

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme [IBDP] Information



St. Kateri Tekakwitha C.S.S. is an **IB World School** and proudly offers the Diploma Programme.

IB World Schools share a common philosophy – a commitment to high-quality, challenging, international education – that we believe is important for our students.



The IB Diploma Programme [IBDP] is...

- An excellent academic Programme that prepares students well for university
- A well-rounded educational program
- Well-respected by universities around the world
- Growing in popularity and recognition
- A challenging but manageable undertaking
- **St. Kateri Tekakwitha C.S.S. is the *second* International Baccalaureate World School in the HCDSB**
- Earned in addition to the OSSD
- Both collaborative and independent

IB Learner Profile



Inquirers

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Communicators

Risk Takers

Principled

Caring

Open-minded

Well-balanced

Reflective

- ✓ The IBDP has **ADDED VALUE!**
- ✓ **Emphasizes critical thinking, research, global awareness and personal growth**
- ✓ Potential for advanced standing in some first year University courses
- ✓ IBDP internal and external assessments determine grades
- ✓ Measured against worldwide standards
- ✓ Opportunities to study abroad
- ✓ Clustered classroom settings
- ✓ Challenging curriculum assessed to an international standard
- ✓ Students earn **TWO DIPLOMAS**: an IB Diploma + an OSSD



Benefits of the IB Programme!

The IBDP is widely recognized by the leading post-secondary institutions globally! *Why!?* It offers students:

High academic standards – expanded learning beyond academic study

Preparation for the rigor of post-secondary education

Educates the whole person

Appreciation for cultures/worldviews [other than their own], promotes learning and tolerance, and a willingness to engage with diverse groups

Ownership for their learning & skills necessary to transition to post-secondary education

How does the IBDP work?



The IB Diploma Programme [**IBDP**] is TWO years.

It begins in Grade 11 (Year 1) and ends in Grade 12 (Year 2) *following the mandatory Pre-IB Grade 10 prerequisites.*



Unique Features of the IBDP:

6 Subject Exams

+ **ToK (Theory of Knowledge)**

+ **CAS (Creativity, Activity Service)**

+ **EE (Extended Essay)**



Defining HL and SL

- **3 HL Groups**

3 Ontario Courses = 1 HL Course in IB

- **3 SL Groups**

2 Ontario Courses = 1 SL Course in IB

Group 1

- English (HL)

Group 2

- French (SL)
- Spanish - ab initio (SL)

Group 3

- Business Management (SL or HL)

Group 4

- Computer Science (SL or HL)
- Biology (SL or HL)
- Chemistry (SL or HL)
- Physics (SL)

Group 5

- Mathematics (SL)

Group 6

- Visual Arts (SL)
- OR choose one more from Group 4 (SL or HL)

6 Subject Exams

3 HL

3 Ontario Courses = 1 HL Course in IB

3 SL

2 Ontario Courses = 1 SL Course in IB

Choosing Subjects in Groups (3 HL, 3 SL)

Students must take 3 HL subjects:

- Group 1 – Language & Literature [English] - HL
- TWO more HL from Group 3, 4, **or** 6 (another Group 4 HL)

Students must take 3 SL subjects:

- Group 2 - French **or** Spanish ab initio - SL
- Group 5 – Mathematics - Analysis & Approaches - SL
- ONE more from Group 3, 4 **or** 6 (another Group 4 SL)

*** Students must have a subject from each Group 1-6 (3 SL and 3 HL)**

*** ToK is a compulsory course taken in Grade 12**

**** Choices for HL should be made based on ability, past performance, and future pathways***

Sample Year 1 and Year 2 Courses [IBDP]



	Year 1 (Grade 11)		Year 2 (Grade 12)	
	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2
Period 1	HL Lang & Lit	HL Lang & Lit	ToK	HL Lang & Lit
Period 2	SL Math A&A	SL Math A&A	HL Biology HL Chemistry HL Computer Science	HL Biology HL Chemistry HL Computer Science
Period 3	SL French SL Spanish	SL Art SL Biology SL Business SL Chemistry SL Physics	SL French SL Spanish	SL Art SL Biology SL Business SL Chemistry SL Physics
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Period 5	HL Biology HL Chemistry HL Computer Science	HL Business HL Chemistry	HL Business HL Chemistry	HL Business HL Chemistry

The IBDP CORE

In addition to 6 subject exams, IB students must also complete during Year 1 and Year 2 the IBDP CORE:

Extended Essay (EE)

Theory of Knowledge (ToK)

Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)



Extended Essay (EE)



- Up to 4,000-word investigation of a topic of special interest outside of the regular curriculum
- Acquaints diploma candidates with independent research and writing skills
- Deadlines for Extended Essay are TBD, once provided - strict adherence is mandatory



Theory of Knowledge (ToK)

- Challenges students to question the basis of knowledge, to develop the ability to analyze evidence and to appreciate other cultural perspectives
- Embedded throughout IB courses, also an independent course
- Promotes self-awareness & open-mindedness
- Reflect on how knowledge is constructed, evaluated, and shared across different disciplines and cultures
- Complete a 1,600-word essay on a prescribed title and create an exhibition that explores how ToK concepts apply to real-world objects & situations

Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

- Continuous community involvement demonstrating reflective and experiential learning
- Students participate in experiences in all three strands (CAS)
- Provides students opportunities to explore extra-curricular interests, student-driven, demonstrate commitment & personal growth
- The HEART of the program!
- Multiple experiences, plus one project
- Completed over 18 Months
- Must meet 7 Learning Outcomes
- Supervised by CAS Coordinator



Internal Assessments



- Grade 11 (Year 1) and Grade 12 (Year 2)
- Internal Assessments are completed in each class
- The nature of the assessment is course dependent
- Internal Assessments are marked by teachers **and** externally moderated through IB World School

Examiners



- Academic judgments about quality of student work rest with over 6000 IB Examiners worldwide
- Chief examiners for each subject have international authority in their fields
- Each subject has 2 to 3 exam papers, and some subjects will also have external assessments, all of which are evaluated externally

Predicted Grades

- A predicted grade is provided to the International Baccalaureate in April of the student's graduating year (Grade 12, Year 2)
- This could be required earlier for students applying to universities in the UK, US or other Universities
- In July, the student's actual grade comes back only as a Grade of 1 – 7
- Final Ontario grades are then adjusted

Converting Marks

All IB schools in Ontario use this equivalency chart to convert the IB Grade/Points into an Ontario Percentage (%):

IB Grade Points	Ontario Percentage (%)
1	35 - 49
2	50 - 59
3	62 - 69
4	72 - 82
5	84 - 92
6	93 - 96
7	97 - 100



IB Diploma Points

- Students can earn a maximum of 45 points
- 7 points x 6 subjects = 42 points
- Plus - 3 points available for EE and TOK results

IB DP Mark = ?/45

6 Subject Exams (3 HL, 3 SL) – each course given a mark out of 7
(6 courses, 7 possible marks for each, ___/42)

+ TOK (Theory of Knowledge) – awarded A, B, C, D, E

+ EE (Extended Essay) – awarded A, B, C, D, E

Based on
the matrix
___/3

+ CAS (Creativity, Activity Service) – must be completed

IB Diploma Points

The following matrix will be used for the award of IB Grade Points for the **Theory of Knowledge (ToK)** and **Extended Essay (EE)**:

TOK/EE	A	B	C	D	E
A	3	3	2	2	Failing condition
B	3	2	2	1	
C	2	2	1	0	
D	2	1	0	0	
E	Failing condition				

Students receive a Grade of A, B, C, D, or E for their ToK and their EE, then plotted on the matrix chart to determine the total number of points **out of three** to be added to IB Diploma Points.

IB Diploma Requirements

A candidate will NOT receive the IB Diploma if:

- CAS requirements have not been met
- Candidate's total grade points are fewer than 24
- An “N” has been given for Theory of Knowledge and/or Extended Essay (*explanation on next slide*)



If an “N” appears in the place of an IB Grade, it means that no grade has been awarded for one or more of the following reasons:

- Withdrawal from the examination session
- Failure to complete one or more components of assessment
- Breach of regulations
- Grade of E has been awarded for Theory of Knowledge and/or the Extended Essay

IB Diploma Requirements (Continued)

A candidate will NOT receive the IB Diploma if:

- There is a grade of 1 awarded in a subject.
- A grade of 2 has been awarded three or more times (for SL or HL courses)
- A grade of 3 or below has been awarded four or more times (for SL or HL courses)



IB Diploma Requirements for **HL Subjects**

A candidate will NOT receive the IB Diploma if:

- They have gained fewer than 12 points in HL subjects
- It does not matter how the 12 points are achieved provided that the earlier conditions are still met
 - *Example A:* a student may earn a 4 in each of their HL subjects to satisfy requirement
 - *Example B:* a student may earn a 3, 4, and 5, or a 2, 5, and 7 and still satisfy requirement



IB Diploma Requirements for **SL Subjects**

A candidate will NOT receive the IB Diploma if:

- They have gained fewer than 9 points in SL subjects
- As with the previous example, it does not matter how the 9 points are achieved, provided all earlier conditions are met





- **EdQwest** is a Learning Management System (LMS)
- It is used to organize coursework and due dates for both Grade 11 (Year 1) and Grade 12 (Year 2) IBDP students

[<https://www.edqwest.com/>]



IBDP Fees

- Grade 11 IBDP, Year 1: \$850 CAD, non-refundable
- Grade 12 IBDP, Year 2: \$1350 CAD, non-refundable

- Fees are used to provide resources and training specific to the IB Programme, fees include IB exam costs

- **Please Note:** Programme fees subject to change by HCDSB, please see most current information on our school website in the IB section

Registration Changes in Grade 11 and 12

- Any changes made to the IBIS system [i.e. Exams (subject registered) / EE topics] will result in an additional charge (prior to the final IB registration date)
- After the registration date... costs increase as per IB

IB Diploma Programme Departure

Please Note: if you LEAVE the IB Diploma Programme there are implications.

If you live outside of the St. Kateri Tekakwitha C.S.S. boundary = you will be required to return to your home boundary school as per **HCDSB Policy I-04 Section C.**

Contact Information

IB Coordinator and **IB Secretary** emails found on School Website.

School Website:

<https://secondary.hcdsb.org/stkateri/ib-programme-2/>

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