

# *Advanced Placement & International Baccalaureate Diploma Program*

## Attributes of Each Program

### Advanced Placement (AP)

1. One semester and full year courses taken in grades 10 through 12.
2. Exams evaluated by qualified US instructors.
3. AP students are recognized globally as indicated by their test scores.
4. Students take rigorous courses that adhere to a prescribed and globally recognized course of study and elect to take exams based on interest and achievement.
5. Cost is about \$90.00 per exam.
6. AP scores determined by College Board administered at the end of the course.
7. Recognized currently by most US colleges and universities with credit awarded variably by department policy within the colleges, and by 275 colleges and universities world wide.
8. AP courses are open to some 10th grades and all 11th and 12th graders.

### International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP)

1. A full Diploma Program requiring 6 academic courses connected with an international focus.
2. Combination of 1-year and 2-year courses taken in grades 11 and 12.
3. College credit awarded based on IB diploma or individual exams.
4. Exams, essays, lab reports, and orals evaluated by qualified international instructors.
5. Students compete globally (80+ nations, worldwide.)
6. Students complete 6 academic courses plus a 100-hour Theory of Knowledge course (TOK), write a 4,000 word extended essay, and complete a minimum of 150 hours community Action Services (CAS). Students are required to take exams in all 6 areas.
7. Cost is about \$800 for 6 exams, the grading of extended essay, and Theory of Knowledge (TOK).
8. IB scores based on internal assessments administered throughout the course, combined with scores on an IB exam administered at the end of the course.
9. Recognized currently by 900 major universities nationwide and by most universities world wide. 95% of the colleges IB graduates attend give credit for IB courses.
10. All subject exams administered in English, French, and Spanish.
11. IBDP students may take AP courses as schedule allows.
12. IBDP is open to students who have earned an IB Middle Year Program certificate.

