

International Baccalaureate International Program Information Sheet

Students interested in the IB diploma program must enter the program in grade 10 or grade 11. The expectation is that students will stay in the program through their grade 12 school year. Courses for grade 12 (DP2) do not get selected until part way through the students' grade 11 year.

The IB Programme at Port Moody Secondary School

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

Informed by these values, an IB education:

- centres on learners
- develops effective approaches to teaching and learning
- works within global contexts
- explores significant content.

Working together, these four characteristics define an IB education.

Grade 10

Students coming to our Pre-Diploma Grade 10 year will be completing the BC provincial curriculum and graduation requirements through selected Pre-Diploma classes in which there will be focus on skills and content needed to be prepared for the diploma.

All students take the same common core of classes:

1. Pre-Diploma First Peoples Literary Studies 10
2. Pre-Diploma Social Studies 10
3. Pre-Diploma Foundations of Math and Pre-Calculus 10
4. Pre-Diploma Science 10
5. Physical Health Education 10

Students must choose to study a second language that they will continue with in the diploma for grade 11 and 12:

1. French 10
2. Spanish 10
3. Mandarin Chinese 10
4. Japanese 10

Students will also take 2 elective classes, which may include Career Life Education 10. They may take Career Life Education 10 as extra online course or at summer school to take 2 electives offered in school (the cost is an additional \$2,000 CAD per class).

Students who meet the eligibility criteria may choose to enroll in either the full IB Diploma Programme or take a Partial Diploma.



Grade 11 (DP Year 1)

Students entering the IB diploma programme (**Grade 11**) at Port Moody must take one subject from each of the six subject groups below to earn their diplomas for the two years of the programme. Students must take 3 HL and 3 SL classes, or 4 HL and 2 SL classes.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
English Literature HL	- French B SL - Spanish B SL - Chinese B SL - Japanese B SL	- History HL - Geography HL - Economics SL
Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
- Biology HL - Chemistry SL - Physics HL	- Math Analysis & Approaches HL - Math Analysis & Approaches SL - Mathematics Applications and Interpretations HL/SL	- Visual Arts HL/SL - Film SL <u>Or</u> one additional subject from Group 2, 3, or 4

Students must also take Theory of Knowledge and complete the Extended Essay and the Creativity, Activity, Service requirements of the IB Core.

For students entering the diploma, they should have had **at least one year of additional language learning in French, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, or Japanese.**

- This can be done through an online course such as Introductory Japanese 11 or Introductory Spanish 11 which are offered by SD43. This should be completed prior to the start of school in September. For international students this is likely to be the biggest hurdle.

Students entering into Grade 11 will also need to complete 2 additional BC provincial graduation requirements on their own, either online or through summer learning (the cost is an additional \$2,000 CAD per class).

- Career Life Education 10
- Indigenous Graduation Requirement course:
 - English First Peoples - Literary Studies and New Media 11
 - English First Peoples - Literary Studies and Spoken Language 11
 - English First Peoples - Literary Studies and Writing 11
 - English First Peoples 12
 - B.C. First Peoples 12
 - Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12

International students will first be vetted by the International Education Administration and then complete a second interview with the Port Moody IB Program Coordinator to ensure applicant suitability.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The IB program fee for September 2025 to June 2026 is **\$22,000 CAD**.
- Medical insurance costs connected with the curriculum are covered in the program fee.
- School activity fees and other costs (including personal technology devices) are not included in the program fee.
- Homestay and custodianship fees are not included.