disadvantaged can pay a lower fee.

\* More information can be found in past newsletters from our principal.

# IB Exam Accommodations: Due Oct. 24

Your child received an email regarding accommodations on the exams.

If your child receives accommodations at school, your child **may be** able to receive accommodations on IB exams.

## 2023 Official IB Exam Accommodations Request

Please complete this form if you would like to use your accommodations on the official May 2023 IB exams. The accommodations that you request must be in your current accommodations plan. **Due: October 24th.**

p00110608@houstonisd.org [Switch account](#)



Your email will be recorded when you submit this form

\* Required

Your first name \*

Your answer

Your last name \*

Your answer

Your grade \*

☐ 11

☐ 12

Which SL2 or HL2 exams (courses) would you like to request accommodations for in May 2023? SL1 and HL1 courses do not test this year. Please check your schedule before answering this question. \*



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# The core and the DP course schedule

**Must take 3 or 4 HL courses**

**SL: Standard Level**  
150 hour course  
Course assessments  
+ internal  
assessment

**HL: Higher Level**  
240 hour course  
Additional content +  
additional course  
assessments +  
internal assessment

Example One: Subjects Selected from all 6 Groups			
	Subject	Level	Grade
GROUP 1	English A Literature	HL	7
GROUP 2	French B	SL	6
GROUP 3	History	HL	7
GROUP 4	Biology	SL	6
GROUP 5	Maths	SL	6
GROUP 6	Visual Arts	HL	7
Theory of Knowledge		A	3
Extended Essay		A	
TOTAL POINTS		42	







# Scores and the IB Diploma

**4 is a minimum passing score**

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**24 points:** The minimum number of points to earn the IB Diploma. (24 credits at Texas public colleges)

**TOK and EE:** Cannot earn N or E on either.

Some universities require more than 24 points for admission or course credit.



# TOK: Junior and Senior Years

Extended  
Essay  
Score

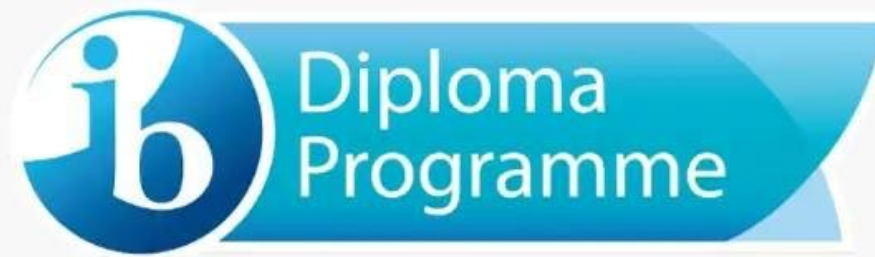
Theory of Knowledge						
	Excellent A	Good B	Satisfactory C	Mediocre D	Elementary E	Not Submitted
Excellent A	3	3	2	2	1+ Failing condition*	N
Good B	3	2	1	1	Failing condition*	N
Satisfactory C	2	1	1	0	Failing condition*	N
Mediocre D	2	1	0	0	Failing condition*	N
Elementary E	1+ Failing condition*	Failing condition*	Failing condition*	Failing condition*	Failing condition*	N
Not Submitted	N	N	N	N	N	N



# Score Report Breakdown for DP Students

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# Lamar's IB DP Site: [houstonisd.org/domain/11497](http://houstonisd.org/domain/11497)

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME  
(CANDIDATE & COURSE  
STUDENT)

## IB Diploma Programme Overview

The Value of an IB Education

IB Diploma Candidate

IB Extended Essay

Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

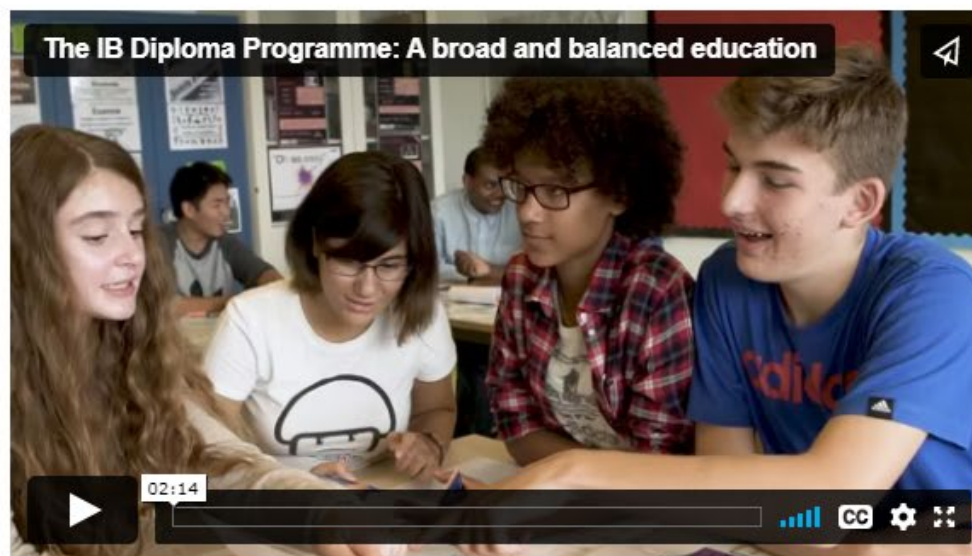
CAS

How to Apply

IB & AP

## IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

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# The DP and Universities



What do top colleges think about the Diploma Programme? Watch the video from Johns Hopkins to find out.

Then, visit this site to hear from other top universities around the world.

<https://texasibcollegefair.com/>



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# Use our Writing Lab for IB assessments and college essays!



Lamar Writing Lab

## COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY WORKSHOPS

LEARN HOW TO CRAFT YOUR  
COLLEGE APPLICATION MATERIALS

October 13, 2022

Two Events

October 18, 2022

4:30 - 6 pm in 11B Neighborhood  
Refreshments provided

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED  
TO KNOW TO WRITE YOUR  
APPLICATION ESSAYS**

4:30 - 6 pm in the Grand Hall  
Refreshments provided

**BRING YOUR  
COLLEGE ESSAY  
GUIDED WORKSHOP**

- ★ Learn what makes a successful essay!
- ★ Tips for getting started
- ★ Strategies for structure
- ★ Techniques for dazzling admissions committees
- ★ Insights for managing the application process
- ★ Supplemental, short-answer, & scholarship essays

- ★ Get feedback on your essay plus more tips, tactics, and resources!
- ★ How to think like a college admissions committee
- ★ Guided workshops tailored to your goals
- ★ Structured exercises for elevating your essay



[tinyurl.com/college-app-essay](https://tinyurl.com/college-app-essay)



**SCAN QR CODE  
TO REGISTER FOR ONE  
OR BOTH EVENTS!**

\*Students will need to use their HISD login to access the form.



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More Information

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# Q&A

**Please contact me for a private chat if you'd like to chat in depth about your child's DP needs.**

# Thank you!

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