



International Baccalaureate

Laguna Creek High School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World school. Laguna Creek is the only high school to offer this program in the Elk Grove Unified School District. The first group of juniors will start the Diploma Programme in the fall of 2011.



What is the IB Programme?

The IB Diploma Programme is an challenging curriculum program that aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. Currently, 1,268 schools participate in the IB Programme across the United States. A total of 3,188 schools participate in the program throughout the world.

What is the Diploma Programme?

The Diploma Programme, which is recognized by the world's leading universities, is geared towards students in the last two years of high school. The program offers a broad, balanced and rigorous curriculum. Students take English IA Higher Level (HL), Language B Standard Level (SL), History Route 2 (Americas) HL, Experimental Sciences HL/SL, Math HL/SL and the Arts HL/SL. Students also write a 4,000 word extended essay and complete a Theory of Knowledge course as well as a number of Creativity, Action and Service projects. The Diploma Programme has had over 500,000 graduates since its inception in 1968.

Although the Diploma Programme is for juniors and seniors, beginning in 2010-2011 students in grades 9 and 10 may enroll in a honors and upper-division course of study that consists of honors-level work in English, world history, science, world language and mathematics.

What are the benefits of the IB Programme?

- The IB Programme is recognized around the world.
- The IB curriculum focuses on international perspectives of learning and teaching, while insisting that students fully explore their home culture and language.
- IB World Schools must undergo an exhaustive authorization process in order to offer one or more of the programs, which includes a study of the school's resources and commitment to the IB mission and philosophy.
- Many students graduating from the Diploma Program find that it enhances their opportunities at institutions of higher learning. The IB Programme works closely with universities around the world to gain recognition for IB students.
- The core components of IB programmes encourage students to participate in creative and service-oriented activities, while at the same time emphasizing the importance of reflection on a personal and academic level.

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