

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

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)

Universities cite the DP as a great predictor of academic success." (Geiser & Santelices,2007)

Challenging, university preparatory international curriculum

Two-year program (grades 11 & 12)

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





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

Why IB Diploma Programme?

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





Why IB?

"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

Comparing University Outcomes of IB Diploma Programme versus Ontario and Dogwood Diplomas (UofT and UBC study 2023)

- "The results from this study indicate that DP graduates tend to **perform better** than their peers from traditional high school programmes across several university outcomes. Compared to graduates with traditional high school diplomas (OSSD and DW), DP graduates had significantly **higher university grades**. Additionally, DP students were less likely to drop out from university and were generally **more likely to graduate** in a timely manner. At both universities, DP graduates showed a greater likelihood of enrolling in **science and engineering** programmes as opposed to the arts and other faculties."



[canadian-postsecondary-summary-eng.pdf](#)
([ibo.org](#))

The DP at Carson Graham

A modern, multi-story building with large windows and a courtyard with picnic tables. The building has a light-colored facade and a prominent red vertical element. The courtyard in the foreground features several stone picnic tables and a concrete walkway. The sky is clear and blue, and there are trees with some autumn-colored leaves in the background.

42 full diploma students

84 students taking courses for certificates

2 Coordinators

16 teachers

LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

English

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

French or Spanish

INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES

Geography &/or Global Politics

SCIENCES

Biology, Chemistry &/or Physics

MATHEMATICS

Math Analysis or 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).



Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE:

- Natural sciences, human sciences, history, arts and mathematics

EXHIBITION:

- Students will choose a prompt, select objects for display, justify choices for selection of specific items and explain relationship to the prompt.

ESSAY:

- Students will write & support structured arguments on TOK concepts and ideas that demonstrate that knowledge matters in the world and has significant implications and consequences.

Extended Essay

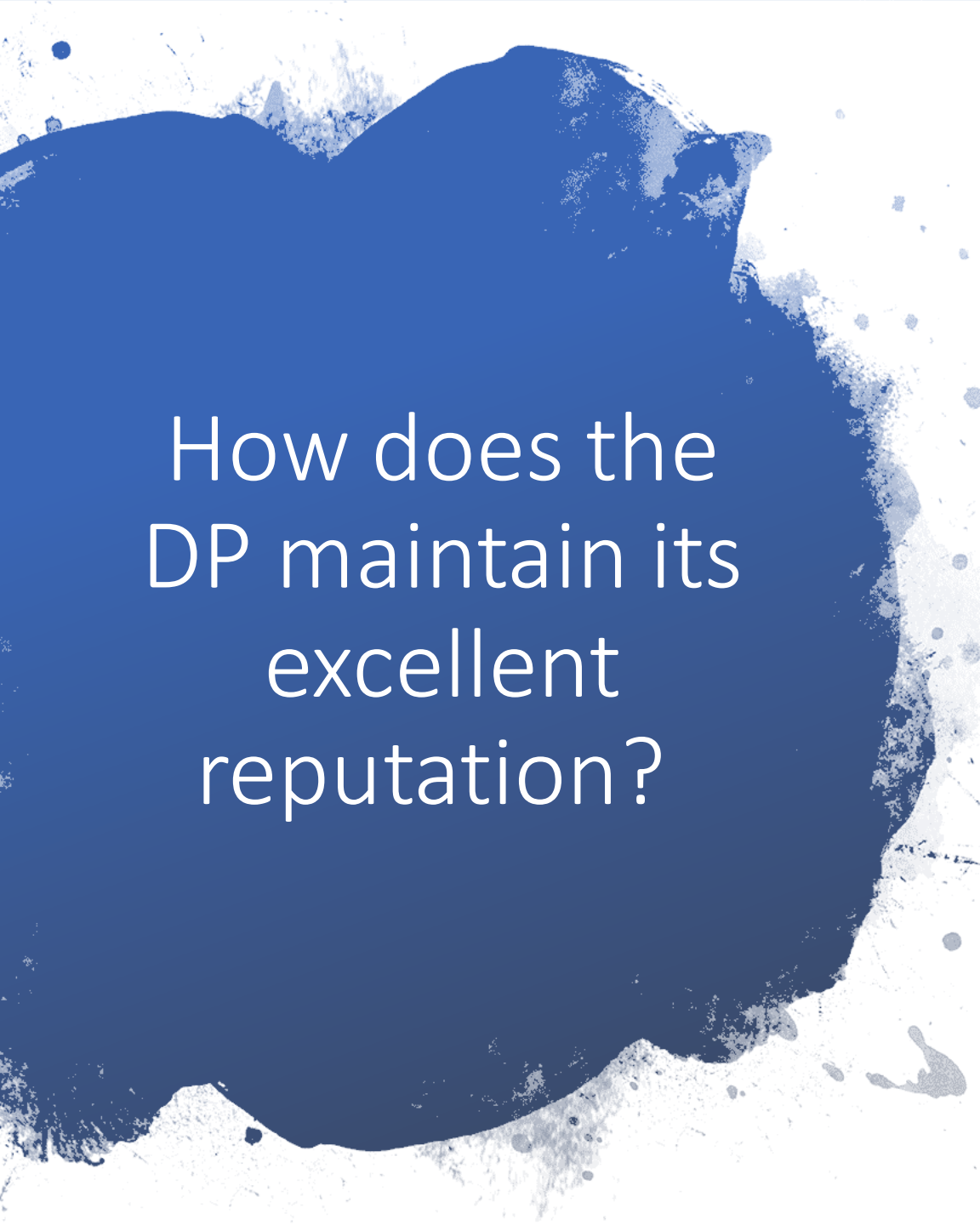
- Academic research paper
- Practical preparation for university
- Develop skills in:
 - formulating a research question
 - collecting data
 - communicating ideas
 - developing an argument



