

# International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

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4529 schools in 160 countries (IBO, 2024)

highest standards  
university preparation



**Carson Graham Secondary School**



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# 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)



# What is the IB Diploma Programme?



Internationally recognized by the  
world's leading universities



Challenging, university preparatory  
curriculum with potential to earn  
university credit

“The DP is respected by leading universities across the globe [including our local UBC and SFU] which cite the DP as a great predictor of academic success.”

(Geiser, S., & Santelices, M., 2007)



Two years (grades 11 & 12 )



Aims to develop students who have  
deep knowledge and understanding  
about a wide variety of subjects

# 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?

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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

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

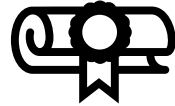
- "The results from this study indicate that DP graduates tend to **perform better** than their peers from traditional high school programmes across several university outcomes. Compared to graduates with traditional high school diplomas (OSSD and DW), DP graduates had significantly **higher university 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](#))

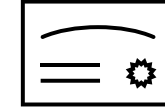
# There are two DP options available:

## Full DP



- Take all 7 courses in the DP
- Receive an IB Diploma, recognized by universities world-wide
- Possibility of university credits/Full year of credits at SFU and UVic.
- Application required (available on [CarsonGraham.ca](http://CarsonGraham.ca))
- Fees: \$1700 (\$500 grade 10, \$500 grade 11, \$700 grade 12). Bursaries available.

## Partial DP



- Take up to 3 DP courses
- Possibility of university course credits
- No application. Courses are requested by students through grade counselor.
- Fees: \$600 (\$300 grade 11, \$300 grade 12). Bursaries available

# PARTIAL DIPLOMA:

**What are my options if I don't want to be a full Diploma student but am interested in IB courses?**

- Students may apply for the partial diploma in specific subjects that they are interested in pursuing at a higher level.

**Why would I take a DP class?**

- Reasons include a keen interest in the topics covered, a desire to be challenged, to study a subject at a deeper level, good preparation for university & the possibility of gaining university credit.

**Which courses can be taken as partial DP?**

- Any DP course can be taken, space permitting. Priority is given to full Diploma students in all courses.

**Is there a cost associated with partial DP?**

- Yes. Students taking 1-3 DP courses will be charged a flat fee of \$600, paid over two years in two installments.

**How do I apply for partial DP?**

- Fill out your grade 11 Course Programming Form including up to 3 DP courses you want to request. Make sure that your MyEd course entry also includes these courses. Requests are not guaranteed and teacher references will be checked.



