**MVHS IB Access/Admission Policy**

**Program Description**

The IB Diploma Program is a highly respected, rigorous, college-prep program offered only at MVHS in our district. This two-year program offered in 11th and 12th grades provides students with an opportunity to expand their critical thinking, creative and communication skills, while potentially earning college credit, receiving a GPA boost, and gaining positive recognition in the college admissions process. Universities look very favorably on the IB Diploma Program because they understand the rigor and preparation for college the IB Diploma Program provides, which leads to greater student success in college.

**Qualifications to Enter the IB Diploma Program**

The general philosophy at MVHS is to make the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program available to all students who want to challenge themselves and to prepare themselves for college. Any student taking an advanced class (IB or AP) should be aware of the rigor involved in the course, requiring self-motivation and time-management skills to be successful. Although there are no official entrance exams for the IB program, below are strongly recommended entering conditions:

1. **Language B:** Students must be enrolled in Spanish or French in 9th and 10th grades to access the IB Language B courses available at MVHS (Spanish SL, Spanish HL, and French SL). See Mrs. Thornburg for options if you are not currently enrolled in level 2 or higher of one of these languages by 10th grade.
2. **Reading / Writing level**: the student should be able to read and write at or above grade level. Students below grade level in reading and writing will need to dedicate more time outside of the classroom to receive additional assistance and skill building to be successful in the courses.
3. **Grades / Test Scores**: a 3.0 GPA or above is recommended, with no less than a C in prior coursework, as this indicates the student’s ability to manage the courseload demand of the full program.

**Required Documents for Admission to the IB Diploma Program:**

Qualified students interested in participating in the IB Diploma Program must complete the registration packet. These following forms must be completed by both the student and parent.

* IB Contract (parent and student signatures to indicate one’s understanding of all requirements for the IB Diploma program at MVHS)
* IB Honor Code (parent and student signatures to indicate one’s understanding and acceptance of the IB Program’s academic integrity policy and commitment)
* Two-year course planning sheet (this indicates the student’s two-year plan for the IB Program and ensures the student can successfully meet the course requirements across all subject areas)

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program Contract

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Place your initials next to each item below to indicate you understand and agree to the following commitments to complete the IB Diploma Program:

\_\_\_\_\_ Take 6 IB subject courses, one from each area (3 HL and 3 SL, or 4 HL and 3 SL).

\_\_\_\_\_ Take the exams for all 6 IB courses.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pay all exam costs. All fees are subject to change by the IBO.

* Per subject fee of $128 for each test (due in November of the year they take the exam.)
* Total cost for the IB Diploma Program is approximately $768.
* Students enrolled in the Free and Reduced lunch program for that school year will have the subject exam fee reduced to $9 each. Total program cost would be $54.

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete Theory of Knowledge course (after school in Spring of 11th and Fall of 12th).

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete Creativity, Activity and Service experiences monthly with reflections and evidence.

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete the Extended Essay with help of supervisor and meet all deadlines assigned.

\_\_\_\_\_ Must maintain “Good Standing” in order to continue in the IB Program:

* Maintain C’s and above in all classes
* Meet all CAS deadlines
* Meet all EE deadlines
* Follow the honor code

\_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment in an IB course is contingent on meeting the pre-requisite for the course.

By signing below, I agree to the above commitments, and state that I have received a copy of the IB General Regulations: Diploma Program. (Available @ https://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/page/9435)

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Student Name Student Signature Date

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 Parent Name Parent Signature Date

**IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM HONOR CODE**

It is often said, “Honesty is the best policy.” Nowhere is this more true than for MVHS students in the International Baccalaureate program who strive to be principled inquirers who abide by the Nighthawk code of Respect, Integrity, Teamwork and Excellence. The IB Diploma Program is a rigorous, demanding course of study that seeks to prepare students to take on the demands of further academic study and ultimately become contributing citizens of the world. As such, the IB Diploma Program is one of the best-known, most well-respected college-prep programs in the world. Therefore, it is imperative that MVHS students adhere to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Honor Code as set forth below.

MVHS International Baccalaureate students agree to maintain academic honesty and uphold the highest standard of academic and behavioral integrity. It is understood that participating in any of the following activities constitutes “Malpractice” and is considered a serious breach of IB Regulations. Malpractice includes:

1. PLAGIARISM: the copying or representation of another’s work as one’s own. This includes data downloaded from the Internet and inappropriate use of artificial intelligence.
2. COLLUSION: allowing another student to copy your work or submit it as his or her own.
3. DUPLICATION OF WORK: the presentation of the same work for different assessments, assignments, or projects.
4. ANY BEHAVIOR THAT GAINS UNFAIR ADVANTAGE FOR A STUDENT OR THAT AFFECTS THE RESULTS OF ANOTHER STUDENT: this would include but not be limited to using unauthorized aides during an exam, looking at someone else’s paper during a test, letting another student look at your paper during an exam, utilizing unauthorized notes during an exam, or disrupting an exam by an act of misconduct, including cell phone disruptions.

Participation in any of the above behaviors or actions deemed to be similar is considered a violation of the IB Honor Code. Offenses are accumulated over all subject areas for the two years of each program. Internal consequences during IB coursework:

* 1st Offense: Credit loss for assignment, test, project; no make-up assignment permitted; discipline referral; entry into discipline file; parent-teacher-counselor-administrative conference. Final grade in class may be negatively affected. Student and parent will be notified that one more offense will result in removal from the IB DP.
* 2nd Offense: Credit loss for assignment, test, project; no make-up assignment permitted; discipline referral; entry into discipline file; parent-teacher-counselor-administrative conference; Saturday school is assigned. Final grade in class may be negatively affected. Student will be dismissed from the full IB Diploma Program.

