

## West High School IB Diploma Programme Options

As an IB student at West High School, there are multiple options through which you can participate in the IB Diploma Programme:

### **Option 1: IB Full Diploma Candidate:**

A full diploma candidate is a student who has committed to the full Diploma Programme, which entails taking 6 IB courses, writing an Extended Essay, completing a CAS project, and successfully completing the Theory of Knowledge course during his/her junior and senior years.

Full diploma candidates must take IB exams in all 6 courses and receive a minimum cumulative score of 24 points to receive the IB Diploma. The IB diploma is a special diploma awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organization and is separate from the Tennessee State diploma awarded to all Tennessee high school graduates. Declaration as an IB Diploma candidate can be achieved only through an application process with the IB Coordinator at West High School. Applications are distributed and reviewed during January of the student's sophomore year.

### *Recommendations for Diploma Programme applicants:*

Diploma candidates should be organized as well as highly motivated to succeed and reach their full potential. All students are welcome to apply and there is no specific GPA requirement for consideration. It is recommended that students applying for the full diploma programme have been following the Honors/AP track, at least partially, as freshmen and sophomores due to the number of Higher Level (HL) courses they must take as a requirement for the IB Diploma. Motivated students that are not currently on the Honors/AP track can be excellent candidates if

they are achieving high marks in their current course load and are ready for a more rigorous curriculum.

***Required:*** *Minimum successful completion of: English 1 and II, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology I, Chemistry I and at least two years of the same World Language.*

## **Option 2: IB Certificate Candidate**

A student may also elect to take select IB courses without enrolling in the full Diploma Programme. Students who enroll in individual courses will receive an IB certificate noting the courses they took and the marks they earned on each exam. To enroll in an IB course for certificate only, the student must declare intent in January of the sophomore year and designate those IB courses on the course selection sheet. Teacher signature must also be obtained.

## **WHS IB Courses**

### Group 1: Language & Literature (2-year courses)

English HL and SL

### Group 2: Language Acquisition (2-year courses)

Spanish HL and SL

French HL and SL

German SL only

### Group 3: Individuals and Societies

History of Europe HL (2-year course)

Psychology SL (1-year course)

World Religions SL (1-year course)

Group 4: Experimental Sciences (2-year courses)

Biology HL

Chemistry HL

Physics HL

Environmental Systems and Societies SL

Group 5: Mathematics (2-year courses)

Math Studies SL

Mathematics SL

Mathematics HL

Group 6: The Arts

Fine Arts SL and HL (2-year courses)

Theatre SL (1-year course)

***If you have any questions concerning WHS IB course offerings, please contact:***

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