

The IB Philosophy

The IB Program is a rigorous course of study designed to meet the needs of highly motivated high school students.

Today the IB Program is of even greater significance, given our existence in a progressively diverse society where processing knowledge is on the rise. It is essential, therefore, that academic training provide students with the skills and opportunities that will enable them to succeed in the competitive global economy paired with an appreciation and understanding of cultural diversity.

The Benefit

Texas high school seniors earning the IB Diploma with scores of four or better are awarded a total of 24 semester credit hours at any Texas public university.

Many highly reputed colleges and universities recognize IB graduates in the college admissions process and grant college credit on a per-class basis.

Our Recommendation

For maximum success in the program, it is recommended that students be enrolled in Algebra I in 8th grade and Pre-AP courses in grades 6-10.

Students may participate in the IB Program at Rockwall High School or Rockwall-Heath High School in grades 11 and 12.

The Program

Students in the program will learn how to analyze information and how to reach considered conclusions about people and their cultures.

IB's wide range of subjects meets diverse student needs and interests. The IB curriculum is comprised of six areas of study. Candidates must select one subject from each of the six areas.

Group 1: Language A1

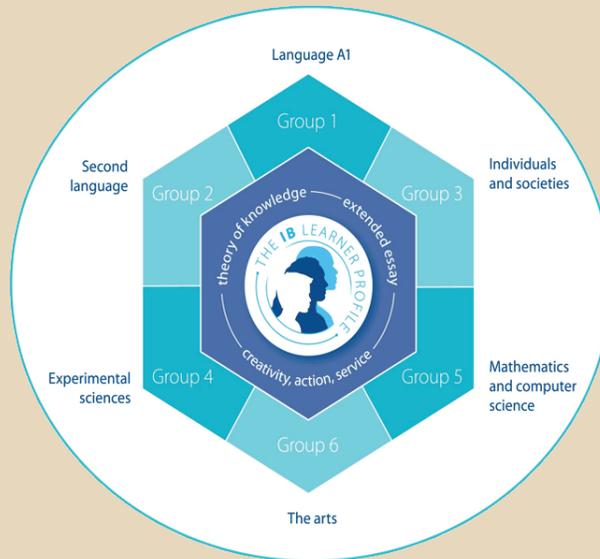
Group 2: Second Language

Group 3: Individuals and Societies

Group 4: Experimental Sciences

Group 5: Mathematics and Computer Science

Group 6: The Arts and Electives



The Curriculum

Of the six areas of study, candidates must select three subjects to be studied and tested at the Higher Level (HL); the remaining three subjects will be studied and tested at the Standard Level (SL).

Higher Level exams cover subjects in greater depth; Standard Level exams explore a range of topics within a given subject.

In addition to completing courses in each of the six subject areas, candidates must also:

- Complete a course in **Theory of Knowledge** and take the required assessment.
- Complete approved extracurricular activities that meet eight learning outcomes in the areas of **Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS)**.
- Complete a 4000-word **Extended Essay** and submit for assessment.

Theory of Knowledge

This requirement is designed to encourage candidates to reflect on the nature of knowledge by critically examining different ways of knowing and different kinds of knowledge.

Creativity, Action, Service (CAS)

CAS requires students to learn from the experience of participating in real tasks outside of the classroom.

A system of self-evaluation encourages students to reflect on the benefits of CAS participation to themselves and to others, and to evaluate required understanding and insights.

Extended Essay

This requirement acquaints diploma candidates with the kind of independent research and writing skills expected by universities.

“Life in the 21st century, in an interconnected globalized world, requires critical-thinking skills and a sense of international-mindedness, something that **IB Program** students learn to know and understand.”

International Baccalaureate North America

The IB Learner Profile

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela

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Rockwall ISD International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program

The Rockwall ISD IB Diploma Program is a rigorous course of study designed to develop the intellectual, personal, emotional, and social skills of highly motivated high school students, while promoting international awareness.

