



IB TUCKER HIGH SCHOOL FAQs

About Courses...

Can you pick and choose IB classes? Do you have to take all of them?

There are choices in some subject areas (Math; Science; Visual Arts, Film, or Psychology; Spanish or French). There are not choices for other subjects (English, History).

Can I take an AP course with the IB Programme?

Yes, you can take an AP class during your senior year as an elective.

How do I have a social life? An athletic life? An artistic life?

It's all about balance. Many of our IB students are athletes and are involved in many different clubs and activities around the school and the community. Colleges want to see a well-rounded individual but remember some of your outside activities can be used at CAS hours too.

About Scheduling...

How many electives will I have senior year?

You will have 1 elective.

How many electives will I have junior year?

You will not have any non-IB electives. You will take your IB Diploma courses and Physics, which is a graduation requirement.

How many electives will I have sophomore year?

You will take your 2nd physical education class, which is a requirement to graduate unless you are an athlete and you signed a waiver. Be proactive in procuring the waiver and managing all the paperwork. You will also take your foreign language class.

How many electives will I have freshman year?

You will take PE/Health, which is a requirement to graduate. You will also take your foreign language class.

Can I take PE/Health during the summer of my 8th grade year so I can take an elective such as band, chorus, orchestra?

Yes

When do I pick my classes for the following year?

You will sit down with your counselor and the IB coordinator in the spring to pick your classes.

Can I take classes at Fernbank and be an IB student?

Yes, Fernbank classes are an option in 9th grade.

About the IB DIPLOMA

About CAS...

When are CAS reflections due?

Ideally, CAS experience entries and reflections should be made weekly. A minimum of twice a month makes it really easy to track your progress and to demonstrate your continuous activity of Creativity, Activities, and Service for the required eighteen months.

What if I don't complete my CAS experience requirements?

Not completing CAS means you will not be eligible for the IB Diploma. A total CAS program includes a CAS project, which is an experience you develop, lead, and document over a minimum of four weeks. You must also meet all outcomes over the course of the eighteen months of continuous experiences in CAS.

About the Extended Essay...

When do we start our Extended Essays?

The Extended Essay is a long term research project focused on a subject of your interest. You begin some consideration of subjects and topics during your first semester of the DP. We start developing research questions and begin to seek feedback from some of your content teachers second semester of your junior year. You then have most of the remaining portion of the calendar year to complete your research.

What if I do not complete the Extended Essay?

If you do not complete your Extended Essay, you will not be eligible for the IB diploma.

Who helps me pick my EE supervisor?

You are in control of choosing your EE supervisor. You should choose a staff member who is a content specialist. You also want to choose someone with whom you have a positive working relationship. Be mindful that the work for the EE is voluntary on their behalf, so be considerate and professional during your entire working process.

How many times do I need to meet with my EE supervisor?

As with most components of the IBDP, there is not a specific number of meeting times. You cannot exceed five hours of time with your supervisor, as this is an independent research task. You will likely have one or two check in meetings early, followed by a more formal meeting with agreed upon deliverables. You will likely repeat a similar cycle two more times before you wrap up your work with your supervisor and are left to finish your polished work on your own.

If I do not pass the IB exams, what happens?

The IB courses all have several assessments that contribute to your final score, which is calculated on a 1-7 scale. If your final scores in your IB program do not add up to enough points to earn the Diploma, you will be a "Certificate Graduate." IB courses are most often treated like AP courses, with credit granted for IB grades of 5, 6, or 7. Some colleges give credit for all IB courses at scores of 4 or more. Read up on colleges' policies when you start your college research.

When do IB scores come back?

IB scores are reported the first week of July.

How do I send the IB scores to the college I will be attending?

The IB coordinator will ask you in May, as we approach assessment dates, where you would like to send the scores.

About IB questions...

Who do I contact if I have IB questions?

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