

### What are the benefits of the IB Programme?

- Rigorous and comprehensive education based on a global perspective
- Development of lifelong learning skills
- Challenging and exciting classes, focusing on writing, thinking, communicating, and experimenting
- Become involved in service learning projects and extracurricular activities
- Preparation of students for college-level studies
- Advanced college credit from many colleges and universities

### How can students and parents prepare for the IB Programme?

- Start a world language in 7th grade and Algebra I in 8th grade
- Maintain A's and B's in all classes
- Take challenging intensified and/or AP courses in 9th and 10th grade

### Notable achievements in 2023

- 89% of W-L IB candidates earned the prestigious IB Diploma
- W-L continued to exceed the world- wide success rate by 10%
- 86% pass rate on all exams taken
- 82 of W-L's IB Diploma candidates were valedictorians achieving a GPA of 4.0 or higher
- 437 students took one or more IB exams



### A TRADITION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

#### College and university destinations for the IB Diploma Class of 2023

Barnard College, Boston University, Bowdoin College, Brown University, Bryn Mawr College, Clark University, College of William and Mary, Colorado University of Boulder, Dartmouth College, Davidson College, George Mason University, George Washington University, Georgetown University, James Madison University, Lafayette College, Middlebury College, Mount Holyoke College, New York University, Northeastern University, Purdue University, Smith College, Spelman College, Syracuse University, University of California, UMBC, University College Dublin, University of California San Diego, University of California Santa Barbara, University of Chicago, University of Connecticut, University of Edinburgh, University of Georgia, University of Michigan, University of Oxford, University of Virginia, University of Washington, Virginia Commonwealth, Virginia Tech, Washington and Lee University, Washington University St. Louis, William & Mary, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Yale University, Yonsei University

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*An IB World School Since 1996*



# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME



Washington-Liberty high(WL) school was established in 1924. It educates one of the nations' most diverse and sophisti-

cated student populations – students come from 71 countries and speak 45 different languages. The school mission is to challenge all students to strive for the best, to become life-long learners, and to become successful, active members of the global community.

## The High School Diploma

Students who gain at least 26 credits during Grades 9-12 will earn an Advanced Studies Diploma from the Commonwealth of Virginia. These credits are distributed as follows: English (4), world Language (3), History & Social Science (4), Laboratory Science (4), Mathematics (4), Health & Physical Education (2), Fine Arts (1), Economics and Personal Finance (1), and Electives (3). To prepare for the rigor of the full IB Diploma Programme, students are encouraged to take intensified and/or AP courses in Grades 9 and 10. In grades 11 and 12, students either take the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme or a challenging mixture of IB and non-IB courses. A suggested general course sequence for students who seek to earn an International Baccalaureate Diploma can be found in the APS Program of Studies.

## The International Baccalaureate Diploma

Washington-Liberty High School was first authorized to teach the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme in 1996-1997. Since becoming an authorized IB World School, Washington-Liberty has consistently ranked in the *top 100 of America's Best High Schools* according to Newsweek and the Washington Post.

The IB Diploma Programme provides a rigorous education for highly motivated and academically proficient Washington-Liberty students in Grades 11 and 12. The IB Diploma Programme is unique in that it provides a cohesive interdisciplinary education leading to a diploma that is recognized at universities throughout the world. It places emphasis on the ideal of promoting international awareness and understanding and aims to produce students who are passionate and critical thinkers, life-long learners, and active participants in the local and global community.

## What is the IB curriculum?

The diploma curriculum contains six subject groups together with a core made up of three parts. This is illustrated to the right.

Full IB Diploma students must study six subjects selected from the approved subject groups. Three subjects are studied at higher level (HL courses representing 240 teaching hours), and the remaining three subjects are studied at standard level (SL courses representing 150 teaching hours).



## Core Requirements

In addition to completing the six required subjects, all full Diploma students must complete the following core requirements: a 4,000 word Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge (an interdisciplinary course linking all IB subjects) and Creativity, Action, Service (CAS—approximately 150 hours of extracurricular activities and service learning projects). These three elements are compulsory and are central to the philosophy of the Diploma Programme. Students who take individual IB courses are exempt from the core requirements.

## Subjects offered at Washington-Liberty SY23-24

**Group 1:** English Literature HL, English Language & Literature SL, Spanish Language & Literature HL

**Group 2:** Arabic Ab initio SL, Chinese (Mandarin) Ab initio SL, Classical Language (Latin) HL/SL, French B HL/SL/Ab initio SL, Spanish B HL/SL/Ab initio SL

**Group 3:** Business and Management SL, Economics SL, Geography SL, History of the Americas HL, Philosophy SL, Psychology HL/SL, Social Anthropology HL/SL

**Group 4:** Biology HL, Chemistry HL, Computer Science HL, Design Technology SL, Environmental Systems SL, Physics SL, Sports ,Exercise & Health Science SL

**Group 5:** Math Studies SL, Mathematics HL/SL

**Group 6:** Theater Arts HL/SL, Visual Arts HL/SL, Film HL/SL