

# International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

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2926 schools in 144 countries (IBO, 2019)

highest standards

university preparation





# Diploma Programme

“The IB aspires to help schools develop well-rounded students with character who respond to challenges with optimism and an open mind, are confident in their own identities, make ethical decisions, join with others in celebrating our common humanity and are prepared to apply what they learn in real-world, complex and unpredictable situations.”

(IBO, 2012)



“The DP is respected by leading universities across the globe.” (Geiser & Santelices, 2007)

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Challenging, university prep curriculum

Two-year program (grades 11 & 12 )

Aims to develop students with deep knowledge and understanding of a wide variety of academic subjects





- Highly motivated, academically inclined students
- Enriched academic experience
- Rigorous university preparation
- Potential to earn university credits (up to one full year)
- Internationally recognized

Why IB Diploma Programme?

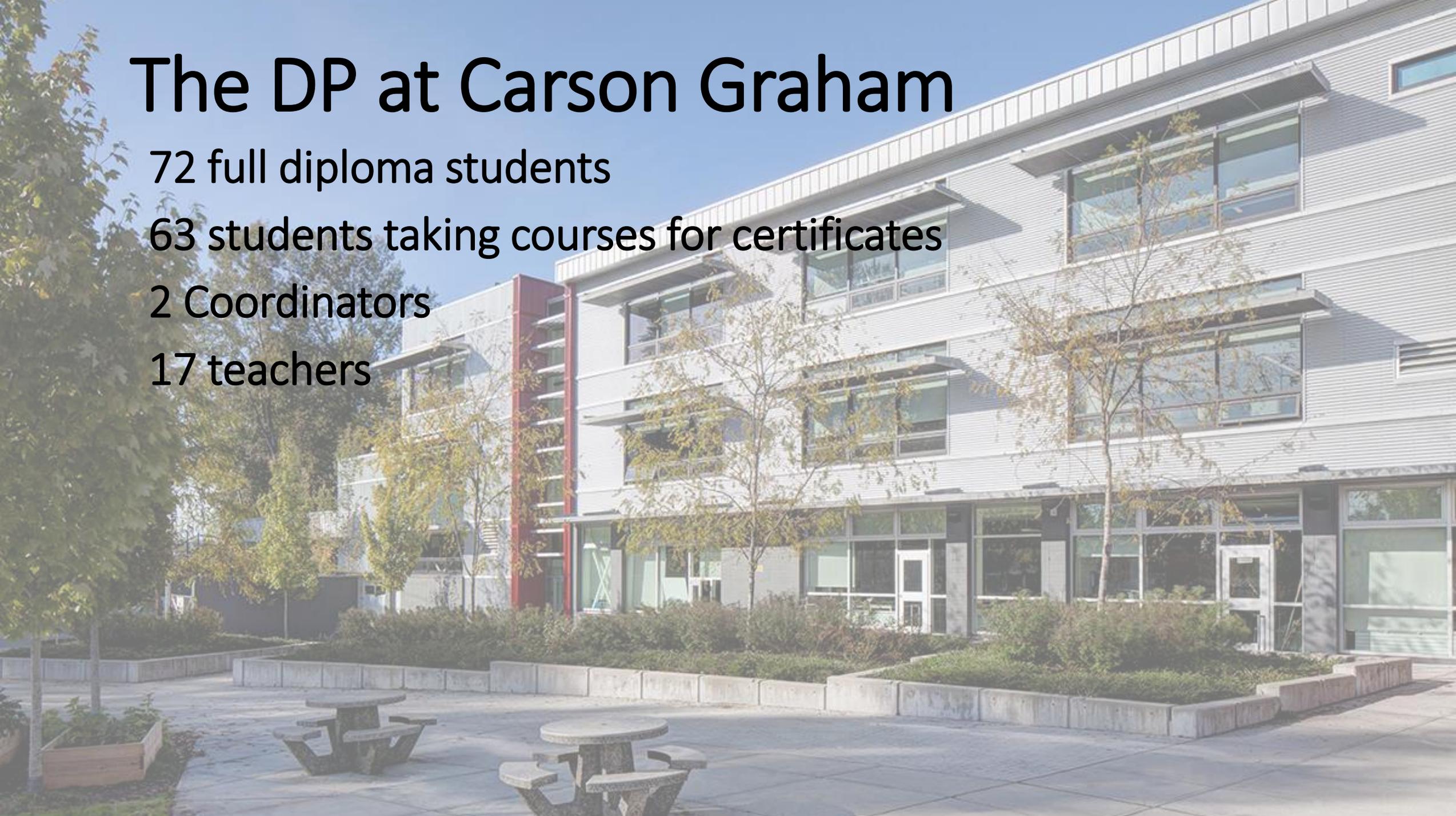
# The DP at Carson Graham

72 full diploma students

63 students taking courses for certificates

2 Coordinators

17 teachers





