

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

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The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program was founded in 1965 to provide a rigorous well-rounded education for students through-out the world so they would qualify for university study no matter where they had pursued their high school education. The IB Diploma Program, therefore, has a common, broad curriculum that is assessed by internationally developed and graded oral and written examinations. The IB Diploma Program is unique in that it provides a liberal arts, interdisciplinary education leading to a diploma which is recognized throughout the world. The curriculum is based on the topics and goals identified by the curriculum board of the International Baccalaureate in Cardiff, Wales.

The requirements for an IB diploma include course work and passing scores on examinations in English, a foreign language, mathematics, experimental science, social studies, and one elective; completion of a course entitled Theory of Knowledge, a 4,000-word extended essay, and 150 hours of CAS (creativity, action, and service). B-CC's IB Diploma program maintains an open admissions policy.

BCC's IB Program strives to:

- Create a challenging academic program
- Emphasize "formation" rather than "information" -- teach thinking, not memorization
- Help to lay a foundation for a lifetime of learning
- Foster high standards of personal development and a mature sense of responsibility
- Value and nurture diversity
- Provide many opportunities to develop talents in leadership, communications, performing arts, athletics, and other abilities

B-CC's IB Test Data

Class of 2010

Diploma Candidates	91
Anticipated Candidates	81
Certificate Candidates	210
Exams Taken	957

Class of 2011:

Diploma Candidates	75
Anticipated Candidates	83
Certificate Candidates	240
Examinations taken	658 *

Class of 2012

Diploma Candidates	80
Anticipated Candidates	75
Certificate Candidates	400
Exams Taken	904

*Please note TOK and Extended Essay are no longer counted