# The DP at Carson Graham

48 full diploma students

83 students taking courses for certificates

2 Coordinators

16 teachers

**LANGUAGE & LITERATURE**  
English

**LANGUAGE ACQUISITION**  
French or Spanish

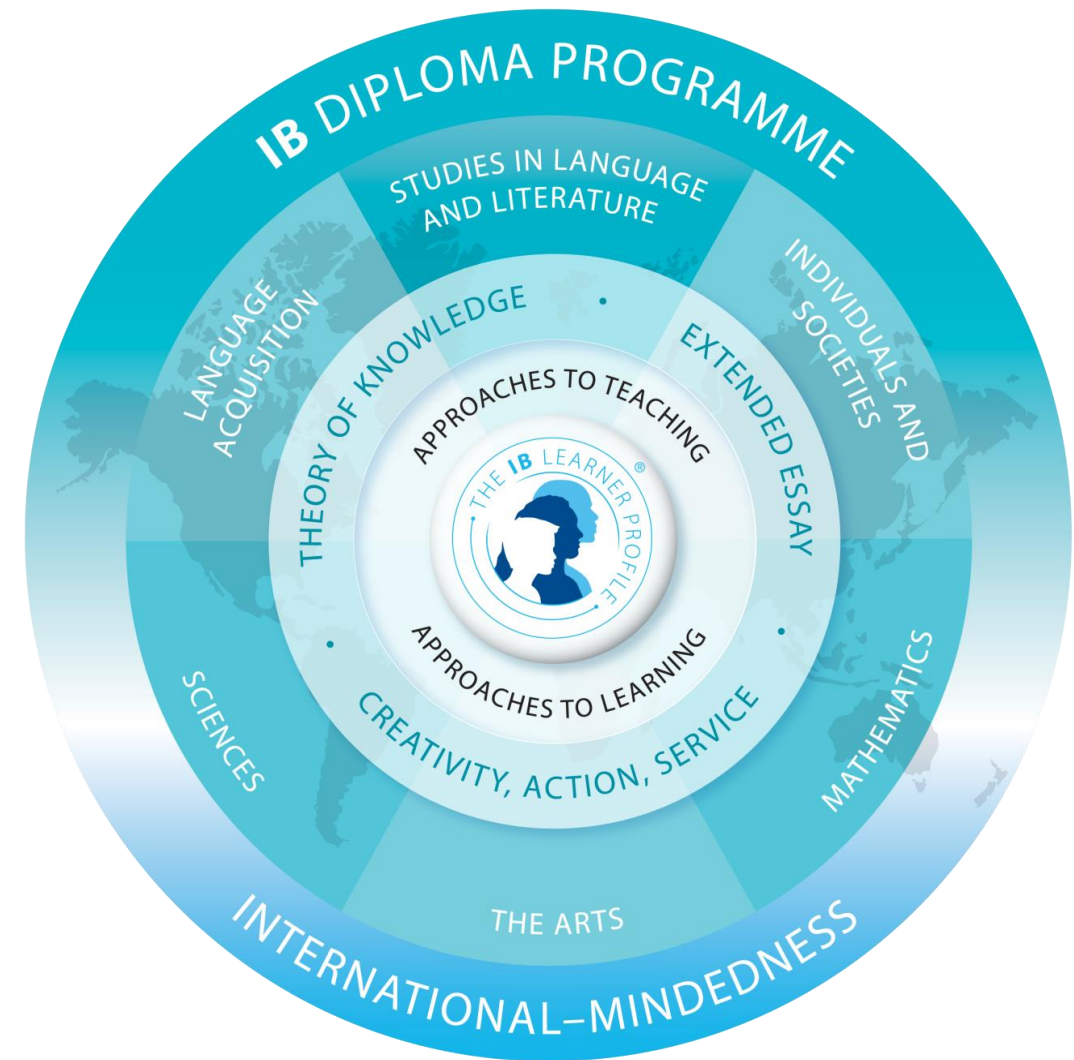
**INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES**  
Geography &/or Global Politics

**SCIENCES**  
Biology, Chemistry &/or Physics

**MATHEMATICS**  
Math Analysis or Math Applications

**THE ARTS**  
Visual Arts

**CORE**  
TOK, CAS & EE



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





1. Identify personal strengths & areas for growth
2. Challenge yourself & develop new skills
3. Initiate & plan activities
4. Commit & persevere in your experiences
5. Collaborate and recognize the benefits
6. Engage with issues of global significance
7. Recognize & consider the ethics of choices & actions



# Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

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## 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