# How do our students feel?

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“One of the main reasons my peers and I joined IB was to be in a classroom environment with other students who were excited about school and engaged in learning. The environment was by far one of my favourite parts of the program. My friends and I loved how quickly the classes proceeded. Teachers didn't have to repeat explanations over and over or constantly ask students to focus like we had experienced in our previous, regular-stream classes.”

(Carson Graham DP Graduate)

## LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

English A (Language & Literature)

## LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

French, Spanish & Spanish ab initio

## INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES

Geography & History

## SCIENCES

Biology, Chemistry & Physics

## MATHEMATICS

Math Analysis & Math Applications

## THE ARTS

Visual Arts

## CORE

TOK, CAS & EE



Students study 3 higher level (HL) & 3 standard level (SL) courses plus the Core (TOK, CAS, EE).



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## Why IB?

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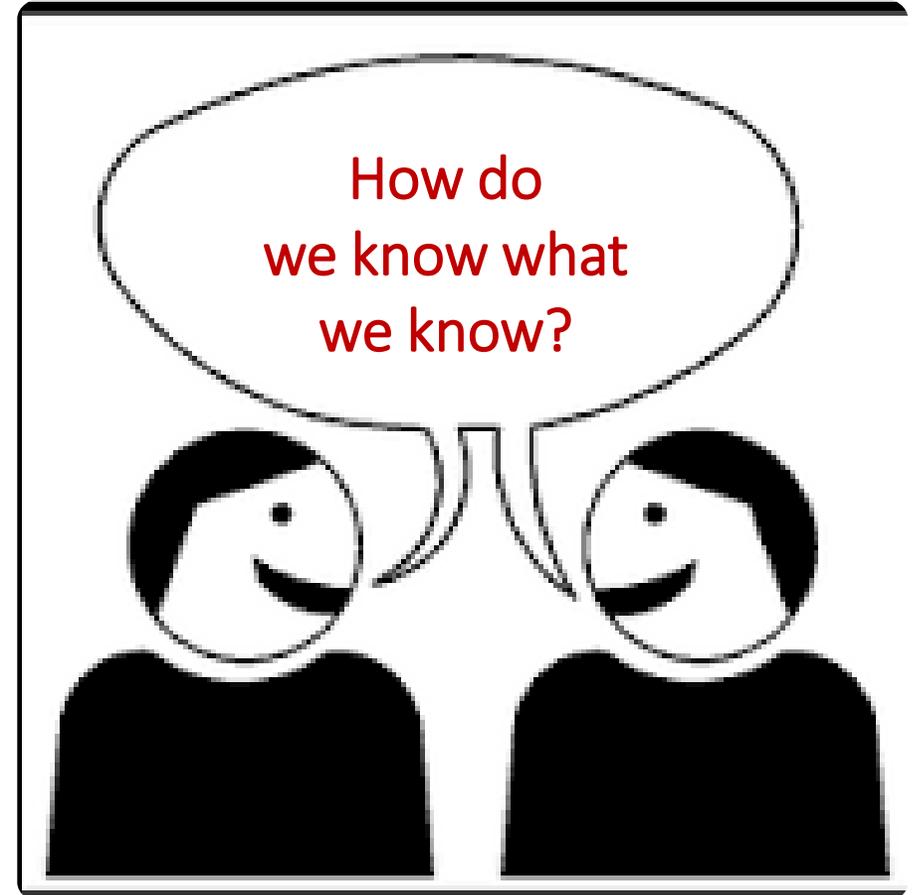
"The DP is great because you actually get to truly understand the material without just memorizing it for tests. You learn what subjects you feel most passionate about, which is great to know before university."

