

IB ALPHABET SOUP

| ACRONYM | WORD | MEANING – HOW DOES IT FIT IN THE IB PICTURE? |
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| DP | DIPLOMA PROGRAMME | IBDP - Course of study with 6 college-level courses, CAS, TOK, and Extended Essay. Can earn the IB Diploma. Students need 24 points on their 6 exams to earn their diploma. |
| CP | CAREER-RELATED PROGRAMME | IBCP - Course of study with career-related pathway, SL, PPS, and Reflective Project. Can earn the IB Career-related Certificate |
| IA | INTERNAL ASSESSMENT | Approx. 20% of IB exam scores in all DP subjects. Completed during the school year with guidance and feedback from teachers. |
| EA | EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT | Normally more traditional “exams”. Graded by outside examiners, the majority of DP exam score. |
| EE | EXTENDED ESSAY | 3,000-4,000 word academic investigation written by full Diploma Programme students in one of the subjects they are taking at the DP level. |
| RP | REFLECTIVE PROJECT | 3,500 word essay written by CP students addressing an ethical dilemma in their career-related pathway. |
| CAS | CREATIVITY – ACTIVITY – SERVICE | Service component for DP students. Includes something active and something creative. Should take place over 18 months. Documented on ManageBac. |
| SL / CE | SERVICE LEARNING / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Service component for CP students. At least 50 hours over 2 years. Some should be related to career-related pathway. |
| ATL | APPROACHES TO LEARNING | Learning skills like research, communication, organization, affective skills. |
| TOK | THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE | Core course for DP students. Does not have an IB exam attached but has two built-in assessments: Exhibition and Essay. Good performance on these two tasks can earn students bonus points to earning the IB Diploma. (Mr. Pasko and Ms. Aldridge are the |

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| | | teachers). |
| PPS | PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS | Core course of PPS students. Does not have an exam attached. Serves as the anchor for the RP and SL. (Ms. Broome is the teacher) |
| HL | HIGHER LEVEL | Include 240 hours of coursework. DP students must have at least 3 HL courses and earn at least 12 points towards their Diploma from HL exams. English and History are always HL. |
| SL | STANDARD LEVEL | Include 150 hours of coursework. DP students must have at least 2 SL courses, most will have 3. DP students must earn at least 9 points towards their diploma from SL courses. Math is always SL. |
| HOTA | HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS | Junior year history course. Meets NC American history graduation requirement. |
| G4 | GROUP 4 PROJECT | Collaborative science project DP Science students will complete in fall of senior year. |
| IO | INDIVIDUAL ORAL | Oral components are the IA for Literature and Language Acquisition courses. Take place in January (Lit) and March (LA) of year 2. |
| P1 | PAPER 1 | IB exams have multiple components. Each component is called a "paper" and covers a specified portion of the content of the course. |
| Y1, Y2 | YEAR 1, YEAR 2 | Year 1 = Junior year, Year 2 = Senior year |
| MB | MANAGEBAC | Grand central station for all IB uploads and logging of SL and CAS |
| IB Exams | | Official external exams taken at the end of Year 2. Taken off campus. Marked by external examiners. Scores are returned in July. Maximum mark is 7. CP students need to score at least a 3 on 2 exams. DP students need to average a 4 on 6 exams. |