

IB Diploma Programme
Recognition policy summary definitions

Policy survey phrase	Definition
Total minimum IB diploma score needed for admission	(CANADA ONLY) Refers to the total score of points on an IB diploma. The IB requires a minimum of 24 points to award the diploma and certain conditions must also be met. Some educational institutions or faculties may require more than 24 points for admissions purposes.
IB diploma accepted as a “credential” for admission *	(CANADA ONLY) Students may qualify for admission simply because they have completed the requirements of the IB diploma.
Early admission offered to IB diploma holders /candidates *	IB diploma students are offered admission in advance of the general pool of applicants.
2nd year status upon admission for IB diploma holders *	Students are admitted with second year standing, having been awarded sufficient credit or placement to enter year two of a two to four-year post-secondary school program.
TOK and EE additional points included in admissions decisions	The assessment scheme of the IB Diploma provides for a maximum of three additional points to recognize the level of achievement on the work submitted for assessment in the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) class and the Extended Essay (EE). These points are “in addition” to the points received for the six subjects studied. These additional points are only available to diploma students and are marks achieved for required work.
Anticipated and/or predicted grades accepted or may be considered	If ONLY final high school grades are considered, then anticipated or predicted grades are not accepted for consideration. Many post-secondary institutions will accept anticipated or predicted IB grades for admission purposes.
Credit and/or placement awarded on a course-by-course basis	<p>“Credit” implies that students will not have to take a similar college or university course and can move on to a second year course in the same subject area. These credit hours may apply toward a diploma or degree.</p> <p>“Placement” implies registration of students into a college or university course beyond introductory or first year, but credit hours are not awarded. If yes to this category, credit and/or placement for university courses are made available for the successful completion of IB courses (whether SL, HL or both).</p>
Minimum score for HL course-by-course credit	Students can receive a score of 1 (poor or elementary) to 7 (excellent) for each subject studied. Universities and colleges typically expect individual HL subject scores to be a minimum of 4 (satisfactory) or sometimes 5 (good) for credit considerations.

<p>Specific credit or placement awarded for TOK</p>	<p>If successful completion of the TOK component results in 1st year credit for philosophy (for example), then credit is awarded for TOK. If the student has the option to skip a 1st year course and take a 2nd year course (such as philosophy), then placement is awarded for TOK.</p>
<p>Credit and/or placement may be awarded for one or more SL courses *</p>	<p>“Credit” implies that students will not have to take a similar college or university course and can move on to a second year course in the same subject area. These credit hours apply toward a diploma or degree. If only HL courses are eligible for credit, then credit is not awarded for SL courses. <i>An exemplary policy would provide recognition for the SL courses that form a part of the Diploma. Diploma students would thus be given some recognition for their commitment to the entire programme.</i></p> <p>“Placement” implies registration of students into a college or university course beyond introductory or first year. If only HL courses are eligible for placement, then placement is not offered for SL courses. <i>An exemplary policy would provide recognition for the SL courses that form a part of the Diploma. Diploma students would thus be given some recognition for their commitment to the entire programme.</i></p>
<p>Student has the option to forego credit</p>	<p>An IB student can take equivalent post-secondary courses for credit.</p>
<p>Scholarship available specifically for IB students *</p>	<p>Particular scholarships are targeted for IB students. Amount of scholarship may or may not be based on IB scores and points.</p>
<p>Access to honors program for IB diploma holders *</p>	<p>(US ONLY) Your institution has a policy that encourages IB diploma holders to participate in an honors program. If your institution does not have a policy in this regard, or does not have an honors program then disregard this item.</p>
<p>Other benefits / considerations for IB diploma holders *</p> <p>(may include anything listed to the right)</p>	<p>Early registration offered: IB diploma holders are eligible to register for courses in advance of other students.</p> <p>Enhanced access to student housing / parking: If all students have the same access to student housing (no preferential treatment for IB students), then IB students do not have enhanced access.</p> <p>Dedicated advisors available: An institution has one or more staff with intimate knowledge of the IB programme that can act as advisors for IB diploma holders.</p>
<p>Certificates</p>	<p>The category “certificates” was removed as of March 2011. The information is still captured under the column “credit and/or placement awarded on course-by-course basis”, and therefore, eliminating the certificates column helps reduce redundancy.</p>

TOK = theory of knowledge EE = extended essay HL = higher level SL = standard level

* **Conditions may apply** - such as scores of x amount, applicable to HL courses only, must take a placement exam, etc. Students should contact the college or university for more information.

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