



# Introducing the International Baccalaureate Program at Spring Lake High School

Spring Lake High School has been accepted as an IB World school now offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. The IB Diploma Program (DP) is an academically challenging and balanced program of education that prepares students for success at university and life beyond. It has been designed to address the intellectual, social, emotional and physical well-being of students. The program has gained recognition and respect from the world's leading universities.



The Diploma Program is based on the best educational practices of countries around the world. The curriculum is divided into six required areas of study:

- Group 1: Literature
- Group 2: Foreign Language
- Group 3: Individuals and Societies
- Group 4: Experimental Sciences
- Group 5: Mathematics
- Group 6: Fine Arts (or, if the student prefers, a second course from groups 2, 3, or 4)

All Diploma candidates must complete at least three Higher Level courses and three Standard-Level courses during the junior and senior years. In addition to the IB course work, IB Diploma candidates complete three additional components of the program:

- **Theory of Knowledge:** a two trimester, interdisciplinary course that explores the nature of knowledge across disciplines and encourages an appreciation of other cultural perspectives.
- **Extended Essay:** Candidates research a topic of their choice within one of the six IB subject groups and prepare a 4,000 word essay. It is intended to promote high-level research and writing skills, intellectual discovery and creativity.
- **Creativity, Action, Service (CAS):** Encourages students to be involved in activities as individuals and as part of a team that take place in local, national and international contexts. This component enables students to enhance their personal and interpersonal development

## International Baccalaureate Learner Profile

IB learners strive to be:

Inquirers

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Communicators

Principled

Open-Minded

Caring

Risk-Takers

Balanced

Reflective

### IB 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 programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.*

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

## Spring Lake High School will offer the following IB courses:

- Group 1: Language: Literature (HL)
- Group 2: Spanish (HL)
- Group 3: History of the Americas (HL), Psychology (SL)
- Group 4: Biology (HL), Chemistry (SL)
- Group 5: Math Studies (SL), Mathematics (SL)
- Group 6: Visual Arts (SL), Music (SL)

### Exam Costs

2015-2016 School Year

Registration Fee..... \$164.00

Subject Fee.....\$113.00 per exam

***SLHS will pay the registration fee for a diploma program candidate***

### Assessment

Students take written examinations at the end of the program, which are marked by external IB examiners. Students also complete assessment tasks in the school, which are either initially marked by teachers and then moderated by external moderators or sent directly to external examiners.

The marks awarded for each course range from 1 (lowest) to 7 (highest). Students can also be awarded up to three additional points for their combined results on theory of knowledge and the extended essay. The diploma is awarded to students who gain at least 24 points. The highest total that can be awarded is 45 points.

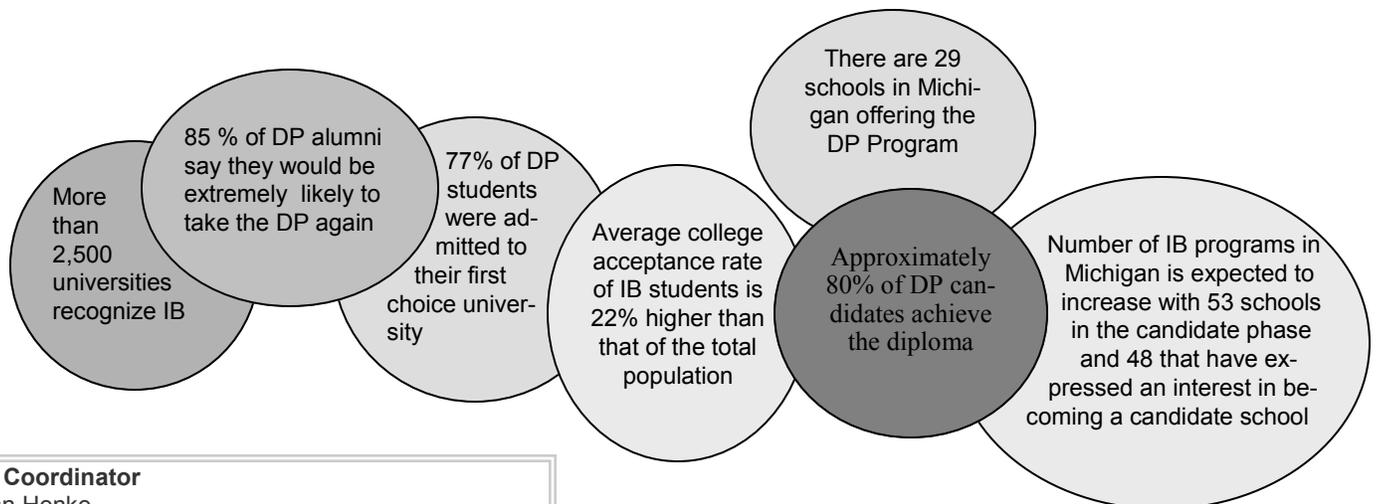
### Diploma Candidate vs Course Candidate

A student who chooses not to enroll in the full DP is eligible to take IB courses as a "course candidate". Along with full DP program candidates, course candidates have the opportunity to earn college credit for their coursework. For a listing of colleges/universities recognition policies, go to:

<http://www.ibo.org/recognition/university/>

### Enrollment Requirements

Any student who is willing to work hard in the pursuit of the IB diploma should be given a chance to do so. Therefore, there are no entry test or minimum GPA requirements. However, students are encouraged to meet with the IB coordinator to see if the diploma program is right for them.



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For more information, visit the IB website at [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

