

18. International Baccalaureate Program

18.1 Admission into IB Diploma Program

GPIS equally welcomes applications for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB DP) from boys and girls of all races, nations, and religions. We also welcome boys and girls from all social cultural backgrounds. Our aim is to give an opportunity to all candidates registering for the IB DP at GPIS. If a student wishes to enroll in the IB program, he or she will be selected solely in accordance to the GPIS Selection Policy and the GPIS Admission Policy. No student will be discriminated against nor will any student be favored.

For successful enrollment in the GPIS IB DP, the school highly recommends that students and parents attend our IB DP orientation sessions held at school. These orientation sessions are held for Grade 9 and Grade 10 students and parents. We will announce these sessions to students, send emails to parents, and include information in the High School Vice-Principal's letter to parents and students. We also advise that parents and students carefully read both the GPIS Selection Policy and the GPIS Admission Policy. The DP Coordinator and the IB Team are available for any queries.

Starting in Grade 9, students and parents are introduced to the GPIS Course Selection program. Each student is required to fill in the GPIS Course Selection document in consultation with his parent(s). Students will then decide whether or not they would like to enroll for the IB introductory Physics/ Chemistry course for Grade 10. Attending the IB introductory Physics/ Chemistry course is mandatory to successfully enroll in the IB DP in Grade 11 and continue in the GPIS DP Program. At the same time, students attending the Intro Physics/ Chemistry course will be supervised by our CAS Coordinator to ensure that they are working on an "Activity". This is to fairly assign a grade for the American Diploma Physical Education at Grade 10.

At the end of Grade 10, potential IB students will be assessed in the Intro Physics/ Chemistry, English, and Mathematics admission exams. These grades, as well as being a key factor in determining enrollment in GPIS IB DP Program, are also a key factor in determining enrollment in the Standard Level (SL) or the Higher Level (HL) of these course subjects.

At this stage, students will need to obtain the following:

- Two recommendation letters from two core subject teachers which focus on both academics and discipline. (Core subjects include: Math, English, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language)
- A GPA level of B+ which is equivalent to a score of 83/100.
- Completion of voluntary work, community service, or athletic activities in the past two years.
- A commendable discipline record and a minimal number of referrals for issues including tardiness and improper behavior.

If a student is applying to GPIS IB DP from another school, he or she will be treated equally to any other Grade 10 GPIS student. The GPIS Selection Policy and GPIS Admission Policy may require the following of transfer students:

- Completion of volunteer work or community service might be requested.
- Additional reference letters from his/her previous school might be requested.
- An additional Physics, Chemistry or Biology admission exam might be requested.

The GPIS IB Department as well as the GPIS School Board will then come to a decision regarding the IB applicants in light of the GPIS Selection Policy and the GPIS Admission Policy. Shortly afterwards an email will be sent to the students and parents informing them of their status in the program.

18.2 IB Grade Conversion

Grades for IB are calculated according to the scale in the table below.

American Diploma	IB Equivalent	Letter Grade	GPA
96-100	96-100	A+	4.0
93-95	88-95	A	4.0
90-92	85-87	A-	3.9
87-89	82-84	B+	3.7
83-86	78-81	B	3.4
80-82	75-77	B-	3.0
77-79	72-74	C+	2.7
73-76	68-71	C	2.4
70-72	65-67	C-	2.0
67-69	62-64	D+	1.7
63-66	58-61	D	1.4
60-62	55-57	D-	1.0
Below 60	Below 55	F	0.0