**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME**

**FACT SHEET**

**FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

Shaker Heights High School offers the IB Diploma Programme to juniors and seniors. IB is a rigorous, advanced, liberal arts curriculum in which students complete community service, academic coursework, and assessments, over a two year period, in six subjects; English, Mathematics, Science, History/Social Science, World Language, and the arts or an approved IB elective (a second World Language, a second Science, or a second History/Social Science).

Students can earn a Shaker IB Medallion by completing three IB courses and the IB CAS requirements or enroll in individual IB Diploma courses as well.

**2-year IB Diploma Programme students will:**

* Study six subjects from the curriculum model below
* Study three subjects at the Higher Level (HL) & three subjects at the Standard Level (SL)
* Write a piece of independent scholarship in a subject area of interest (the Extended Essay)
* Complete the Theory of Knowledge course which connects all of the subjects called
* Participate in Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS)
* Demonstrate ethical behavior in all areas of academics

**Group 1**

**Language A:**

English Literature

**Group 3**

**Individuals and Society**:

History

Economics

**Group 2**

**World Language**:

French

German

Latin

Mandarin

Spanish, *Ab Initio*

*German Ab Initio*

Theory of Knowledge

Extended Essay

Creativity, Action, Service (CAS)

**Group 4**

**Science**:

Chemistry

Environmental Systems and Societies

Physics

**Group 5**

**Mathematics:**

SL or HL Level

**Group 6**

**Arts or IB Elective**:

Visual Art

Digital Art

Music

**or second selection from**

**Group 2, 3, or 4**

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| **Are you an IB Diploma student?****Do you aspire to the following? Do the following traits already describe you?** |
| * Curious to develop a global perspective
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| * Enjoy learning
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| * A thinker, inside and outside the box
 |
| * Ability to write or willingness to develop writing skills
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| * Self-motivated and driven to succeed
 |
| * Works well with teachers
 |
| * Interested in an activity in or out of school
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| * Willingness to learn in subjects that offer a challenge
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| * Able to manage time effectively or aspire to acquire this skill
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| * Not scared of hard work & have had previous academic success in a Honors or AP class
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**Why do IB?**

**The IB…**

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|  | is flexible and wide-ranging. The Programme meets a wide variety of student needs and interests. |
| 2. | encourages independence as a learner. Students select their Extended Essay topics according to their interests. |
| 3. | is not just about academic achievement but also about personal growth. |
| 4. | offers depth and breadth in the curriculum. |
| 5. | is excellent preparation for university. |
| 6. | students are more successful and engaged in higher education than their peers. |
| 7. | Is an advantage in college admissions, grants of college credit, and scholarships. |
| 8. | is a mark of excellence and growing enterprise especially in the US. |
| 9. | expands the mind. |

**Come and learn more about the IB Diploma or IB Diploma courses. Join us for one or more of the following events**

***IB Information Sessions for Prospective Students and Parents***

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| **October 24, 2014** | **12 PM – 1 PM** | ***Small Auditorium SHHS*** |
| **October 30, 2014** | **7 PM – 8:30 PM** | ***Small Auditorium SHHS*** |
| **January 8; 2015** | **7 PM – 8:30 PM** | ***Small Auditorium SHHS*** |
| **January 10, 2015** | **9:30 AM – 11:00 AM** | ***Small Auditorium SHHS*** |
| **January 27, 2015** | **7 PM – 8:30 PM** | ***Small Auditorium SHHS*** |
| **February 3, 2015** | **3:15 PM – 4:15 PM** | ***IB Tea for Students – Small Auditorium SHHS*** |

**Or visit our website at** <http://www.shaker.org/internationalbaccalaureate4999.aspx>

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