

# International Baccalaureate and Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

Ancaster High School  
Westdale Secondary School

Diploma Program

curiosity

creativity

possibility

## The History of IB and IB in Ontario

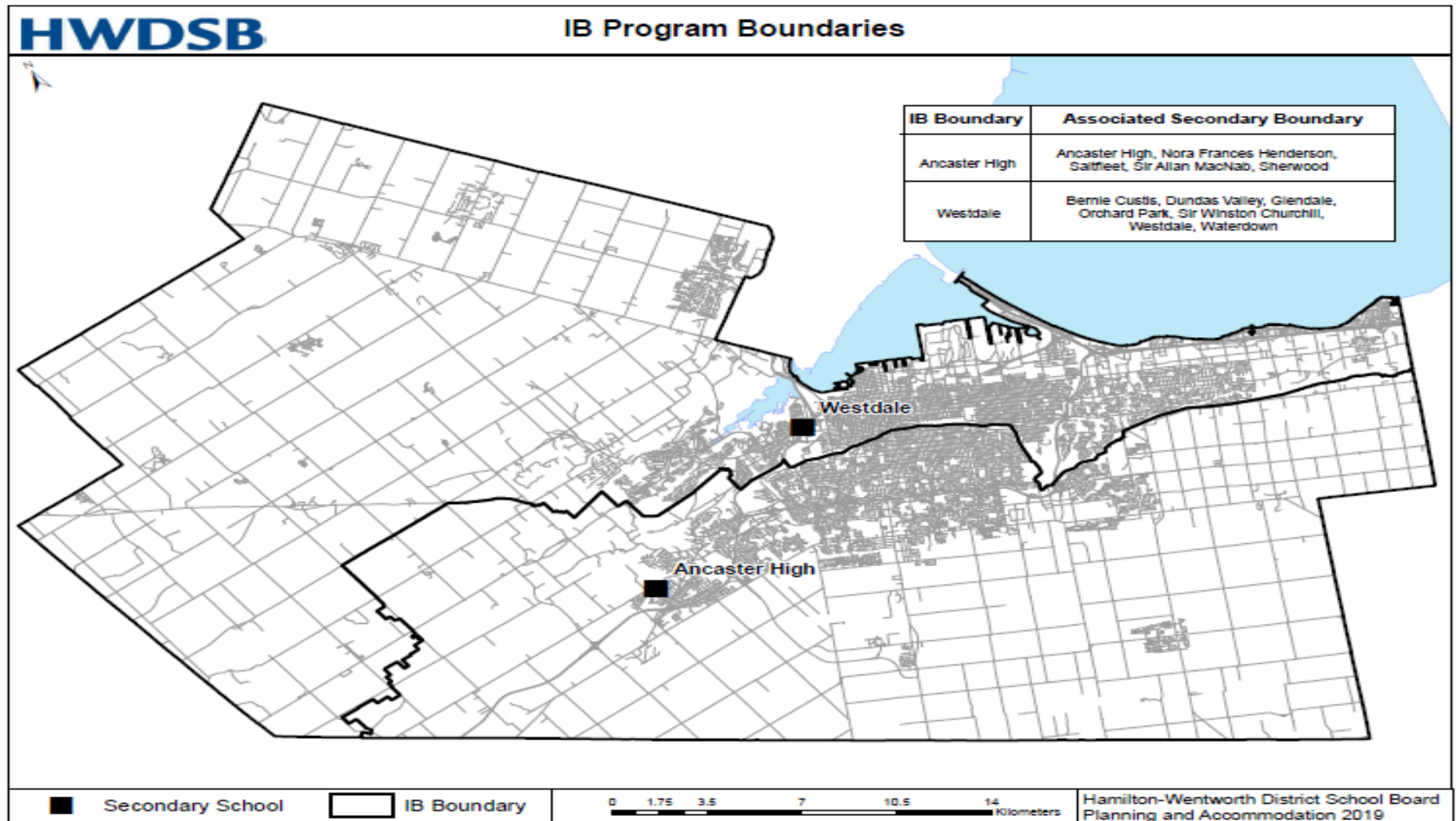
- The International Baccalaureate was founded in Geneva, Switzerland in 1968 as a non-profit educational foundation.
- There are 5175 IB schools in 157 countries.
- The Americas account for over 50% of the IB schools worldwide.
- There were 2926 Diploma schools that wrote May 2019 exams
- 386 IB World Schools in Canada: 186 in the Diploma Programme.
- First Canadian School in 1974
- IB Diploma Pass Rates: World Average 77% (2019) and our schools typically are greater than the World Average.
- 155 Universities in Canada recognize the IB Programme.

## IB in the HWDSB

- Two Schools offer the IB Diploma Programme:
  - Ancaster Secondary School
  - Westdale Secondary School
- Students apply to the IB Program in the designated IB catchment boundary in January of their grade 10 year.
- Diploma Program offered in grades 11 and 12.