Traits of Diploma 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?

- **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
- **Criterion-related assessment**
 - performance measured against pre-specified assessment criteria based on the aims and objectives of each subject curriculum
- Final marks range from 1 (lowest) to 7 (highest)
 - Teachers report on IB levels, anticipated IB grades & percentages



Earning the IB Diploma

- There are 6 required courses
 - max 7 points per course
 - (up to 42 points)
- Plus the core (TOK, EE, & CAS)
 - max 3 additional points
 - (42 + 3 = 45)

- Minimum score to achieve the IB Diploma is 24 points

Carson Graham's Past DP Results

- Carson Graham Average Points = 31
 - Global average is 28 (2019)
- 158 Diplomas Earned in 8 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



DP for a Day

February 6 & 7, 2023

- Interested Grade 10 students can spend some time with our DP teachers and students to experience aspects of the program.
- To register, please email cpcross@sd44.ca by: **Friday, February 3, 2023**

Full Diploma Programme:

- \$1700 over 2 years
 - \$500 upon acceptance
 - \$500 October of year 1
 - \$700 October of year 2
 - Annual retreat costs (approx. \$300)

Partial Diploma:

- \$600 over 2 years
 - for current Carson graham students only
 - 1-3 courses
 - \$300 in the first year
 - \$300 in the second year





DEADLINE February 17, 2023

www.carsongraham.ca

Programs/Services: IB – Diploma Programme

COMPONENTS

Application Form

Grade 9&10 Report Cards

- Recommended minimum level 6 or 86%

Resume

- Arts, athletics, community service, leadership, & other extracurricular endeavors

Portfolio

- Include 1 piece of evidence of each: written expression, creative thinking, critical thinking, and inquiry skills

Registration fee

- \$500 cheque (deposited upon acceptance)



APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 17, 2023

INTERVIEW SESSIONS

Monday, February 22 or Tuesday, February 23
3:15-5:00



Application Pro

Athletics

Course Offerings & Programming

Diploma Currici

Grade 7/8 Transition

DP Core

IB Diploma Programme (DP)

**Creativity /
Service**

IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)

Library

Extended Essay

**Theory of
Knowledge**

Earning the Diploma

FAQ

**Post-Secondary
Information**

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TO THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME AT CARSON GRAHAM

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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](#)

We are proud to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. The DP is an internationally recognized, university preparatory programme that is widely acknowledged as the most prestigious high school diploma available to students.

Find out more at carsongraham.ca

You might be wondering...

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

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

What is the minimum grade requirement to be accepted?

- We recommend a minimum of 6 (or 86%), but we look at more than grades. No one thing precludes a student from consideration.

When will I know that I have been accepted?

- Offers will be made via email on March 8th. Students will be given a short period of time to accept our offer.

If I apply, can I change my mind later?

- Yes. Students have the option to re-evaluate their decision at any time before course programming begins.

Which teachers
should I talk to?

Grade 10 CURRENT
subject teachers would
be able to provide
some insight on your
child's potential for the
Diploma Programme.

Language and Literature:

Jay Spicer
Trevor Chong

Language Acquisition:

Erin Garcia
Celine Kossmann

Individuals and Societies:

Kit Bjornson
Megan Tolliday

Mathematics:

Julia Dai
Ben Gregson
Stephanie Strandt

Sciences:

Christopher Blay
Dan Chong
Susan Johnston
Liz Thornhill

Visual Art:

Suzanne Brumec

Carson's
IB
Coordinators

Liz Thornhill

**Incoming Grade 11s, May 2025
Cohort**



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Grade 12s, May 2024 Cohort





Do you have
any questions?



“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



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



“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?



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



Why IB?

“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. It 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)