



Rufus King IB Diploma Program Parent Information Meeting

Welcome

Requirements of the IB Full Diploma Student

- Creativity, Activity and Service
- Extended Essay
- Test in all 6 IB Subject Groups

6 Subject Groups

- Group 1 – Language A – English
- Group 2 – Language B – Second Language
- Group 3 – Social Sciences – Individuals & Society
- Group 4 – Experimental Sciences
- Group 5 – Mathematics
- Group 6 – The Arts (or another course from Groups 2-4)

Higher Levels and Standard Levels

- Full Diploma Students must test in all 6 of the subject areas
- Of these, at least 3 must be higher level
 - No more than 4 may be higher level
- Higher level classes are taught over 2 years and must be assessed in the student's senior year
- Standard level classes may be taught in 1 or 2 years and may be assessed in the student's junior year

24 points required to receive the diploma

- Students receive a grade of between 0-7 for each course
 - Grades are a combination of both internal assessments (graded by the school teacher and moderated by the IB) and external assessments (submitted to the IB for assessment)
- Students must earn 24 total points in order to receive the diploma
 - Students must average 6 points per subject
 - Students must receive at least 12 points in HL subjects
- Students may earn additional points towards their diploma based on the grades received on their Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge essays and presentations.

		Theory of knowledge					
		Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	No grade N
Extended essay	Grade A	3	3	2	2	1 Failing condition*	Failing condition
	Grade B	3	2	1	1	0 Failing condition*	Failing condition
	Grade C	2	1	1	0	0 Failing condition*	Failing condition
	Grade D	2	1	0	0	0 Failing condition*	Failing condition
	Grade E	1 Failing condition*	0 Failing condition*	0 Failing condition*	0 Failing condition*	Failing condition*	Failing condition
	No grade N	Failing condition	Failing condition				

* Since the May 2010 session 28 points overall are required to be eligible for the diploma if a student attains an "E" grade in either the extended essay or theory of knowledge. As previously, a grade "A" in one of the requirements earns an extra point even if the other is a grade "E". Attaining a grade "E" in both the extended essay and theory of knowledge continues to represent an automatic failure.

What should I test in my Junior Year?

- Juniors may ONLY test in a maximum of 2 subjects in their Junior Year
- Any IB Diploma course that is only one year
 - IB Music, IB Environmental Systems, IB Geography, IB Economics
- Some courses may only be tested in 12th Grade
 - All HL Courses
 - English, Language B, Theatre, IB Visual Arts, Mathematics

When should I test SL (as a junior) in classes that I will be taking as HL next year?

- When you have more than 4 HL classes
- When you want to take the exam and use the points for SL and take the course as an “extra” for college credit
 - For example: A student may test in IB Psychology junior year – if they earn a good score (a 4 or better) they may use that score as one of their SL scores and test in Psych as an “extra” in their senior year for additional college credit – if they do not score well, they may replace that SL score with the HL score they earn in their senior year.
- If it provides more flexibility in your IB schedule for senior year
- If you are not sure you are going to continue in the class in 12th grade

What classes do many juniors test in?

- Any class that is only 1 year in length – Environmentals and Geography
- IB Economics
- IB Biology
- IB Psychology
- IB Physics
- IB Computer Science
- IB German (if directed by Mr. Wichert)
- IB Latin (if directed by Ms. Bunge)

What are the IB Test Fees? How much will I owe?

- Per agreement with Milwaukee Public Schools
- All students pay the \$25 registration fee
- MPS pays 50% of the per test fee
 - Parents are responsible for 50% or \$62 per test
- MPS pays 100% of the per test fee for income eligible students – they must still pay the registration fee
 - Income eligibility is determined by completing the Alternate Household Income form and submitting it to the main office

How can I make payments? When are they due?

- Payments may be made to Mr. Gatewood – in his Library Office or in the main office
- Payments may be made in the form of check, money order or cash
- Credit card payments are now accepted
 - Contact me to put the amount due in My Payment Plus
 - Sign up for a My Payments Plus Account and make the payments online
 - Have the student bring the registration form to me and let me know payment has been made
- 50% of fees must be paid prior to registration on October 16th