



What Is an IB Education?



The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a global education framework that sets a clear philosophy and approach to teaching and learning, maintaining rigorous benchmarks while allowing schools to design content suited to their local context and culture.

IB programmes help students make sense of a complex, global world by developing critical thinking, interdisciplinary learning, and an appreciation of diverse cultures and perspectives.

How the IB Shapes Your Child's Learning and Growth

- **Global mindset:** Children learn about themselves and others, and our shared responsibility for the planet.
- **Strong character & habits:** IB learners are curious, thoughtful, kind, open-minded, and reflective, always growing and learning from the world around them.
- **Connected learning:** Big ideas link subjects to real-world issues.
- **Skills for life:** Students develop key skills, including inquiry, collaboration, research, communication, critical thinking, and self-management.

Outcome: Beyond grades, IB students take thoughtful action and contribute to a more sustainable, compassionate world.

The IB offers four programmes for students ages 3-19:

- **Primary Years Programme (PYP):** Preschool 3s to Grade 5
- **Middle Years Programme (MYP):** Grade 6 to Grade 10
- **Diploma Programme (DP):** Grade 11 to Grade 12
- **Career-related Programme (CP):** Grade 11 to Grade 12

Together, these programs form a seamless, holistic “continuum” of education that supports students as lifelong learners. **Dwight School Hanoi** is an IB Continuum School, authorized to offer three programmes: the PYP, MYP, and DP.



What does an IB school look like?

- **Learner-first:** Teaching is caring, ethical, and tailored to each child.
- **How we learn:** Students ask questions, reflect often, and use feedback to improve.
- **World focus:** Lessons draw on languages, local and global cultures, and global issues.
- **What we learn:** A broad, balanced curriculum built on big ideas that connect subjects.

What is the is Diploma Programme?

The Diploma Programme (DP) is the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme for students in the final two years of high school. It is a challenging, well-respected pathway that prepares students for university success and nurtures lifelong learning habits.

Students who earn the IB Diploma can apply to universities all over the world and are often considered for advanced credit, advanced standing, or scholarships. Many former IB students say the programme helped them feel well-prepared for university, particularly in:

- Managing their time and workload
- Conducting independent research
- Speaking and writing with confidence
- Thinking critically about global issues
- Understanding their responsibility to the world around them



What Do DP Students Study?



DP students study six subjects over two years, giving them both breadth and depth. They choose one subject from each of below five groups, ensuring a holistic education:

- Language and Literature
- Language Acquisition
- Individuals and Societies (e.g., History, Economics, Psychology)
- Sciences
- Mathematics

For their sixth subject, students choose either:

- The Arts (e.g., Visual Arts, Music, Film, Theatre), or
- A second subject from one of the five groups listed above

Each subject is taken at either:

- Higher Level (HL) - 240 hours of in-depth study
- Standard Level (SL) - 150 hours of study

Students complete three subjects at HL, or more at the school's discretion, and take the remainder at SL. This allows them to dive deeper into subjects they may pursue at university while maintaining a well-rounded education.

The Core of the DP

In addition to their six subjects, all DP students complete three core components:

1. Theory of Knowledge (TOK): TOK helps students think about how they know what they know. It reinforces the IB mission to develop students "who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right".

- Extended Essay (EE): The EE is a 4,000-word research project on a topic of the student's choice. With teacher guidance, they learn to research, plan, and write like university students. Students can write an Interdisciplinary Extended Essay, approaching a topic from two subject perspectives.
- Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS): CAS engages students beyond the classroom through creative pursuits, sports and activity, and community service. It develops balanced, caring, and active young people.

To earn the IB Diploma, students must complete all programme requirements and score at least **24 out of 45 possible points** in their final assessments, which are externally marked and checked by the IB to ensure global standards.



10 Ways the IB Diploma



Prepares

Students for University Success

1



It increases academic opportunity

Research* shows that students who complete the IB Diploma are much more likely to attend top universities than students with many other qualifications.

2



IB students aim beyond grades

Through Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), students learn outside the classroom and grow not only academically, but also emotionally, socially, and in their sense of responsibility to others.

3



It encourages students to become more confident independent learners

For example, the extended essay requires independent research through an in-depth study.

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The DP fosters strong critical-thinking skills.

Students learn how to analyze and evaluate issues, generate ideas and consider new perspectives.

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Graduates are globally minded

Language classes encourage an international mindset, key for increasingly globalized societies.

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It is an internationally recognized qualification.

The DP is recognized globally by universities and employers.

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DP students have proven time management skills

Students develop strong study habits and time-management skills that you can carry into university and the working world.

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Subjects are not in isolation

Theory of knowledge (TOK) classes encourage you to make connections between subjects.

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It encourages breadth and depth of learning

You are able to choose courses from six subject groups and study subjects at different levels.

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It assesses more than just examination technique

Learn to understand, not just memorize facts or topics and prepare for exams.

*Based on IB research - www.ibo.org/research

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How Dwight School Hanoi supports the IB DP

WE EXPAND ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

Dwight School Hanoi offers outstanding arts and innovation facilities for students pursuing creative or traditional academic pathways. Specialist spaces for visual arts, design, music, drama, filmmaking and robotics allow students to build strong, authentic portfolios that reflect who they are.

WE BRING DEEP IB EXPERIENCE

The DP is recognized globally by universities and employers, and at Dwight School Hanoi it is strengthened by the school's longstanding IB heritage. Dwight School New York was among the first schools in the Americas to offer the full IB continuum, and every school in the Dwight network delivers an IB education. Working within an international network of IB schools gives our teachers the opportunity to work with peers across other Dwight campuses. Through this collaboration, they share and uphold global best practices. Families join a well-established, highly-respected IB learning community.

WE GUIDE STUDENTS TO BEST-FIT UNIVERSITIES

Beginning in Grade 9, a dedicated University Guidance & Career Planning program supports students in choosing the right subjects, building strong portfolios, and preparing their university applications. Students benefit from early, consistent guidance, backed by Dwight's global network of experienced university counsellors.



WE LIVE INTERNATIONAL MINDEDNESS

Through our signature travel program, Dwight Destinations, students visit other Dwight campuses to work on shared projects and cultural experiences. We don't just teach international-mindedness in the DP, we live it. These exchanges deepen empathy, intercultural understanding, and a real sense of belonging to a global community, helping students grow into open-minded, compassionate leaders ready to make a difference anywhere.

WE DEVELOP MORE THAN GRADES

Through Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), Dwight School Hanoi students learn beyond the classroom and grow academically, emotionally, and socially. Student leaders identify local causes they care about, design their own projects, and make key decisions about how they want to contribute. Teachers mentor and guide students, ensuring CAS remains meaningful, safe, and grounded in student choice.



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