

The Pre-IB and IB Diploma Programs at Halifax West



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- The Grade 10 Pre-IB and Grade 11-12 IB Diploma are different programs
 - **Grade 9 students are only committing to the one year Pre-IB program**
 - Students do not make a decision about entering the IB Diploma program until February of Grade 10



Grade 10 Pre-IB Courses

- Same basic curriculum as the regular program (Pre-IB students write the same provincial exam as Math 10 and English 10 students)
- Move at a faster pace
- Enriched with skills needed to be successful in the IB Diploma program: research, writing, critical thinking



The selection of courses in the Pre-IB program is very similar to the regular program

Regular Program

- English 10
- Science 10
- Math 10
- PAL 11 or Yoga 11
- Fine Arts
- Elective
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Pre-IB Program

- Pre-IB English 10
- Pre-IB Science 10
- Pre-IB Math 10
- PAL11 or Yoga 11 or Fine Arts
- Pre-IB History 10
- Pre-IB French 10
- Elective



The selection of courses in the Pre-IB program is very similar to the regular French Immersion program

Regular Immersion Program

- English 10
- sciences 10I
- Math 10
- français 10I
- mode de vie actif 11I
- biologie 11I or arts dramatiques 10I
- Elective

Pre-IB Immersion Program

- Pre-IB English 10
- Pre-IB sciences 10I
- Pre-IB Math 10
- Pre-IB français 10I
- Pre-IB histoire 10I
- arts dramatiques 10I or mode de vie actif 11I or biologie 11I
- Elective



Pre-IB Electives

- If students are planning on doing science in university and they would like to do all three sciences (biology, chemistry and physics) in high school they should choose their least favourite science as an elective in Grade 10
- For example, a student could do IB Biology and IB Chemistry and take Nova Scotia Physics 11 in Grade 10 and Physics 12 in Grade 11
- Universities do not require all three sciences



Students who complete the Grade 10 Pre-IB year are well prepared:

- to enter the IB Diploma in Grade 11

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- to continue on to Grade 11 in the regular PSP program



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- If you are “on the fence” take the Pre-IB program



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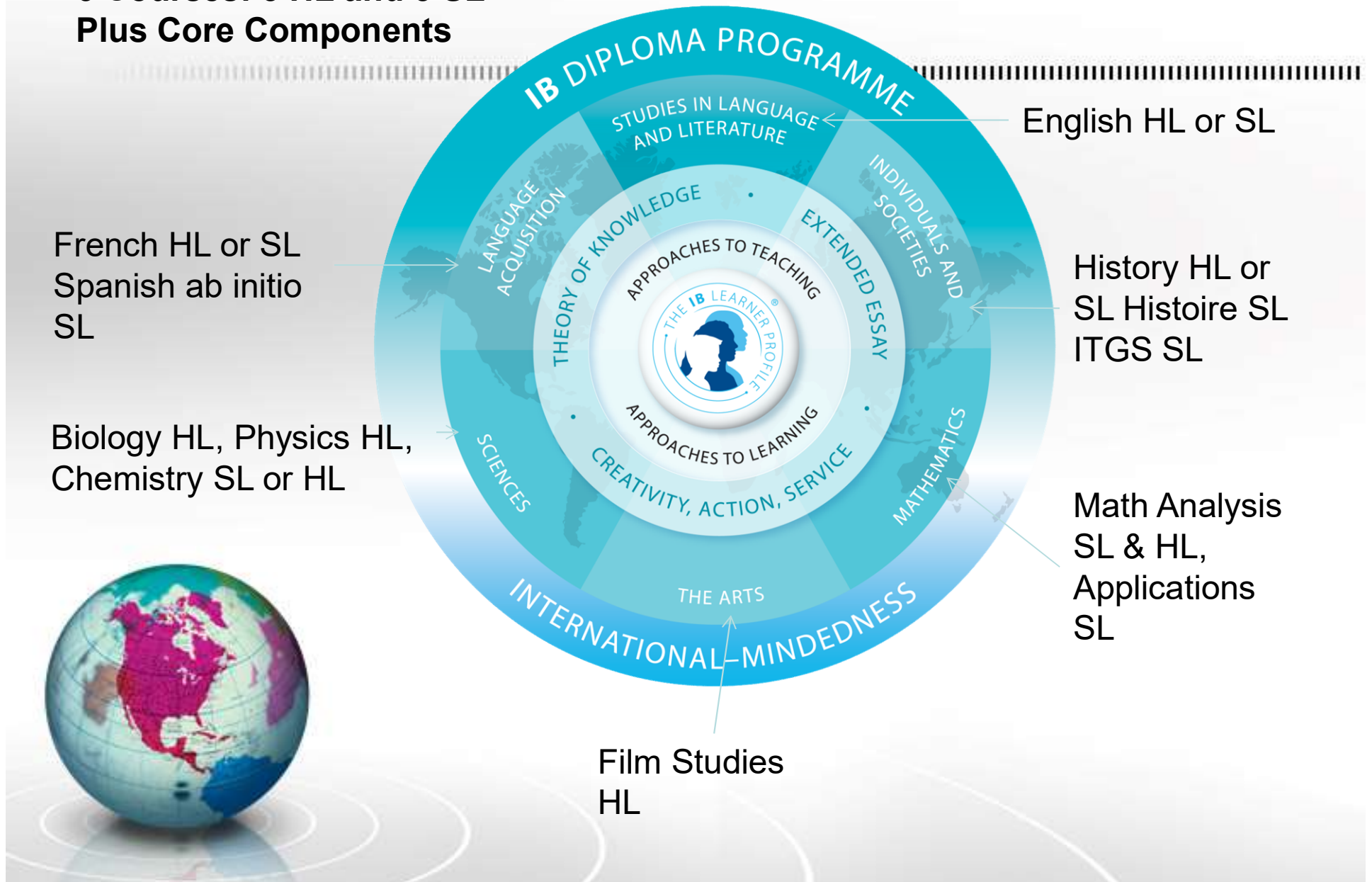


What is the International Baccalaureate Programme?

- The IB Diploma Programme is a two year program for students in grades 11 and 12
- It is highly regarded internationally and accepted for entrance into universities around the world
- It has been operating for over 30 years
- The IB program is currently offered in over 5000 schools in 144 different countries and growing rapidly!



The IB Diploma Programme
6 Courses: 3 HL and 3 SL
Plus Core Components



Schedule

- IB students follow the same school bell schedule as all other students
- Students may complete one IB course in their grade 11 year
- All other IB courses run over two years



Advantages of the IB Diploma

- Interesting, challenging courses
- The IB program is excellent preparation for university
- IB students are sought after by many of the world's best universities because of their academic strength and global perspective



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- IB students develop time management, goal setting and other organizational skills
 - IB students are involved in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities



Grade 10 Pre-IB Program

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- If a capable student is at all interested in the IB Diploma program they should take the grade 10 Pre-IB program
 - If a capable student has no intention of taking the IB Diploma program but wants enrichment in grade 10 they should take the Pre-IB program



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- If a student does not take the grade 10 Pre-IB program and wants to enter the IB Diploma program in grade 11 their course choices may be limited and they will be missing many skills essential to be successful in the IB Diploma program
 - If there is any chance they might want IB in grade 11 take the Pre-IB in grade 10



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