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

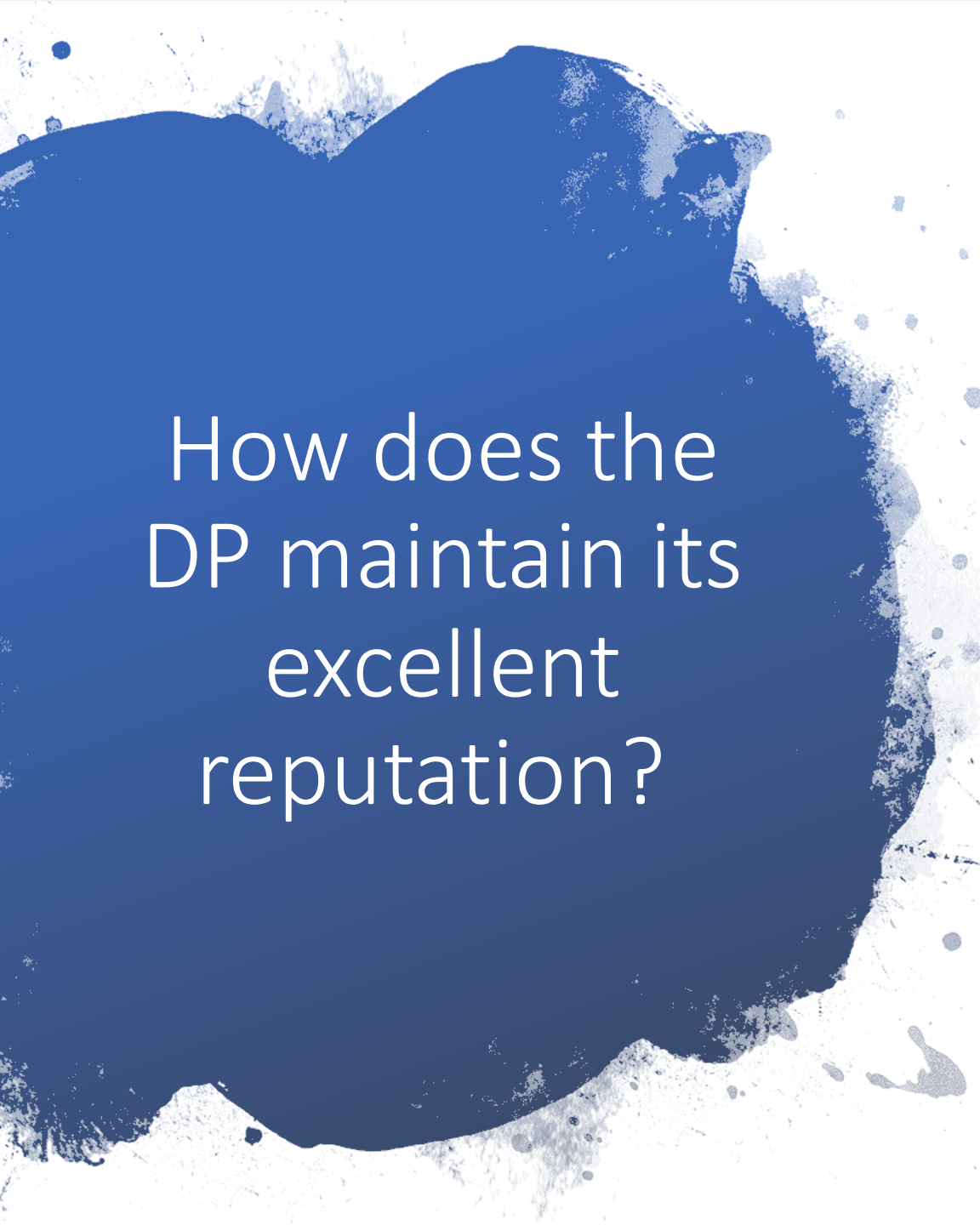




# Traits of Diploma Students:

- 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

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- Carson Graham Average Points
  - Since 2011 = 31.3
  - Since 2020 = 32.75
- Global average is 30 (2023)
- 272 Diplomas Earned in 13 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 8 & 9, 2024

- Interested Grade 10 students can spend some time with our DP teachers and students to experience aspects of the program.
- To register, please email [ltornhill@sd44.ca](mailto:ltornhill@sd44.ca) by: **Friday, February 2, 2024**

## Full Diploma Programme:

- \$1700 over 2 years
  - \$500 due 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 October of year 1
  - \$300 October of year 2





**DEADLINE February 16, 2024**

**[www.carsongraham.ca](http://www.carsongraham.ca)**

**Programs/Services: IB – Diploma Programme**

## COMPONENTS

**Application Form**

**Grade 9&10 Report Cards**

- Recommended minimum level 6, 86% or Proficient

**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 applied to student through schoolcashonline upon acceptance into the program





## APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 16, 2024

## INTERVIEW SESSIONS

Applicants from North Vancouver or inside BC may be invited to individual or group interviews, in person.

February 22nd - February 27th



# Carson Graham Secondary

North Vancouver School District

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Application Pro

Athletics

Diploma Currici

Course Offerings & Programming

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

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Information

## Diploma Programme DP

### ABOUT THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME AT CARSON GRAHAM

[Click here for APPLICATION & FEE INFORMATION](#)



[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](http://carsongraham.ca)



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:



**Do I still need to fill out my course request form if I'm applying for the Diploma Programme?** Yes. Once accepted to the program, you will choose your DP courses. If you would like to take partial Diploma, please select up to 3 DP courses.



**What is the minimum grade requirement to be accepted?** We recommend a minimum of 6/86%, but our application process is holistic and no one factor will preclude a student from consideration.



**When will I know if I have been accepted?** Offers will be sent via email by Mar 14th. 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 before the course schedule has been set.

# 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  
Yael Gazit

## **Language Acquisition:**

Erin Garcia  
Celine Kossmann

## **Individuals and Societies:**

Kit Bjornson  
Megan Tolliday

## **Mathematics:**

Julia Dai  
Kathleen Zhao  
Stephanie Strandt

## **Sciences:**

Christopher Blay  
Dan Chong  
Susan Johnston  
Liz Thornhill

## **Visual Art:**

Meghan Parker



Do you have  
any questions?

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“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



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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. 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)