



# IB Program Specifics

## IB Grading

IB Courses are graded on a 1-7 scale for IB assessments (Central utilizes the traditional A-F scale for district grades)

- IB scores are a composite of internal and external assessments.
- DP Candidates must earn at least 24 points and meet other conditions to earn the IB Diploma
- There is no such point matrix for CP Candidates, *however* CP students must receive passing scores on all courses & assessments.
- Many colleges award credit based on high IB scores (see individual IB recognition policies for each university).
- TOK is graded on an A-E scale, as are the Extended Essay (DP) and Reflective Project (CP). Students must earn an A-D on these assessments in order to achieve the DP Diploma or CP Certificate.

## IB Exams

IB exams are held in May on a strict schedule set by the IBO (Non-negotiable)

- There are 1-3 final exams (papers) for most courses.
- Required per course assessment fees are due January of each testing year.
- Current assessment fees are \$123 per course.
- One course assessment fee per year will be covered by SPS & Schneider Grant Funds.
- *Students may apply for financial assistance through the IB Office!*
- Final IB grades published & Diplomas awarded July 6
- One retake session is allowed (Nov or May)

# Earning the IB Diploma

To obtain the IB diploma, students must:

- Complete IB courses in the 6 subject areas listed above, plus TOK.
- Take 3 of those courses at Higher Level and 3 courses at Standard Level. One of the SL courses must be two years long if the student is only taking 3 HL courses.
  - Alternatively, students may take 4 HL courses and 2 SL courses
  - TOK is a two-year, mandatory course, but it does not count toward the HL/SL requirement.
- Complete and reflect on CAS experiences
- Earn a minimum of 24 points on IB exams, TOK, and the EE (Each exam is scored on a 1-7 scale; TOK/EE can earn the student 3 bonus points). Particulars:
  - The maximum points that can be awarded is  $45 = ((6 \times 7) + 3)$ .
  - CAS requirements have been met.
  - There is no "N" awarded for TOK, the EE, or for a contributing subject.
  - There is no grade E awarded for TOK and/or the EE.
  - There is no grade 1 awarded in a subject/level.
  - There are no more than two grade 2s awarded (SL or HL).
  - There are no more than three grade 3s or below awarded (SL or HL).
  - The candidate has gained 12 points or more on HL subjects (for candidates who register for four HL subjects, the three highest grades count).
  - The candidate has gained 9 points or more on SL subjects (candidates who register for two SL subjects must gain at least 5 points at SL).
  - The candidate has not received a penalty for academic misconduct from the Final Award Committee.

# Earning the CP Certificate

To obtain the IB Career-related Certificate, students must:

- Complete at least 2 IB courses in the 6 subject areas
- Take the Personal & Professional Skills course:
  - PPS is a two year course that does not count towards the required DP courses
- Take 2 career-related courses in their selected pathway:
  - minimum of one course in 11th grade, minimum of one course in 12th grade
- Complete the Reflective Project (RP): a research project in which the student explores an ethical dilemma within their career-related pathway
- Complete and reflect on Community Engagement experiences (CE):
  - Students engage in collaborative service within the community
- Complete the Language & Cultural Studies component:
  - Students engage in a combination of independent and guided learning through a journal, supervisor reviews, and reflections.
- The candidate has not received a penalty for academic misconduct from the Final Award Committee.