"The teachers are all supportive, and care about their job; it's honestly a pleasure to be their student. In DP, the teachers are always on the same team as you."

former Carson Graham DP students

# Theory of Knowledge

- Ways of Knowing
  - Sense perception, Reason, Emotion, Language, etc
- Areas of Knowledge
  - Arts, Human Sciences, History, Indigenous Knowledge, Natural Sciences & Math
- Evidence-mindedness
- Open-mindedness
- Critical thinking



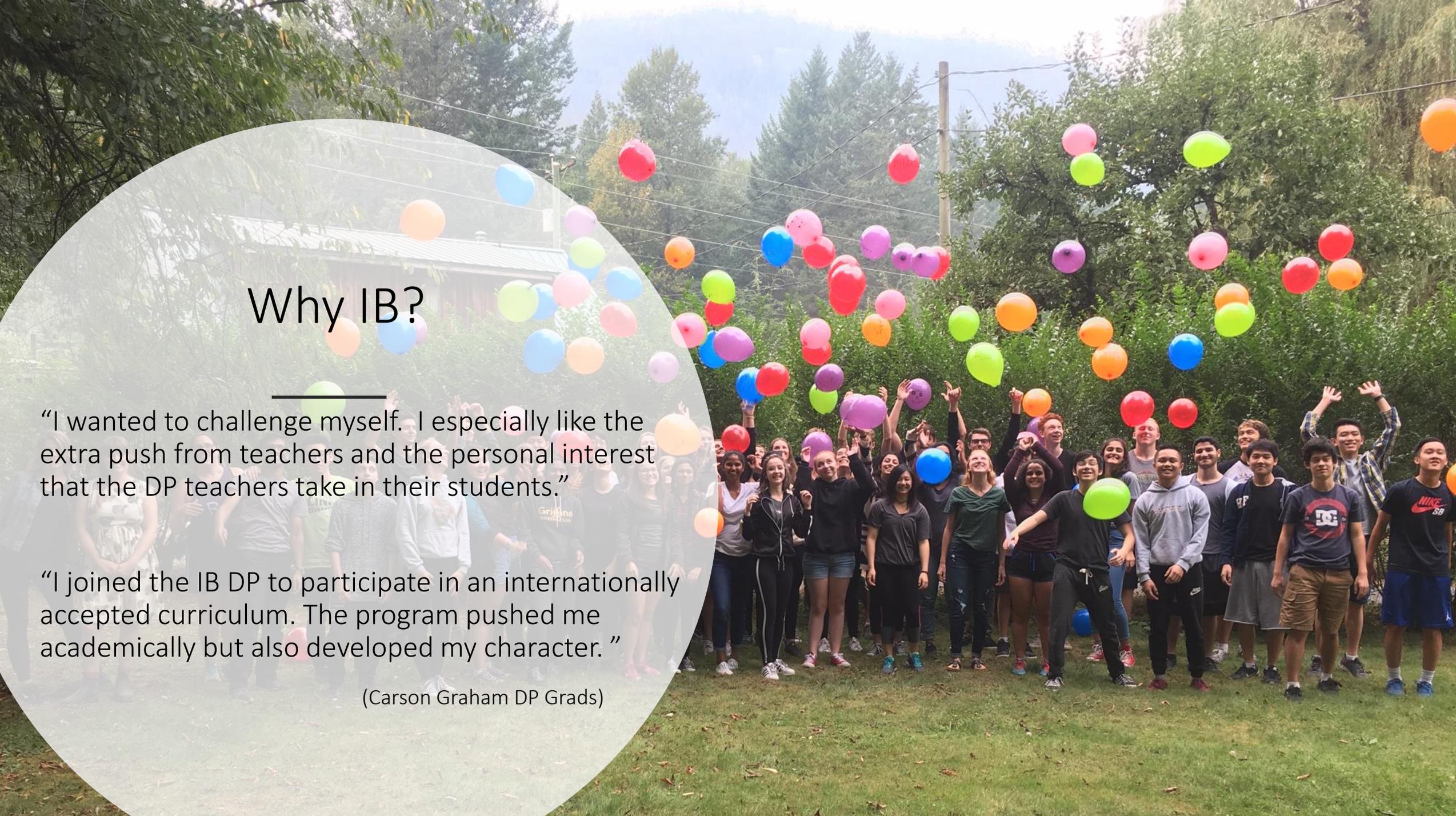


## Why IB?

"Every class is interesting and engaging. The material is in depth and fascinating. Yes, it is a lot of work; but the teachers organize it so you can do it one step at a time. You don't have to try and climb the mountain all at once, and you're never by yourself. As long as you stay on top of it, the work is more than manageable."

