

The IB Diploma is an internationally-recognized diploma. However, earning the IB Diploma is not a guarantee, even if students complete all of the requirements. Therefore, students must be prepared to earn a diploma from Des Moines Public Schools, or their district of residence. IB courses fulfill many graduation requirements of the Des Moines Public Schools and the state of Iowa. However, students should verify their progress toward graduation each year with the counselor at Central Academy or at their home school. Because of the demanding and inflexible course load required by IB, students who are credit deficient at the beginning of eleventh grade will not be considered for acceptance into the IB Diploma Programme.

Coursework ideally completed by the end of sophomore year:

- US government (Iowa graduation requirement)
- Economics (DMPS graduation requirement)
- US history* (Iowa graduation requirement) *As of 2012-13, this requirement can be satisfied when IB History of the Americas is taken as part of the IB Diploma Programme
- Algebra II



