

## A World of Opportunities

“The IB Diploma Programme is a good fit for students who are highly motivated, naturally inquisitive, open-minded, and willing to take risks in the pursuit of knowledge.”

Tim Mitchell  
IB Diploma Programme Coordinator



“One of the advantages of the IB curriculum is its structure and quality. It is well established, well known, and well respected. We know the quality of IB courses, and we think the IB curriculum is terrific.”

Christoph Guttentag  
Director of Undergraduate Admissions  
Duke University



“IB pushes me to take the initiative to learn and understand on a deeper level, a level I think will better prepare me for performing in the real world. I am learning to write, research, interpret, and understand the world in ways that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.”

Hannah McCandless, Class of '12



## International Baccalaureate Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments, and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

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## International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

# Shaker Heights High School

An International Baccalaureate World School 



principled  
open-minded knowledgeable  
inquirers balanced  
thinkers.  
risk-takers caring  
reflective communicators

## A Passport to Higher Learning

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a highly regarded, comprehensive, and rigorous two-year curriculum available as an elective to juniors and seniors at Shaker Heights High School. This international program is designed to provide students with the analytical, critical reflection, problem solving, and communication skills essential to prepare them for the challenges they will face in the 21st century.

## Recognized Success

An IB Diploma is a mark of distinction. Because the program is highly regarded by universities throughout the world, IB Diploma candidates are at an advantage in the college admissions process both in the United States and abroad. Successfully completed IB coursework can also earn students credit at colleges and universities around the world.

## A Liberal Arts Education

To earn an IB Diploma, students must enroll in liberal arts courses across six subject areas: English, a second world language, history, science, mathematics, and the fine arts. Candidates must also complete Theory of Knowledge, a course that encourages students to make connections across all academic areas.

In addition, diploma candidates conduct an independent, scholarly research project on a topic of interest to the student, culminating in an Extended Essay of up to 4,000 words.

IB Diploma students are also expected to fulfill a Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) requirement, which involves students in a range of artistic, physical, and community service activities.

## Rise to the Challenge

Shaker Heights High School offers open enrollment in the IB Diploma Programme, as well as all other courses of study. Students are encouraged to pursue the highest level of instruction matching their motivation, interest, and previous learning.

Some IB courses are taught concurrently with Advanced Placement courses at the High School, taking advantage of the natural synergy between these two rigorous courses of study.

Students not pursuing the IB Diploma may enroll in individual IB courses (with the exception of Theory of Knowledge) in order to earn an IB Certificate and potentially qualify for college credit. Course fees and assessments will apply, and seats may be limited.

## To Learn More

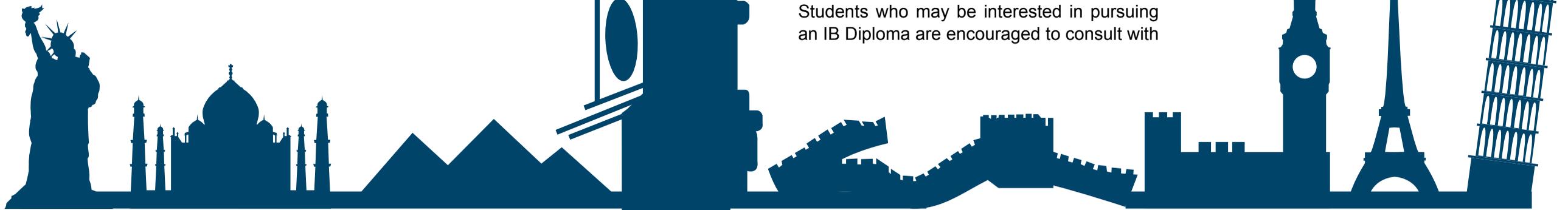
Students who may be interested in pursuing an IB Diploma are encouraged to consult with

their family members, guidance counselor, teachers, and the IB Diploma Programme Coordinator:

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General information about the International Baccalaureate Programme can be found at [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org). Details about courses, enrollment guidelines, and associated program fees can also be found in the following locations:

- Shaker Heights High School Course Catalog and Program Planning Guide (available from the Guidance Office and online at [shaker.org/programplanningguide.aspx](http://shaker.org/programplanningguide.aspx))
- Shaker Heights International Baccalaureate information center, [shaker.org/ib](http://shaker.org/ib)



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