

Pedro Menendez High School

Parent/Student Survival Guide

What does the IB Diploma Programme at PMHS look like?



9th/10th Grade

- English (Pre-IB)
- Spanish (Pre-IB/Optional)
- World History (Pre-IB)
- Biology/Chemistry/Physics/ Anatomy and Physiology (Honors and Pre-IB)
- Geometry/Algebra II/Math Applications-Statistics/Math Analysis-Calculus (Honors, Pre-IB/IB)
- Inquiry Skills
- Humanities/Elective/Academy Course

11th/12th Grade

- English: Literature (HL)
- Spanish B/Ab. Initio (SL/HL)
- History of Americas (HL)
- Biology/Physics/Environmental Systems (SL/HL)
- Math Applications-Stats/Math Analysis-Calc (SL/HL)
- Psychology (SL/HL)/Business Management (SL)
- Visual Arts/Dance (SL/HL)
- Elective/Academy Course
- Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
- *Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)*
- *Extended Essay (EE)*

*CAS and EE are core components that are completed in the 11th and 12th grade years through TOK

Why do IB at PMHS?

- The IB Diploma Programme is regarded as the most rigorous academic program in the world!
- IBDP carries the most weight in college acceptance!
- Opportunity to earn up to 50 college credits!
- Scholarship money awarded to IBDP candidates!
- 100% Bright Futures awarded to IB Diploma Recipients
- Learn college success skills—writing ability, speaking ability, time management
- Development of a well-rounded student (CAS, TOK, EE, IB Learner Profile)
- Support from your IB “Family” at PMHS
- IB Bilingual Diploma Option
- Ability to take individual IB courses as Certificate Courses

Questions/Comments? Contact us!

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So how do I get the IB Diploma?



To earn the IB Diploma, students must earn a total of 24 points. This can be done in a variety of ways.

- DP Candidates must study **six subjects**, plus the three core subjects—EE, TOK, and CAS.
- Each subject is graded 1-7, with 7 being the highest grade.
- These grades are also used as points (that is, 7 points for a 7, 6 points for a 6, and so on) in determining if the diploma can be awarded.
- **TOK** and the **EE** are graded A-E, with A being the highest grade. These two grades are then combined in the diploma points matrix to contribute between 0 and 3 points to the total.
- **CAS** is not assessed but must be completed in order to pass the diploma.
- The overall **maximum** points from subject grades, TOK, and the EE is therefore **45**: $((6 \times 7) + 3)$.
- The **minimum** threshold for the award of the diploma is **24** points. If a candidate scores less than 24 points, the diploma is not awarded.
- Candidates who take the diploma in multiple languages may be eligible for a **bilingual diploma**.

Additional Requirements:

- CAS requirements have been met.
- There is no “N” awarded for TOK, the EE, or for a contributing subject (N = not assessed).
- There is no grade “E” awarded for TOK and/or the EE (E = Failing condition).
- There is no grade “1” awarded in a subject/level.
- There are no more than **two** grade “2” awarded (SL or HL).
- There are no more than **three** grade “3” or below awarded (SL or HL).
- The candidate has gained **12** points or more on **HL** subjects (For candidates who register for four HL subjects, the three highest grades count).
- The candidate has gained **9** points or more on **SL** subjects (Candidates who register for four HL subjects/two SL subjects must gain at least 5 points at SL)
- The candidate has not received a penalty for academic misconduct from the Final Award Committee.

Sample IB Diploma

*Earned
May 2018*

Subject Details		Subject
Grade		
D		MAY 2018 - ENGLISH A EE in ENGLISH
5		MAY 2018 - ENGLISH A: Literature HL in ENGLISH
6	←	MAY 2018 - SPANISH B SL in SPANISH
3		MAY 2018 - HISTORY AMERICAS HL in ENGLISH
→ 2		MAY 2018 - PHYSICS SL in ENGLISH
4		MAY 2018 - MATH STUDIES SL in ENGLISH
4		MAY 2018 - DANCE HL in ENGLISH
D		MAY 2018 - THEORY KNOWL. TK in ENGLISH

The IB Diploma is unique in that students can have areas of strengths and weaknesses in certain subject areas and still achieve the diploma.

Want to know how your IB Exams translate to college credit? What DE courses earn what college credit? Search “**FLDOE Credit-by-Exam Equivalencies**” or visit the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2vmx5az>

Want to learn more about Florida Bright Futures Scholarships? Search “**FL Bright Futures Handbook**” or visit the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/y28mlde8>

Merit Recognition Program	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)		Service Hours	Bright Futures Award
	2020-21	2021-22		
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Curriculum	29/1330	29/1330	100 hours	FAS
	25/1210	25/1210	75 hours	FMS

**Students who earn the IB Diploma automatically qualify for the highest Bright Futures FAS Award regardless of SAT or ACT score.*