-Carson Graham DP student



A large group of diverse students is posing for a group photo outdoors on a grassy area. They are surrounded by numerous colorful balloons in shades of red, blue, green, orange, and purple. Some students are holding balloons up in the air. In the background, there are lush green trees and a building with a white roof. The scene is bright and festive.

## Why IB?

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“I wanted to challenge myself. I especially like the extra push from teachers and the personal interest that the DP teachers take in their students.”

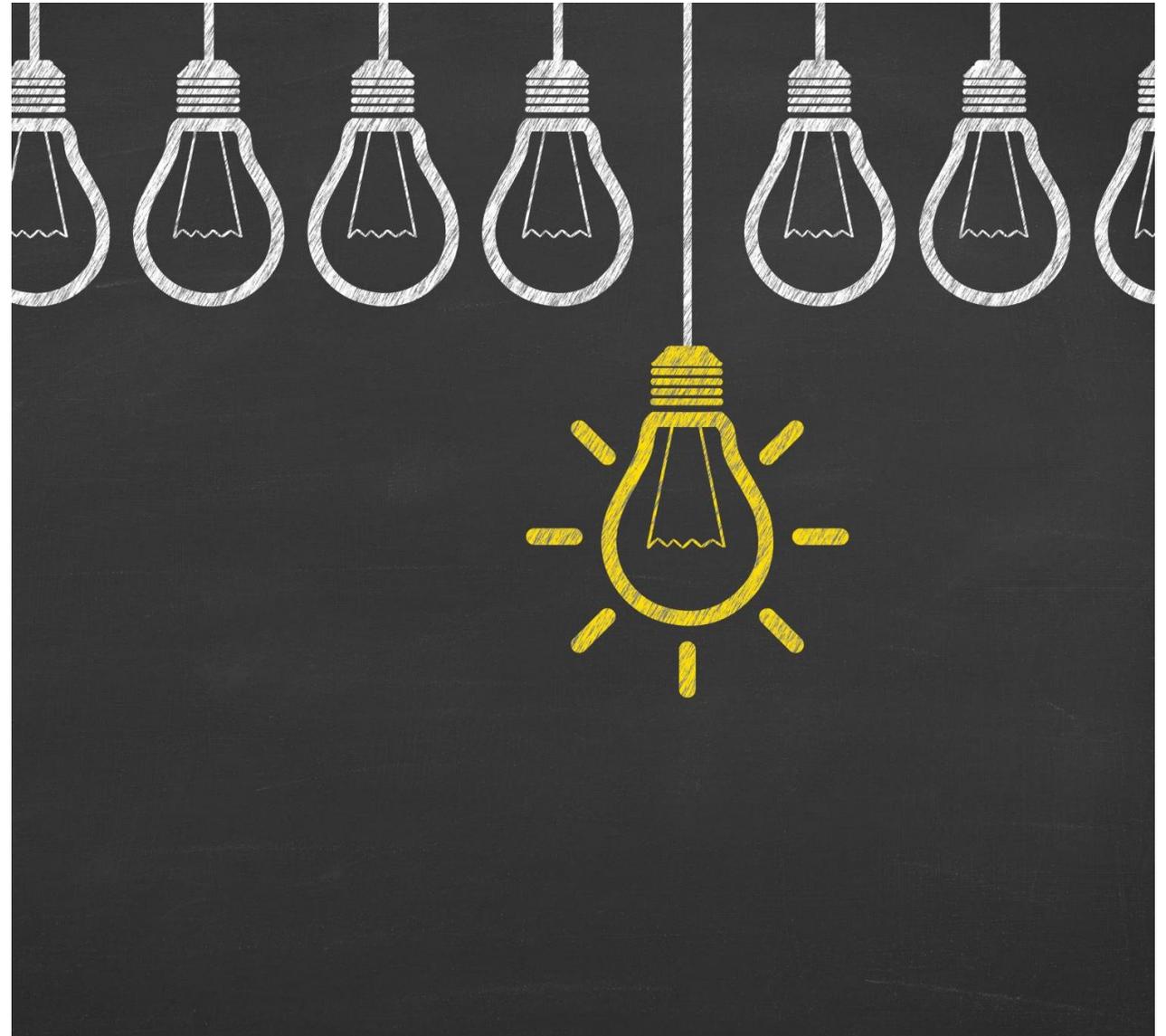
“I joined the IB DP to participate in an internationally accepted curriculum. The program pushed me academically but also developed my character.”

