

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Exam Results for HKA 2016

Key Indicators

At HKA, we track the following information about annual IB exam results as one aspect of evaluating HKA's overall academic programme.

- HKA's overall pass rate
- HKA's highest score achieved
- Scores of 40 and above
- Scores above the world average
- HKA's average v. the IB Diploma world average
- HKA's average v. like-schools' averages
- The number of HKA students achieving their predicted scores
- The number of HKA students receiving IB certificates

IB Results for 2016: data and interpretation

Overall pass rate

94%

Highest score achieved

40 out of 45.

Scores of 40 and above

In 2016, 17 HKA students sat the full Diploma exam. One student scored 40 or above and six scored 35 or above.

While it is rhetorically satisfying to tout scores of 44 or 45, it must be noted that scores above 40 are highly exceptional. In a statistical sense, any score over 40 should be understood as an extraordinary result.

HKA's average v. the IB DP world average

HKA's average score was 33.19, nearly three points above the world average for 2016 of 30.07.

HKA's average v. like-schools' averages

HKA's Diploma scores are comparable with those of other like-international schools in Hong Kong, where scores are generally range 34 to 38 points.

When considering HKA's average versus the averages at other schools, it is important to bear in mind both the size of HKA's annual cohort and the school's policy to support students who wish to pursue the full diploma.

Because HKA's class sizes are small, exam results may vary, even significantly, from year to year. One student's performance - high or low - can have a substantial impact on a school's overall average. Averages should therefore be viewed with caution. At a smaller school like HKA, with fewer data points, the average becomes even less meaningful a tool for evaluating a school's overall performance.

Additionally, HKA supports all students who wish to pursue the full IB Diploma, regardless of their predicted score, rather than granting permission for the full Diploma only to those students who are likely to score in a particular point range.

Number of students achieving their predicted score

Because averages can potentially be misleading, HKA pays close attention to students' predicted and actual scores. HKA understands this "predicted success" in two ways:

- IB Mock Exams. Early in the second semester, students take the Mock IB exam. The results achieved in these trial exams generally reflect the quality of their work in the classroom and are a good indicator of success on the formal exam.
- Classroom work. At HKA, all students who wish to take the Diploma exam are supported to do so. Students are not discouraged from taking the exam simply because they may not meet an artificial standard of success. Our concern is that students do their very best, stretch to reach their goals, pursue the DP if that is their wish and achieve at a level which is consistent with their “personal best”.

International schools such as HKA generally consider “success” to be actual exam scores within one point of the students’ predicted scores.

In 2016, as in the past, HKA’s students achieved within one point of their overall predicted scores.

IB certificates

Students who do not elect to sit the full IB exam may sit exams in particular subjects to earn IB Certificates. As an inclusive school committed to individual pathways to excellence, HKA fully supports students wishing to sit certificate exams. In 2016, nine students pursued certificates and performed within their expected results range on individual exams.

Additional information

For more information about HKA’s Diploma Programme, please contact Richard Reilly, Assistant Secondary School Principal and Acting DP Co-ordinator, at richard.reilly@hkacademy.edu.hk.

IB Exam Results in Context: Life after HKA

While IB exam results are one useful tool in reflecting on student success, at HKA, the goal of education is not exam performance. HKA values education for life and seeks to prepare students fully for their pathways after HKA.

For most, but not all, of HKA’s students, life after HKA includes tertiary education. HKA’s college and university programme guides students through the complex world of university applications in a process of discovery that emphasises the idea of “fit”. The goal is for each student to matriculate in the best programme for him or her. With that in mind, HKA measures college and university acceptance and matriculation “success” as the number of students who enrol in one of their top choice schools.

In 2016, HKA’s graduates seeking tertiary education enrolled in “right fit” schools around the world that will allow them to continue to grow as lifelong learners. [Click here](#) to view a list of universities and colleges from which HKA students have received offers and at which they have matriculated in recent years.

Additional Information

For more information about college and university counselling, contact Erin Nicolls, University Counsellor, at erin.nicolls@hkacademy.edu.hk.