



Abbotsford Senior Secondary School
I.B. Diploma Programme
Admissions Policy
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1. Introduction

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) at Abbotsford Senior Secondary School offers a challenging and internationally recognized curriculum designed to develop well-rounded, critical-thinking students prepared for post-secondary education and global citizenship. We offer students the flexibility to enroll in individual IB courses or pursue the full Diploma Programme (DP), depending on their academic goals and interests. This policy outlines the admissions criteria and procedures for both pathways.

2. Eligibility and Enrollment Options

The IB Diploma Programme and individual IB courses at Abbotsford Senior are open to all students equipped to be successful in BC curriculum high school courses. These classes are not exclusive to the most gifted students but are designed to provide opportunities for a wide range of learners who demonstrate motivation and commitment to their chosen area of study.

During the course selection process in grade 10, students will have the opportunity to apply for either the full IB Diploma Programme or individual IB courses for their grades 11 and 12 years.

- **Full Diploma Programme:** Students who wish to pursue the full IB Diploma Programme must apply during the second semester of their grade 10 year.
- **Single IB Courses:** Any grade 10 student in good academic standing may also opt to enroll in individual IB courses for their grade 11 and 12 years. Single courses are available to students with the necessary prerequisites and a history of consistent attendance.

The full Diploma Programme includes the completion of six courses from the DP curriculum, along with the core requirements of CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service), the Extended Essay, and Theory of Knowledge (TOK). In contrast, students opting for single courses can choose subjects based on their interests.

For more information, including detailed course outlines, visit: [Application | Abbotsford Senior Secondary](#)

Students who are not pursuing the full Diploma Programme but wish to enroll in individual IB courses are encouraged to apply. IB courses are designed to be accessible to all motivated learners and are not limited to the highest academic achievers. While scores of 6 and 7 on the IB's 7-point scale represent outstanding achievement, an average student with a solid work ethic can expect to earn a passing grade of 3-5. Please see our school's IB website for assessment scales.

Students applying for the Diploma or Course option of IB Programme must:

- Meet the required prerequisites for their chosen IB courses.

- Be in have good academic work habits and have a record of consistent attendance.

3. Enrolment

Students who live within the Abbotsford Senior Secondary School catchment may self-select into the IB Programme and do not need to formally apply.

Out of Catchment Students

- **From Other IB World Schools:** Students transferring from another IB World School will have their previous academic work evaluated, and efforts will be made to accommodate their existing coursework within our program offerings.
- **From Non-IB Schools:**
 - Students who live out of catchment must submit an application before Spring Break (see the applicable applications [here](#) for submission details), **with acceptance based on space availability**.
 - There are no minimum course requirements for out of catchment students; however, a meeting with the IB Coordinator and/or administration is required.
 - Out of catchment students will be reviewed each semester and may be returned to their catchment school if they do not meet IB Learner Profile expectations, including attendance and conduct.
 - Out of catchment students will need to reapply every year they are enrolled, but will only have to do the initial interview, unless otherwise requested.
 - Although it is not necessary to take grade 9 or 10 courses for the IB, students are encouraged to join Global Connections courses in grade 9 and/or 10 to benefit fully from the IB philosophy, which is integrated across these courses.
 - Students cannot transfer into Abbotsford Senior's IB programme in grade 12.

4. Timeline

The application process for the IB Programme will follow this general timeline:

- **Application Submission:** Completed applications for the full Diploma Programme must be submitted **before Spring Break**. Students in catchment need to self-select their IB courses of choice during course planning before this time.
- **Interviews:** After submitting applications, students will either be accepted into the Diploma Programme, rejected if they do not meet the criteria, or invited to an interview with the IB Coordinator (**all out of catchment students will be interviewed**). The interview will serve to assess their intent for joining the programme and understanding the rigors of the IB curriculum and will determine their acceptance status. Applicants will be contacted for an interview by the **end of May**.
- **Approval:** Applicants will be notified as to whether their application has been approved by the **end of June**. If applicants are not notified by June, final acceptance decisions will be communicated by the end of August or early September.

5. Fees

As of September 2024 all students enrolled in IB courses in grade 11 will be assessed the following programme fee:

- \$150 if enrolled in one (1) course
- \$300 if enrolled in two (2) courses
- \$450 if enrolled in three (3) or more courses

These fees will be added to School Cash and are to be paid by September 16 of the student's grade 11 year.

For financial assistance, please contact the school's Principal.

6. Policy Review

This admissions policy will be reviewed and updated regularly to reflect changes in the IB Programme, school needs, and educational regulations. A review committee will be established, including representatives from the Abbotsford School District, Abbotsford Senior Administration staff, parents, and other key stakeholders. Updates to the policy will be made available on the school website and in the office of the IB Guidance Counselor.