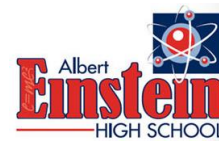




# Albert Einstein High School

## Enrolling in the IB Program



The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program within the Albert Einstein High School community aims to develop the individual talents of young people and teach them to relate their classroom experience to the outside world. Through comprehensive and balanced curricula coupled with challenging assessments, the IB Program is committed to ensure that all students master the skills and knowledge that empower them to become critical and compassionate thinkers, lifelong learners and informed participants in local and world affairs. We envision our students sharing an academic experience that will emphasize critical thinking, intercultural understanding, and exposure to a variety of points of view as a preparation for university work and global citizenship.

Our International Baccalaureate is an open-access IB program- there is no entrance exam. We firmly believe in ability of our students and encourage all students to challenge themselves in the IB Diploma program. We work hard to help all of our students excel in a supportive environment that helps them prepare for the rigors of college and career.

We look forward to continue working with our community to provide a well-rounded and rigorous IB Program. In order to earn the IB Diploma, students must take 6 IB courses- one from each discipline. In recognition of the rigor of the program and the IB philosophy that every student does not excel at every subject equally, students have many different pathways to earn the IB Diploma at Albert Einstein High School. Please reference the 4-year plan overview on the back for more specific course sequences.

**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade:** Enroll in Honors, Pre-IB & AP courses to prepare for the IB Diploma Program.

**January of 10<sup>th</sup> grade:** Attend IB Interest Meetings.

**February of 10<sup>th</sup> grade:** Meet with counselors and Mrs. Becraft, IB Coordinator, to discuss scheduling.

**September of 11<sup>th</sup> grade:** Start the IB Diploma Program!

**May of 11<sup>th</sup> grade:** Depending on your specific course sequence, you may have one or two IB exams.

**September of 12<sup>th</sup> grade:** Halfway through the Diploma program!

**May of 11<sup>th</sup> grade:** Take your final IB exams!

**July:** Receive your IB scores to earn your IB Diploma! ☺

### 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

The IB Diploma program begins in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, but Albert Einstein High Schools offers many different Honors, Pre-IB and AP courses to help prepare students. While pre-IB and AP classes are recommended, students may choose the course sequences they feel most comfortable with. IB Interest meetings are held for 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents starting in January. IB Diploma candidates will meet individually with Mrs. Becraft, Albert Einstein High School IB Coordinator, to create a personalized course plan for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Starting in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, student start taking their 6 IB courses, as well as Theory of Knowledge and Extended Essay. Three courses are taken at the “Higher Level” and three are taken at the “Standard Level.” Higher level courses are always 2-year courses with the IB Exam during the senior year. Standard level courses are either 1-year or 2-year courses, depending on the subject.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Diploma Year: \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ IB Diploma Candidates must take 6 IB subjects, one from each subject group, with the exception of group 6, which can be substituted with an elective from group 2, 3 or 4.
- ✓ IB Diploma Candidates must take a minimum of 3 HL courses, but no more than 4.
  - **HL** = Higher Level (always 2-year course)     **SL** = Standard Level (can be 1 or 2-year course); look for the notation: **(1)**= 1-year course **(2)**= 2- year course
  - \*= Potential new course for the 2018-2019 school-year depending on student enrollment

Group	Subject	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Exam	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Exam
<b>1</b>	<b>English</b>			IB English I	<del>X</del>	IB English II	HL
<b>2</b>	<b>Second Language</b>	<b>Group 2 Exam info (testing recommended in 12th grade):</b> ✓ <u>COURSE OPTIONS</u> : Spanish SL/HL, French SL/HL, or Japanese (SL) ✓ Individuals should seek teacher recommendation. ✓ HL option- recommended for students in levels 6 or above ✓ SL option- recommended for students in levels 5 or above ✓ ab initio option- recommended for senior students who have taken a language for 3 years (level 3)					
<b>3</b>	<b>Individuals and Society (Social Studies)</b>			IB History I	<del>X</del>	IB History II	HL
		<b>Group 3 Exam info:</b> ✓ <u>COURSE OPTIONS</u> : IB History HL (2), IB Psychology SL (1), IB Global Politics (1), & IB World Religions* (1) ✓ Must take IB History (HL) for MCPS credit for Modern World History; ✓ IB History HL Exam is in the 12th grade year also need NSL & US for graduation requirements ✓ IB Environmental Systems and Societies (SL) can count for a Group 3 or 4 course					
<b>4</b>	<b>Experimental Science</b>	<b>Group 4 Exam info:</b> ✓ <u>COURSE OPTIONS</u> : Biology HL (2), Chemistry SL (1), Physics SL/HL (2), Environmental Systems & Societies SL (1), or Sports, Exercise and Health Science SL (1) ✓ SL option- take 1-year SL courses either 11th or 12th grade ✓ HL option- must take IB Biology or Physics both years; HL Exam is in the 12th grade year					
<b>5</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Group 5 Exam info:</b> ✓ <u>COURSE OPTIONS</u> : Math Studies SL (1) or Math HL (1) ✓ IB Math SL option- Take IB Pre-calculus followed by AP AB Calculus ✓ IB Math Studies SL option- either 11th or 12th grade; Honors Alg. 2 pre-requisite only					
<b>6</b>	<b>Arts (or Group 3 or 4 substitution)</b>	<b>Group 6 Exam info:</b> ✓ <u>COURSE OPTIONS</u> : Art SL/HL (2) or Theatre SL/HL (2), or substitute with Group 2, 3 or 4 course- Spanish, French, Japanese, Psychology (1), World Religions (1), Global Politics (1), Chemistry (1), Environmental SS (1), Sports, Exercise & Health Science (1), Physics (2) or Biology (2) ✓ SL option- take 1-year SL courses either 11th or 12th grade, or take 2-year SL courses both years ✓ HL option- must take both years; HL Exam is in the 12th grade year					
<b>7</b>	<b>Requirements</b>			TOK I / Extended Essay	<del>X</del>	TOK II /	<del>X</del>

**Maryland high school diploma requirements:**

- 1.0 PE    
  .5 Health    
  1.0 Tech Ed    
  1.0 Fine Art    
  US History    
  NSL    
  World History