# HWDSB

## IB School Catchment Boundaries



## Organization: What is the IB mission?

*The IB is a not-for-profit foundation, motivated by its educational mission, focused on the student.*



**The International Baccalaureate Organization aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.**

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

## Programmes : What is the Learner Profile?

*It's the IB mission statement translated into a set of learning outcomes for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*



**IB learners strive to be:**

**Inquirers**

**Knowledgeable**

**Thinkers**

**Communicators**

**Principled**

**Open-minded**

**Caring**

**Risk-takers**

**Balanced**

**Reflective**

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## Contents: What does the Diploma Programme curriculum contain?

*The curriculum contains SIX subject groups and a core of three parts.*



Students study  
concurrently:

- **three** subjects at higher level (240 hours each).
- **three** subjects at standard level (150 hours each).
- all three parts of the core.

The IB Learner Profile and the core are central to the philosophy of the Diploma Programme.

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Group 1: Language and Literature  
– English

Group 2: Language: French or  
Spanish

Group 3: Individuals and Societies  
Eg: Geography or History

Group 4: Experimental Science –  
One of Biology or Chemistry

Group 5: Mathematics – Analysis  
& Approaches

Group 6: Arts – Art or 2<sup>nd</sup> Science



## The Core: Non-Classroom Components of the Diploma

All three components must be completed by students to earn the Diploma and students can earn up to **3 Bonus Points** towards their Diploma.

Theory of Knowledge – TOK students DO get an OSSD credit for this course.

Extended Essay – EE - University prep with a 4000 word essay.

Creativity, Activity and Service – CAS Project with 7 Learning Outcomes.



## Who is it for and what are the benefits ?

- **Two Diplomas! OSSD and IB**
- **University Preparation Program**
  - Ongoing Studies are being published on the success rates of IB Students once they enter University
- **Internationally Written Curriculum**
  - Students will be exposed to curriculum that connects them to a Global Education
- **Transferable to Many Countries and University Acceptance**
  - Internationally recognized and widely thought of as a quality controlled and dynamic curriculum (not just for students who plan to go Out of Province for University)
- **Transfer Credit**
  - Students can apply for University credit based on their results.

## Grade 9 and 10: What Should I Take?

### Grade 9

Enriched English (if possible)

Enriched Math (if possible)

French

Academic Science

Academic Geography

Phys Ed

Arts elective

Elective

### Grade 10

Enriched English (if possible)

Enriched Math (if possible)

Grade 11 Math (university)

Academic History

Academic Science

Academic French/elective

University Physics?

Elective

## What is special about IB assessment?

*IB assessment is rigorous, criterion related, consistent and differentiating of student ability.*

- Diploma Programme assessment includes both final examinations and internal assessment undertaken by the teacher using IB criteria and then externally moderated by the IB.
- Marks awarded for each course range from 1 (lowest) to 7 (highest).
- The maximum diploma score is 45 points including the 3 bonus points.
- Diploma is awarded to students who gain at least 24 points, complete the Core and get 12 points in their 3 HL courses.

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- **Grade Level Descriptors developed for each subject**

### In General:

- 7 Excellent performance**
- 6 Very good performance**
- 5 Good performance**
- 4 Satisfactory performance**
- 3 Mediocre performance**
- 2 Poor performance**
- 1 Very poor performance**

## IB Diploma

- How can I get my IB Diploma in Grade 12?
  - 7 point marking scale
  - Pass each course (no marks of 1), average of 4 in 3 HL courses
  - Receive a minimum of 24 Diploma Points
  - No mark of 'E' in TOK and Extended Essay
  - Complete CAS

### Example:

<b>Group 1 – English Language &amp; Literature</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Group 2 - Second Language B (French or Spanish)</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Group 3 - Individuals and Societies (History or Geog)</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Group 4 - Experimental Sciences I (Chem or Bio)</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Group 5 - Mathematics</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Group 6 - Experimental Sciences II (Chem or Bio)</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Bonus TOK and EE (maximum 3)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>IB Diploma Score</b>	<b>38</b>

## Ontario University Marks Conversion Scale

- Developed by Ontario Universities to ensure consistency around reporting of grades on the OSSD

IB Grade	OSSD % Range	MoE 4 Point Scale
7	97-100%	4++
6	93-96%	4+
5	84-92%	4
4	72-83%	3
3	61-71%	2
2	50-60%	1

## United States Universities/Colleges

- Students usually apply with the Common Application – a central hub of collected references and letters for Universities to access when students apply to American post secondary institutions.
- Access this information through: **[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)**
- More than 700 Colleges use this system.
- The **Common Application** also notifies you of upcoming deadlines.
- Some Universities/Colleges use **The Coalition**, which is a similar site: **[www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org)**



