



The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program City Honors School

- The mission of IB is to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.
- The IB Learner Profile states that IB Learners strive to be: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced, and Reflective.
- City Honors is home to one of the oldest IB Diploma Programs in the world and was New York State's first IB Diploma Program outside of the New York Metro area.
- The Diploma Program services juniors and seniors in high school. IB Diploma take three IB Higher Level (HL) courses (240 course hours) and three IB Standard Level (SL) courses (150 course hours). Our HL courses are all two years in length: English A: Literature, Biology, Physics, Film, Visual Arts, and History of the Americas. Our SL courses can be one year or two years in length. One year SL courses: Math Studies SL, Mathematics SL, Economics, Business & Management. Two year SL courses: French B, Spanish B, Chinese B, Biology, Physics, and Visual Arts.
- In addition to the balance between the humanities and sciences, the IB Diploma Program includes three core requirements:
 - Theory of Knowledge (TOK): an interdisciplinary course designed to provide coherence by exploring the nature of knowledge across disciplines, encouraging an appreciation of other cultural perspectives. TOK is taught every other day during junior and senior year.
 - Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS): encourages students to be involved in artistic pursuits, sports, and community service work, thus fostering students' awareness and appreciation of life outside the academic arena. The goal is to participate an hour or two a week over the two years of the program – striving for a balance of hours between the three areas. Students use a special web-based program to help them reflect and track hours and reflection is a critical and key element of CAS.
 - Extended Essay (EE): has a prescribed limit of 4,000 words. It offers the opportunity to investigate a topic of individual interest, and acquaints students with the independent research and writing skills expected in college.
- The rigor of the IB Diploma Program is recognized by the world's leading universities and, statistically-speaking, IB Diploma Candidates are accepted into colleges and universities at higher rates than those who are not.
- Our candidates go on to attend such universities as: Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Penn, Cornell, Brown, Howard, NYU, University at Buffalo Honor's College, and SUNY Geneseo's Honors Program.
- The program not only prepares students for the academic challenges of college, but it also gives them a chance to receive college credit. Many of our graduates have received 18-36 college credits for their IB Diploma as well as sophomore standing. This directly translates into possible monetary savings.