

## **Weber High Mission Statement**

Weber High School will establish a supportive learning community which fosters creativity, encourages curiosity, and promotes critical thinking. Weber will create a challenging learning environment that encourages effective communication, life-long learning, and compassion that prepares students to serve in a global community.

## **General Information**

Weber High School is a candidate school\* for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to a high quality, challenging, international education that Weber High School believes is important for our students.

The IB Program is an internationally recognized academic program that offers a superior preparation for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade college-bound students, as well as the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school.

This program is extremely rigorous. A student enrolled in the IB program (also known as diploma candidates) can expect to complete an average of 2-4 hours of homework a night, totaling a weekly average of 15 hours. Choosing to enroll in the IB program is a serious commitment.

The IB program is interdisciplinary. Meaning that a diploma candidate must enroll in IB courses in all 6 major subject areas. This includes: English, Foreign Language, Social Studies, Science, Math, and the Arts. Students must choose 3 subjects to study at Higher Level (HL) and 3 subjects to study at Standard Level (SL). The first year of the program, students enrolling MUST take English and History at HL and Spanish at SL. They can choose their third HL course.

IB Diplomas are to be granted in addition to a Weber High School diploma, if they are earned by passing all coursework and exams in these 6 subjects. In addition to the 6 subjects, the IB program requires an additional Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, a 3000-4000 word research based Extended Essay (EE) and a community service (CAS) component.

The IB program is an international program, so all of the program's components emphasize learning about and respecting different cultures and sharing in a common global community. Within and outside of these courses, Weber High School IB students will be involved in broadening their horizons and becoming more aware of the world around them.

The benefits of the IB program are tremendous. A student that successfully completes the diploma program can earn up to 30 college credits. Colleges do vary in the amount of IB credit they accept and they also vary in the type of credit that students can earn (subject specific or elective). Check out schools that you are interested in attending by visiting their websites.

If you (or your child) is up for a challenging opportunity please come to one of our informational meetings to learn more about our program. The earlier you start thinking about IB, the better prepared you will be to start the program.

## **Frequently Asked Questions** **Is the IB program only for "Gifted" students?**

No. Although it never hurts to be brilliant, all students who love to learn, are self-motivated, and enjoy an academic challenge should consider the program.

## **Can I fit all of my extra-curricular activities into an IB schedule?**

This can be an issue for many IB students which is why many high-achieving students may prefer not to enter the program. A diploma candidate must select most of their schedule from the IB course list and although you will have opportunities for additional electives, they will be somewhat limited.

Options to help students who want to be involved in multiple activities/courses/clubs include early morning seminary, taking some senior year graduation requirements as a sophomore, and taking courses online.

## **Are there any prerequisites to the IB program?**

Although students coming from honors classes will have a clear advantage in the program, there are no requirements to have taken honors courses. The only requirement is that students MUST be able to complete Spanish 2 by their sophomore year. We also highly suggest that students interested in IB take an AP course either in their 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade year.

## **This program seems limited. Are you planning on offering any additional classes?**

Yes. We are starting off small by meeting all of the IB requirements but we need to build the program before we can start adding any future courses. Prospective course options may include German Ab Initio, Art History,

Music, Business, Psychology, Physics, and Sports & Exercise Science.

**What is CAS?**

CAS stands for Creativity, Action, and Service and is a requirement for the IB Diploma program. Students must complete 150 hours where you volunteer, perform, or compete.

**What is EE?**

EE stands for Extended Essay. This is a 3000-4000 word research paper that students must complete in order to receive the IB Diploma. Students will start working on this in the fall of the junior year and complete the essay by winter of their senior year. Each student will be assigned a supervisor/mentor to guide you through the EE process.

**How much does the IB program cost\*?**

Currently the IB program costs students a \$168 registration fee and \$116 per subject for a total of \$864.

\*Fees are subject to increase by IB.

**What if I drop out of the program?**

Students may want to drop of the IB diploma program for several reasons. Students must realize that you cannot just drop one IB course, you will be dropping the entire program because you will no longer be eligible for the IB diploma. This is why we want you to consider this program very carefully and understand the commitment before enrolling.

If a student drops out of the IB program they will NOT be refunded the registration fee and they will only be refunded for tests that haven't already been paid for.

**I'm Interested! What's next?**

You must communicate with your high school guidance counselor that you are interested in the IB Program. In order for students to have room to complete the entire IB diploma program it is crucial that students sign up for the right classes starting their sophomore year. We recommend that every 10<sup>th</sup> grade student takes English 10, Spanish, Math 2H, Science, Health/Fit for Life, a CTE Elective, and Government/Financial Lit. Please look at the sample schedules below:

Weber High Sample Schedule: The Average IB Student

	10 <sup>th</sup> grade	11 <sup>th</sup> grade	12 <sup>th</sup> grade
P1	English 10 Honors	IB Lang and Lit HL (AP Lang)	IB Lang and Lit HL (AP Lit)
P2	US Government/Financial Lit	IB American History HL (AP History)	IB 20 <sup>th</sup> Century History HL
P3	Spanish 2	IB Spanish B SL	IB Spanish B SL
P4	Chemistry	IB Biology HL	IB Biology HL (AP Biology)
P5	Secondary Math 2 Honors	IB Math SL (Secondary Math 3H)	IB Math SL
P6	Theatre 1/ Theatre 2	IB Theatre SL	CTE Elective
P7	Fit for Life/Health	The Core – TOK, CAS, EE	The Core – TOK, CAS, EE
P8	Parent Release (elective)	Parent Release (elective)	Parent Release (elective)
Flex	Study Hall	Study hall	Study hall

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P1	English 10 Honors	IB Lang and Lit HL (AP Lang)	IB Lang and Lit HL (AP Lit)
P2	US Government/Financial Lit	IB American History HL (AP History)	IB 20 <sup>th</sup> Century History HL
P3	Spanish 2	IB Spanish B SL	IB Spanish B SL
P4	AP Biology	IB Chemistry HL (AP Chemistry)	IB Chemistry HL
P5	Secondary Math 2 Honors	IB Math SL (Secondary Math 3H)	IB Math SL
P6	Theatre 1/ Theatre 2	IB Theatre SL	AP Statistics or AP Physics (elective)
P7	Fit for Life/Health	The Core – TOK, CAS, EE	The Core – TOK, CAS, EE
P8	Parent Release (elective)	Parent Release (elective)	Parent Release (elective)
Flex	CTE Elective	Study hall	Study hall

Weber High Sample Schedule: The IB Art Student

	10 <sup>th</sup> grade	11 <sup>th</sup> grade	12 <sup>th</sup> grade
P1	English 10 Honors	IB Lang and Lit HL (AP Lang)	IB Lang and Lit HL (AP Lit)
P2	US Government/Financial Lit	IB American History HL (AP History)	IB 20 <sup>th</sup> Century History HL
P3	Spanish 2	IB Spanish B SL	IB Spanish SL
P4	Astronomy	IB Biology SL	IB Biology SL
P5	Secondary Math 2 Honors	IB Math SL (Secondary Math 3H)	IB Math SL
P6	Photo 1/2	IB Visual Arts HL (Art 1/2)	IB Visual Arts HL (AP Art)
P7	Fit for Life/Health	The Core – TOK, CAS, EE	The Core – TOK, CAS, EE
P8	Parent Release (elective)	Parent Release (elective)	Parent Release (elective)
Flex	Study Hall	IB Biology lab/Study hall	Study hall

Applications for the IB Diploma Program will be due in January of 2018. Please see our IB Coordinator, Mrs. Kloempken, for more information.

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\*First graduating class will be spring of 2020.