## Canadian University Admissions

University	Program	IB Grades and Prerequisite	Ontario Grades and Prerequisite
Queen's University	Commerce	Full IB Diploma passing all 6 with a minimum of 28 points, excluding Bonus points. 3 HL courses reqd. Level 5 in Math and English.	OSSD and 6 4U/4M courses (3 4U courses) ENG4U, MCV4U and other 4U math (min. 80% in these 3) and 87%+ average overall.
McMaster	Health Sciences	Full Diploma with a minimum of 36 points, 3 HL and 3 SL, including English, Biology, Chemistry, appropriate Math and non-science, math or tech	ENG4U, one of MHF4U, MCV4U or MDM4U, SBI4U, SCH4U, one non-science, non-math, non-tech. 90% average to be considered

## University recognition: How well is the diploma recognized by universities?

*The IB diploma is widely recognized by the world's leading universities.*

- “Results show that IB students are more likely than non-IB students to complete their university degree and that they do so in less time. IB students are also better able to adjust to university expectations, thanks to their ability to think critically, manage their time and perform research.”
- <https://www.relocatemagazine.com/articles/education-schools-international-guide-2017-the-international-baccalaureate-a-global-success-story>

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- **University of British Columbia has on their Admissions pages:**
- “The International Baccalaureate Organization and UBC share a common vision – that global perspectives are key to education. That’s why so many IB diploma and certificate holders find success at UBC. In fact, of all the universities in the world, UBC is one of the top destinations for IB diploma graduates.
- At UBC, we understand the IB program and we value the experience you’ve had as an IB student. Here, you can build on that experience through our impressive variety of [academic degree programs](#) where cross-discipline learning is celebrated. Join the many IB students who have already made UBC – one of the most beautiful and respected universities in the world – their academic home.”

<http://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/international-baccalaureate/>

## Items to Consider as a Family:

- Is it right for YOUR child...IB Learner Profile?
- Work independently and in groups?
- What mechanisms are there to deal with pressure?
- Financial cost
- Transportation and Travel Arrangements
- Commitment to the programme including The Core (CAS, TOK, and the Extended Essay)
- Complete Grade 11 Math!!

## Cost of the Program

- Some reasons for Program Fees
  - Examinations Fees for registering students in IBIS (IBO computer system) and to sit for examinations
  - Courier Fees- All examinations must be sent for marking and moderation
  - Teacher Training – all IB teachers need to be trained in an intensive 4 day workshop, locations all over North America
  - Resources - textbooks, etc

## Program Fee Structure 2019-2020

Fees have been calculated on a cost recovery basis.

### Semester Program Fees:

\$600.00 payable each semester in Grades 11 and 12 (total of 4 semesters)

Total for complete programme: \$2,400.00

Families with financial needs should contact their appropriate Diploma Coordinator

## Timeline for Applications

- Completed Applications due to school by January 17th, 2020
- Acceptance to the program communicated by individual school near February 7, 2020
- Option sheets due by February 28, 2020

## The Application Package

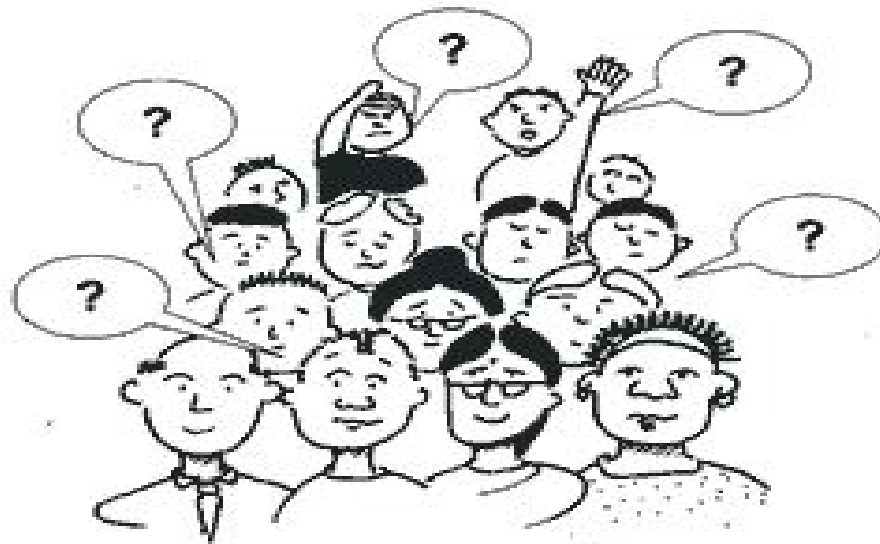
- The following documents are required for submission by the application deadline:
  - Application package including demographic information, student response questions and parent response question.
  - Status Sheet if switching schools.
  - Students coming from other school Boards or countries need to be assessed by the Board for prerequisite courses to give prerequisite credits.



# Thank You!!

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## Q & A

## Ancaster and Westdale IB Students and Teachers.