(Carson Graham DP Grads)

# Extended Essay

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- Academic research
- Culminates in 4000 word paper
- Practical preparation for university
- Develop skills in:
  - formulating a research question
  - collecting data
  - communicating ideas
  - developing an argument



# Why IB?

“Academically I was challenged significantly and taught to do more than regurgitate knowledge. I learned to analyze, evaluate and form my own opinions and understanding of the information presented. I learned how to write in a formal academic style and use citations. On the non-academic side I got really involved in my community and learned to reflect on my involvement .”

-Carson Graham Diploma Programme Graduate



# DP students:

- Want to be in the program
- Want to be challenged
- Engage academically
- Achieve at a high level
- Are motivated by **more** than just grades
- Are self-motivated & manage their time
- Manage stress & show resilience
- Think critically
- Balance academics with life outside of school
- Express themselves clearly





How does the  
DP maintain its  
excellent  
reputation?

- **Criterion-Related Assessment**
  - performance measured against pre-specified assessment criteria based on the aims and objectives of each subject curriculum
- **Assessment Tasks**
  - **Internal Assessments**
    - tasks completed in school, assessed by teachers, moderated by external examiners
  - **External Assessments**
    - tasks sent to examiners around the world
  - **Final Exams**
    - written under strict rules, assessed by external examiners
- **Final Grades**
  - Final grades range from 1 to 7 (highest)
  - Issued by IBO
  - Carson teachers report on current IB levels, anticipated IB grades & percentages



“It's great to have students and teachers that are all supporting each other and creating a healthy and progressive learning environment.”

-Carson Graham IB DP student

Why IB?



## Earning the IB Diploma

- Culminating score of 24 points minimum
  - maximum 45 points
- based on 6 required courses
  - possible 7 points per course
- and the core (TOK, EE, & CAS)
  - opportunity to gain 3 additional points

# The DP at Carson Graham is inclusive

- Average Points = 31
  - Global average is 28 (2019)
- 190 Diplomas Earned in 9 years
- Top Score = 44 points
- Students consistently perform above the global average





Jess Neilson  
British Columbia



“The time management that was required to complete all my class work, CAS, and to train at a high level was instrumental throughout my time at university.”

Carson Graham DP Grad 2013



## Challenges

- “Finding time for everything”
- “Keeping up”
- “Finding balance”
- “Managing stressful”
- “Time management”

(Carson Graham DP graduates)

# Why IB?



“My child struggled with time management and had a difficult time adjusting. But I was thrilled to finally see him working to his full potential.”  
-Parent of Carson Graham 2017 DP Alumnus



“Although IB was an incredibly stressful period in my life; I would absolutely do it again and recommend it to anyone who asks.”

- Carson Graham Diploma Programme Alumnus



## Full Diploma Programme

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# DP for a Day

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- Interested Grade 10 students can spend a day in our DP classes.
- To register **sign up online & drop off signed permission form** to IB office.
  - **DUE: Friday, Jan 27th**

January 30 & 31  
from 8:35 to 3:00





## APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 10, 2020

## INTERVIEW SESSIONS

Monday, Feb 24 or Tuesday, Feb 25

3:45-5:30



- Athletics
- Application Pro**
- Diploma Currici
- DP Core**
- Creativity / Service
- Extended Essay
- Theory of Knowledge
- Earning the Diploma**
- FAQ**
- Post-Secondary Information**

- Athletics
- Course Offerings & Programming
- Grade 7/8 Transition
- IB Diploma Programme (DP)**
- IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)
- Library

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- [DP Parent Night 2019 Grade 12 Version.pdf](#)
- [DP 11 Parent night - 2019-20.pdf](#)
- [DP information session 2019.pdf](#)

Read what Carson DP alumnus Jess Neilson says about balancing the Diploma Programme with high level sport:  
 [jess-neilson-dp-story.pdf](#)

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Find out more at [carsongraham.ca](http://carsongraham.ca)

You might be wondering...



**Do I need to complete my course request form if I'm applying for the DP?**

Yes. If you are accepted you will make your DP course choices later.



**What is the minimum grade requirement to be accepted?**

Minimum 5/6 in all academics recommended. We look at more than grades.



**Is there a cost associated with taking the DP?**

Yes. The full DP has a total cost of \$1700 for the two years (in 3 installments).



**If I apply, can I change my mind later?**

Yes. Have option to re-evaluate decision at any time before timetabling begins.



Ask DP Teachers

Mr Blay

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Mr Dawson

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Mme Kossmann Sra Roche

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