

IB MYTHS

#1

You have to be a “Super-Student” to be in the IB Program

No. In fact, some of the “best” students are not successful in the program because they are not willing to work hard. Average students who want a challenge, are task committed, and love to learn are destined for success in IB.

#2

IB students are under time constraints

Although the IB program has an academic focus, students enjoy a rich high school experience by participating in sports, the arts and school sponsored clubs. Students are encouraged to pursue those activities as part of their creativity, action and service (CAS) requirement.

#3

Colleges don't know what IB is

Yes they do! Most colleges recognize the IB program by favoring students who have taken it. Some offer preference in the admissions process, some offer advanced standing for IB diploma holders and other colleges offer sophomore standing to diploma holders.

#4

There is too much homework in IB classes

Since diploma candidates take several advanced classes, their homework load may increase. However, IB teachers try to coordinate major assignment dates so that no one night of study is particularly overwhelming. Students develop excellent time management skills as a result of being in the program.

#5

IB and AP do not mix

In many cases the subjects are so similar that some aspects of the curriculum are taught in the same class. The main difference between the two programs lies in the area of assessment. Students should choose the course that best meets their needs and the one which they feel will make them most successful. IB students are encouraged to take AP exams.