

## Questions and Answers

### Q. How are the Diploma Programme, Course Candidate, and the Career-related Programmes different?

- A. Diploma Programme students complete the entire program, attempting to earn the IB Diploma. Course Candidates take one or more IBDP classes and may earn college credits upon successful completion similar to an AP class. Career-related Programme students complete a different core and two IBDP courses, while in a CTE program, in order to earn an IBCP certificate.

### Q. What are the prerequisites and how do I become a part of the IB Diploma Programme?

- A. Students must take a World Language course for both ninth and 10th grades that they will continue with in the Diploma Programme. Students are encouraged to take Honors English and Biology as ninth graders, IB Essentials as a 10th grader, and to challenge themselves with an AP course in 10th grade.

### Q. When do I apply for the IB Diploma Programme?

- A. Applications are accepted at any time. Ideally, future ninth grade students will apply prior to scheduling for their ninth grade year. Deadlines are posted at [www.farmington.k12.mi.us/ib](http://www.farmington.k12.mi.us/ib). Students currently in their ninth and 10th grade years, can apply as long as they meet the World Language requirement. Applications can be found on our website at [www.farmington.k12.mi.us/ib](http://www.farmington.k12.mi.us/ib).



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**The International  
 Baccalaureate  
 Diploma Programme**  
*at Farmington High School*



## School within a school...

The FHS International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) is a comprehensive college-preparatory program authorized by International Baccalaureate Organization (ibo.org). During the junior and senior years of high school, students complete the programme's requirements, culminating in worldwide exams, with the goal of earning an IB Diploma in addition to the State of Michigan High School Diploma.

Participation in the IB Diploma Programme at Farmington High School (FHS) gives students an opportunity to experience the rigors of an IB education while also having the opportunity to participate in the many extracurriculars and events offered by Farmington Public Schools (FPS).

## IBDP Core

Students participating in the full IB Diploma Programme complete the following three core requirements:

**Theory of Knowledge (TOK)** challenges students with questions such as: Why do we seek knowledge? or What counts as knowledge? TOK crosses the boundaries of individual disciplines and helps students to reflect on the knowledge that they have acquired from both their academic studies and their lives outside the classroom.

**Extended Essay** pushes students to engage in independent research and write about an in-depth study of a research question relating to one of the subjects they are studying.

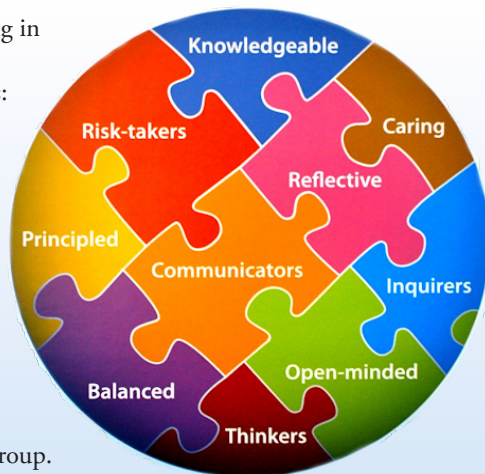
**Creativity, Activity, Service** is an opportunity for students to explore their local and worldwide-communities outside of the classroom. Students complete community service, participate in physical activity, and find creative outlets.

## IBDP Courses

Students take six, two-year courses starting in their junior year. Students take one class from each of the following subject groups:

- **English: Language and Literature**
- **Language Acquisition (World Language)**
- **Individuals and Societies (Social Studies)**
- **Experimental Sciences**
- **Mathematics**
- **The Arts**

Students can opt out of an Arts class to take a second course from a different group.



## IBDP Focuses on the Learner

- IBDP offers a curriculum that is broad, balanced, conceptual, and connected.
- IBDP promotes healthy relationships, ethical responsibility, and personal challenge.
- IBDP helps students to develop the attitudes and skills they need for both academic and personal success.
- IBDP increases the understanding of languages and cultures, and explores globally significant ideas and issues.

## How does IBDP benefit me?

**College acceptance rate:** IB Diploma Programme students are accepted at top tier universities on average at an 18-22% higher rate. Acceptance to The University of Michigan for IB Diploma Programme Students is 70.8% compared to 28.6% acceptance rate for all students.

**Earn College Credits:** Students can earn college credits based on the scores from their IB Diploma Programme classes in the same way AP scores earn credits. The University of Michigan generally awards credits for scores of 4 or above out of a possible 7.

**Earn the World Recognized IB Diploma:** FHS IB Diploma Programme consistently scores at or above the world average. 86% of the FHS IBDP Class of 2020 earned the IB Diploma. Every FPS diploma student has scored well enough to earn college credit.

**Learn from IB Trained Staff:** FHS has 26 IB trained staff members, including five counselors.