

# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Mt. Rainier High School



# Tonight's Agenda

- ◆ A Brief Overview of the IB Program
- ◆ Challenges and Benefits of the IB Program
- ◆ Exams and Fees
- ◆ Question and Answer Session



# *Part 1 : IB Program Overview*



## Characteristics of IB

- ✦ A broad, skill-based university preparatory education
- ✦ A program of choice reflecting student interest and ability
- ✦ A program promoting international awareness and community involvement



# Uniqueness of IB

- ◆ A package curriculum
- ◆ ToK / EE / CAS
- ◆ International Emphasis
- ◆ Assessment



# Language A

*English HL*

## Experimental Sciences

*Biology SL/HL  
Chemistry SL  
Physics SL/HL*

## Individuals and Societies

*History SL/HL  
Business & Management SL*

# Language B

*French SL/HL  
Spanish SL/HL*

## Mathematics

*Math SL  
Math Methods SL  
Math HL*

## Sixth Subject

*Visual Arts SL/HL  
Music SL  
2<sup>nd</sup> science course*

- Extended Essay
- Theory of Knowledge
- CAS-  
Creativity  
Action Service



# Option 1

## Diploma

- ◆ Six exams (24 points)
  - › 3 Standard Level + 3 Higher Level
  - › 2 Standard Level + 4 Higher Level
- ◆ Three other requirements
  - › Theory of Knowledge
  - › Extended Essay (~3500 words = Sr. Project)
  - › Creativity, Action, Service (150 hours)



# Option 2

## Certificate

- ✦ One certificate earned per year
- ✦ Lists all exams and scores for each subject successfully completed
- ✦ No additional requirements



# Probable IB Course Sequence

	<i>Grade 11</i>	<i>Grade 12</i>
Language A HL	IB Eng. 11	IB Eng. 12
Language B SL/HL	World Lang. III	World Lang. IV
History SL, HL	IB History of Americas	IB 20 <sup>th</sup> Century History
Math SL, HL	IB Math SL IB Math Studies 1,2 IB Math HL	IB Math SL IB Math Studies 3,4 IB Math HL
Science SL, HL	IB Physics 1,2 IB Bio 1,2 IB Chem 1,2	IB Physics 3,4 IB Bio 3,4
6 <sup>th</sup> Subject /other	IB Music SL IB Art SL/HL IB Business & Management SL	Theory of Knowledge



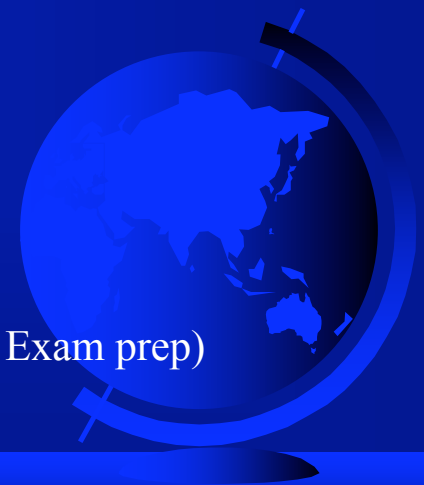
# IB Math Sequence Options

- *These sequences prepare for an IB Math SL exam.*

<u>10<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup></u>
<i>Geometry</i>	<i>Math Studies 1,2</i> (Alg. II/pre- Calculus)(intro to Calc/Stats & IB Project)	<i>Math Studies 3,4</i>
<i>Algebra II</i>	<i>Math SL</i> (Math Analysis/Trig)	<i>Math SL</i> (survey of Calc/Stats & IB Portfolio)

- *This sequence prepares for the IB Math HL exam.*

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<i>Algebra II</i>	<i>Math HL</i> (Calculus 1,2)	<i>Math HL</i> (Stats, IB Portfolio, & IB Exam prep)



# IB Assessment Overview

- ◆ Internal and External
- ◆ Performance-based
- ◆ Based on specific exit criteria



# IB Assessment Details

- ✦ English A1 HL: 2 World Lit papers; one oral commentary; one oral presentation
- ✦ World Language: 4 oral assignments, including one recorded presentation
- ✦ History of the Americas HL: Guided Coursework paper
- ✦ Math SL and HL: Portfolio of 3 papers
- ✦ Science SL and HL: Interdisciplinary Science Project; Lab reports
- ✦ ToK: One presentation and one paper
- ✦ Each of the six subjects culminates in an exit exam



## *Part 2: Benefits and Challenges*

“The International Baccalaureate is the best secondary curriculum in the world, bar none.”

Elizabeth Verney  
Director of Admissions  
Bryn Mawr College



# Benefits of IB classes

- Skills vs. content
- Study habits and time management skills
- Challenging, stimulating, and motivating curriculum
- Produces well-rounded students via CAS
- Internationally recognized
- College entrance and scholarship



# College Admissions

## University

## Acceptance Rates

	all applicants	IB applicants
Harvard University	11%	14.4%
Stanford University	12.6%	16.9%
CalTech	21%	40.7%
University of Virginia	38.1%	63.3%
Reed College	55%	90.9%
BYU	60%	86.2%
Emory University	42%	82.1%

Statistics for Fall 2002 – from SUPERtest by Jay Mathews and Ian Hill, 2005.



# IB University Recognition

◆ [ibo.org](http://ibo.org)

For Scholarships follow:

Information for...>Graduates>Useful Links Univ. Scholarships

For Credit Recognition follow:

Information for...>Universities>Univ. that recognize  
IB>country pages>The IB in>IB Diploma Programme  
recognition>(choose college)



# Challenges of IB

- ✦ Students are sometimes unprepared for the rigor of IB
- ✦ Student and teacher vs. IB NOT student vs. teacher
- ✦ Time Management
- ✦ Maintaining a social life



# How can you help your student?

- ✦ Get them planning tools and model how you manage your time.
- ✦ Be sure they maintain a social network and prioritize some down time.
- ✦ Nutrition and exercise are important.
- ✦ Be sensitive to the challenges they have taken on...listen.
- ✦ Maintain open communication with their teachers.



# *Part 3: Exams and Fees*



# IB Exams & other deadlines

- ✦ Exams are recommended.
- ✦ Exams are given the first 3 weeks of May.
- ✦ Each exam is generally taken over a two day period.
- ✦ Two SL exams may be taken junior year.
- ✦ No more than four HL exams may be taken.
- ✦ Results are published online in early July.
- ✦ Internal Assessment, Extended Essay, and other deadlines are in February, March and April.



# IB Exam Fees (itemized)

May 2008

## ◆ FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

◆ Fees are now the same for Diploma and Certificate registrants

◆ Registration fee (one time fee) \$123

◆ Subject fee (each exam) \$84



# IB Exam Fees (total costs)

May 2008

## ◆ Diploma Candidate

› Taking 6 exams \$627

## ◆ Certificate Candidate

› Taking 1 exam \$207

› Taking 2 exams \$291

› Taking 3 exams \$375

› Taking 4 exams \$459

› Taking 5 exams \$543



# Fee Waivers and Payment Plans

- ◆ Free and Reduced Lunch qualified students receive a 90% fee reduction

- ◆ Confidential



- ◆ Installment payments available upon request



# Mt. Rainier IB Program Information

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