External consequences from IB regarding official assessments (internal assessments, extended essay, Theory of Knowledge essay, etc.)

* Academic dishonesty as it relates to official IB assessments will incur the penalties as per IB’s penalty matrices as stated in the MVHS Academic Integrity Policy posted online.
* If the teacher suspects the student’s work is not authentic, then that work will not be submitted to the IB, and the student will receive a failing mark from IB for that subject area; forfeiting their IB Diploma.
* If IB suspects academic dishonesty, then the school and student will be notified of an internal investigation.

I have read the MVHS IB Honor Code and agree to abide by it.

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 (Student’s Name) Date

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 (Student’s Signature) (Parent’s Signature)

**IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM TWO-YEAR PLAN Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* When you make your selection for your junior year, follow the row to the right to make your senior year selection. Do not move out of the row you selected in the junior year. (w) = weighted grade in that course for UC schools
* You must select one course from each Group for a total of 6 IB courses to complete the program requirements.
* Check the box if you plan to take the exam in May of the year you take the course.
* Options: 3 HL and 3 SL or 4 HL and 2 SL. All HL courses are two-year courses and test in senior year.
* **Max of 2 SLs in the junior year.**

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| **JUNIOR YEAR** | **SL test** | **SENIOR YEAR** | **HL or SL** |
| **Group 1: English**  |  | **Group 1: English**  | **HL** |
| * IB English HL1 (w) [1023]
 |  | * IB English HL2 (w) [1024]
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| **Group 2: Language Acquisition**  |  | **Group 2: Language Acquisition**  |  |
| * Spanish 3 [4120]
 |  | * IB Spanish SL (w) [4126]
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| * IB Spanish SL (if Sp. 3 was completed) (w) [4126]
 |  | * Open Elective: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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| * AP Spanish Lang (w) [4130]
 |  | * IB Spanish HL2 (w) [4128]
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| * French 3 [4220]
 |  | * IB French SL (w) [4226]
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| * Adv. French 3 (w) [4240]
 |  | * IB French SL (w) [4226]
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| * German 3 [4320]
 |  | * IB German SL (w) [4330]
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| **Group 3: Individuals & Societies**  |  | **Group 3: Individuals & Societies**  |  |
| * IB History HL1 (w) [1602]
 |  | * IB History HL2 (w) [1603]
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| * AP US History (w) [1601]
 |  | * IB Economics SL (w) [1711]
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| * MSJC History 111/112 (w) [1505/1515]
 |  | * IB Economics SL (w) [1711]
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| * CP US History [1600]
 |  | * IB Economics SL (w) [1711]
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| **Group 4: Sciences (select 1)** |  | **Group 4: Sciences (select 1)** |  |
| * CP Chemistry [3525]
 |  | * IB Environmental Systems SL(w) [3105] or
* IB Sports & Health Science SL(w) [2883]
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| * Anatomy and Physiology [3040] or
* AP Biology (w) [3031] or
* AP Chemistry (w)
 |  | * IB Environmental Systems SL(w) [3105] or
* IB Sports & Health Science SL(w) [2883]
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| * IB Environmental Systems SL(w) [3105] or
* IB Sports & Health Science SL(w) [2883]
 |  | * Open elective or non-IB science: (write-in)
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| * AP Physics (w) (IB Physics HL1) [3531]
 |  | * IB Physics HL2 (w) [3536]
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| **Group 5: Mathematics** |  | **Group 5: Mathematics** | **SL** |
| * Math 3 [2218]
 |  | * IB Statistics/PreCalc (Applications) SL (w) [2358]
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| * Adv. Math 3 [2219]
 |  | * IB Statistics/PreCalc (Applications) SL (w) [2358]
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| * Adv. Math 3 (with an A grade)
 |  | * IB Calculus (Analysis) SL (w) [2359]
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| * AP Pre-Calculus [2352]
 |  | * IB Calculus (Analysis) SL (w) [2359]
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| * IB Statistics/PreCalc (Applications) SL (w) [2358]
 |  | * Open elective: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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| * IB Calculus (Analysis) SL (w) [2359]
 |  | * AP Calc BC (w)
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| **Group 6: IB Elective (choose 1 over the 2 years)** |  | **Group 6: IB Elective (choose 1 over the 2 years)** |  |
| * IB Psychology HL1 (w) [1893]
 |  | * IB Psychology HL2 (w) [1894]
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| * IB Music HL1 (w) [7012]
 |  | * IB Music HL2 (w) [7013]
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| * (Choose one) IB Psychology SL (w) [1893], or
* IB Sports & Health Science SL [2883], or
* IB Environmental Systems SL [3532]
 |  | Non-IB elective (write-in)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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 |  | * (Choose one) IB Psychology SL (w) [1893], or
* IB Sports & Health Science SL [2883], or
* IB Environmental Systems SL [3532]
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| **7th course: non-IB elective** |  | **7th course: non-IB elective** |  |
| * Choice #1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Choice #2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This can be early release, leadership, band, AVID, etc. |  | * Choice #1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Choice #2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This can be early release, leadership, band, AVID, etc. |  |
| * TOK (w) [1892] – spring semester

**Juniors must not take more than 2 IB SL classes** |  | * TOK (w) [1892] – fall semester

**Must take a total of 6 IB exams by the end of senior year (3 SL & 3 HL2 or 2 SL & 4 HL2)** | \_\_\_\_ HL\_\_\_\_ SL |

**Review Process**

The policy will be reviewed annually by the leadership team, counselor and IB DP teachers to incorporate updates from IBO and feedback from current implementation of policy.

This policy was last reviewed and updated on November 7, 2024.