

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Course Planner

Name: _____ Current Grade: _____ Date: _____

| Grade | Language A1 (English) | Language B | Individuals and Societies | Experimental Sciences | Mathematics | The Arts/IB Elective | IB Core | DMPS and IA Graduation Requirements and Electives |
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| SENIOR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Literature HL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish B SL Spanish <i>ab initio</i> SL French B SL Chinese <i>ab initio</i> SL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History HL or SL: World Topics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology HL or SL Physics HL or SL Env. Systems & Societies SL** Chemistry* HL or SL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics SL Mathematical Studies SL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Arts HL or SL Env. Systems & Societies SL** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theory of Knowledge Extended Essay Creativity, Action, & Service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ _____ _____ |
| JUNIOR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Literature HL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish B SL Spanish <i>ab initio</i> SL French B SL Chinese <i>ab initio</i> SL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History HL: European Options History HL: Americas[^] Options | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology HL or SL Physics HL or SL Env. Systems & Societies SL** Chemistry* HL or SL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics SL Mathematical Studies SL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Arts HL or SL Env. Systems & Societies SL** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theory of Knowledge Extended Essay Creativity, Action, & Service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ _____ _____ |
| SOPHOMORE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adv. Arn. Literature English II | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish II or III French II Chinese II Alt language | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP US History US History AP Human Geography AP European History AP World History Gov/Econ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Biology AP Chemistry Biology Chemistry Physics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra II Pre-Calculus AP Statistics Geometry[^] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art I & II _____ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ _____ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ _____ |
| FRESHMAN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Lit/Speech English I | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish I or II French I Chinese I Alt language | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Human Geography 20th Century World History | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accelerated Phys/Chem Biology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geometry Algebra II Algebra I[^] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art I & II _____ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ _____ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ _____ |

*Chemistry: Pending staff availability and student interest
 **Env Systems & Societies: one year course
 ^Only with very strong performance
 ^IB History of the Americas satisfies US History graduation requirement

DMPS and Iowa Graduation Requirements

- US Government (one semester)
- Economics (one semester)
- US History (one year)

IB Core

Theory of Knowledge: Two year course
Extended Essay: maximum 4000 words; choice of subject and advisor; rough draft due May of junior year; final draft due October of senior year
Creativity, Action & Service: ~3 hours per week during junior and senior years

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

