

# IB Educating for Excellence.

## The IB Diploma Advantage

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*Because the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is new in our District and is an offering students may elect to take or not in 11th and 12th grade, many students and parents are carefully weighing the benefits of IB against more familiar programs, such as AP.*

### IB – Excellent Preparation for College

While the Corning-Painted Post Area School District continues to offer AP, SUPA and ACE courses at East and West in subjects not offered through IB, the District highly recommends that students inclined toward college choose to pursue an IB diploma. The Advanced Placement program is indeed comfortably familiar, and it is not without its strengths. But, while AP has a good reputation for covering college-level subject content in the classroom and preparing students to pass an achievement test for possible college credit, its benefit essentially stops there.

In contrast, IB is an instructional framework of best-practice teaching strategies that focus on depth of learning in each sub-

ject instead of merely scanning and memorizing large amounts of course content. The IB Diploma Program delivers a range of learning experiences and applies core requirements that stimulate critical thinking, inquiry and reflection. In particular, the *Theory of Knowledge* core requirement helps students better understand the nature of knowledge itself — how it is gained, how it is applied and the role it plays in cultural and political beliefs. The *Extended Essay* requirement does a stellar job of preparing students for the rigor of college, helping them build their capacity to synthesize and evaluate knowledge through the experience of producing a formal research paper.

Beyond preparing students to meet expectations at the college level, the IB diploma actually gives students a head start on their university credential. The IB diploma is recognized around the world as the most rigorous and prestigious high school diploma available. Because IB courses and exams are standardized, colleges and universities know exactly what a student had to do to achieve certification in an individual IB course or to earn the full IB diploma. They

also know that a successful IB student will be a successful college student. (In fact, in the highly competitive college application process, admissions officers sometimes question the choices of capable students who do not pursue the IB diploma when it is offered in their high school.) **Students who graduate with the full IB diploma are eligible for an average of 30 hours college credit at numerous institutions. In fact, many colleges and universities waive the entire freshman year for full IB diploma graduates.** Some of the colleges that grant credit for IB include many that C-PP students regularly attend, such as: SUNY schools, St. Bonaventure, Alfred University, Duke, University of Rochester, RIT, Penn State, Ivy League schools, military academies, Johns Hopkins, Notre Dame and many others. *(See more on college credit and "IB Friendly" colleges on the reverse of this page.)*

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### IB, AP, ACE and SUPA 2006-2007 Course Offerings

C-PP offers college level courses using a "non-compete" policy, with IB as the preferred course. This means that we do not offer AP, SUPA or ACE courses in competition with each other or with IB based on a long-standing policy in our District. The following AP, SUPA, ACE & IB courses are being taught in 2006-2007:

Program	EHS Proposed Subjects	WHS Proposed Subjects
AP	World (Global), Physics, Calculus AB/BC	World (Global), Physics, Calculus AB/BC
SUPA	Sociology, Psychology	Sociology, Psychology
ACE	French, Spanish	French, Spanish
IB	English HL, Spanish SL, French SL, Biology SL & HL, Chemistry HL & SL, Math Studies SL, Mathematics HL & SL, Visual Arts SL & HL, Music SL, Economics SL, History of the Americas HL	English HL, Spanish SL, French SL, Biology SL & HL, Chemistry HL & SL, Math Studies SL, Mathematics HL & SL, Visual Arts SL & HL, Music SL, Economics SL, History of the Americas HL



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### **IB – Excellent Preparation for Work**

Again in contrast to other advanced learning programs, the IB instructional approach extends far beyond classroom teaching and test preparation. Nowadays, businesses want employees who can think innovatively, work in teams and communicate effectively — skills that do not spring up from the practice of studying textbook content alone. IB trained teachers provide a range of learning experiences designed to cultivate well-rounded young adults who are thinkers, communicators and open-minded collaborators. Teaching strategies such as group projects, presentations and experiments establish relevance between what is learned at school and how classroom education can be applied in other settings. Additionally, the DP's *Creativity,*

*Action and Service (CAS)* core requirement gets students out of the classroom and into the world for valuable real-life experience.

### **IB – Excellent Preparation for Life**

One of the distinct advantages of the IB framework is that it focuses on the whole student and on the student's whole experience. It also gives students a broader view of the world through the study of different cultures and countries in a variety of classroom subjects, including foreign languages. The *Theory of Knowledge* course, built almost entirely of questions, encourages students to reflect on the role knowledge plays in the emergence of beliefs across cultures. Students consider the strengths and limitations of their own and others' cultural perspectives, and become better

able to evaluate their own views. In today's exceedingly smaller world, the ability to understand and respect diverging cultural perspectives will serve students well in a wide range of interpersonal relationships. Furthermore, the *Creativity Action and Service* course develops students' ability to work and live in respectful relationship to the people around them. Service activities in particular build their self-confidence, empathy and willingness to help others. Sports and physical activities help students understand how their own abilities can coalesce with others' gifts to achieve a specific result, or for the simple purpose of enjoying leisure time with peers.

### **The IB Diploma and College Credit**

College credit is granted for AP, SUPA, ACE and IB at the discretion of colleges and universities with the following exceptions: passing an ACE course guarantees credit at Corning Community College and passing a SUPA course guarantees credit at Syracuse University.

Most colleges and universities have specific policies regarding AP courses. Because they are not standardized, AP courses vary widely from high school to high school across the country. Also, students are not required to take AP exams, and many do not. As a result, students usually are required to demonstrate what they have learned in a particular AP course before a college will grant credit. Students are advised to contact their college of choice for the most current information.

IB students receive college credit at numerous institutions. Students who graduate with the full IB diploma are eligible for an average of 30 hours college credit. Many colleges and universities waive the entire freshman year for full IB diploma graduates. *Imagine saving the cost of a full year of college at today's tuition prices!*

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***Want to know if your preferred school recognizes the IB diploma?***

For a complete list of colleges and universities across the U.S. and elsewhere in the world that have IB diploma recognition policies, visit C-PP's IB web pages or go directly to [www.ibo.org/universities/listalluniversities.cfm](http://www.ibo.org/universities/listalluniversities.cfm).

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