



Archbishop MacDonald High School
IB Diploma Course Pathways
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IB Diploma Programme Academic and Personal Skills

Academic Skills Approaches to Teaching	Rigorous Curriculum, AB + IB Content, University Level Content Based on inquiry and conceptual understanding, developed in local and global contexts, focused on effective teamwork and collaboration, differentiated to meet the needs of all learners, informed by assessment (formative & summative)
Personal Skills Approaches to Learning	Enhancement of skills in: Communication, Socialization, Higher Order Thinking, Academic Research, Self-Management
Learner Profile Characteristics	Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-Minded, Caring, Risk-Takers, Balanced, Reflective

2 Options for Registration

Full IB DP Candidate	All IB Courses: 6 Subjects + 3 IB Core Courses
IB DP Course Candidate	Choice of 1 or more IB courses, but not all



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IB Core:

Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay, Creativity, Activity, Service

IB Courses

Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature
 English A Literature HL 20-30-English Lit 35IB

Group 2: Language Acquisition
 French B SL 20-30 IB
 French B HL 20-30 IB (Immersion only)
 Spanish AB SL 20-30 IB (Beginner only)

Group 3: Individuals and Societies
 History Europe HL
 20-30-Western World History 30 IB

Group 4: Sciences
 Biology HL 20-30 - 35 IB
 Chemistry SL 20-30 -Learning Strategies IB
 Physics HL 20-30 - 35 IB

Group 5: Mathematics
 Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches SL
 20-30-31-Learning Strategies IB

Group 6: The Arts
 Theatre SL/HL 20-30 IB
 Visual Arts SL/HL 20-30 IB

IB Course Pathways

IB Subject Group	Enhanced Program	IB Course Pathways Year 1	IB Course Pathways Year 2
Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature	English 10	English 20 IB	English 30 IB + English Literature HL 35*
Group 2: Language Acquisition	French 10 9Y FLA 10 Spanish 10	French 20 IB SL 9Y French 20 IB HL Spanish 20 IB Ab Initio	French 30 IB SL 9Y French 30 IB HL Spanish 30 IB Ab Initio
Group 3: Individuals and Societies	Social 10	Social 20 IB	Social 30 IB + Western World History HL 35*
Group 4: Sciences	Science 10	Chemistry 20 IB Biology 20 IB Physics 20 IB	Chemistry 30 SL IB + Learning Strategies 15* Biology 30 IB + Biology HL 35* OR Physics 30 IB + Physics HL 35*
Group 5: Mathematics	Math 10	Math 20 IB + Math 30 IB	Math 31 SL IB + Learning Strategies 15*
Group 6: The Arts	Drama 10 Art 10	Drama 20 IB Art 20 IB	Drama 30 IB SL or Drama 30 IB HL Art 30 IB SL or Art 30 IB SL
IB Core		Theory of Knowledge 25* Creativity Activity Service** Extended Essay 35 IB**	Theory of Knowledge 35** Creativity Activity Service**

*3 credit class

**independent project outside of the schedule

Courses that can potentially be completed in Year 1 (grade 11)

Math 30 IB must be completed in the grade 11 year

Archbishop MacDonald offers **enhanced programming** at the grade 10 level to prepare all students for not only the IB pathway but for success in post-secondary. At the center of this pedagogical model are the IB Learner Profile and the Approaches to Teaching and Learning.

Typical Schedule for Full IB with 2 Sciences or with 1 Science & 1 Arts

	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
1	English 10	English 20 IB	English 30 IB
2	2nd Language 10	2nd Language 20IB	2nd Language 30 IB
3	Social Studies 10	Social Studies 20 IB	Social Studies 30 IB
4	Science 10	Science # 1 (20IB or 30IB Fast Track) (Chemistry, Biology or Physics)	Science # 1 (30IB) (Chemistry, Biology or Physics)
5	Math 10	Science # 2 (20IB) (Biology or Physics) Or Arts (20IB) (Art or Theatre)	Science # 2 (30IB) (Biology or Physics) OR Arts (30IB) (Art or Theatre)
6	Physical Education/Wellness 10	Math 20 IB	Math 31 IB
	Religion 15		
7	One of: Chemistry 20 IB (Fast Track) or Option	Math 30 IB	English Lit 35 IB (3 credit)
	Arts IB or Option		WWH 30 IB (Social) (3 credit)
8		TOK 25 IB (3 credit)	Learning Strategies Chem/Math IB (3 credit)
		One of (3 credit): Chemistry 30 IB LS (Fast Track) Or Option	One of: Biology 35IB or Physics 35IB or Option
9.	Outside of schedule as seminars:	Extended Essay 35 IB & CAS	TOK 35 IB & CAS

Typical Schedule for Full IB with 3 Sciences

	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
1	English 10	English 20 IB (HL)	English 30 IB-DP (HL)
2	2nd Language 10	2nd Language 30 IB	Science # 3 20 level
3	Social Studies 10	Social Studies 20 IB-DP (HL)	Social Studies 30 IB-DP (HL)
4	Science 10	Science # 1 Chemistry 30IB Fast Track	Science # 2 (30IB) (Biology or Physics)
5	Math 10	Science # 2 (20IB HL) (Biology or Physics)	Science # 3 (30IB) (Biology or Physics)
6	Physical Education /Wellness 10	Math 20 IB	Math 31 IB
	Religion 15		
7.	Math 20 IB or French 20 IB	Math 30 IB	English Lit 35 IB (3 credit)
			WWH 30 IB (Social) (3 credit)
8.	Chemistry 20 IB-DP (SL)	TOK 25 IB-DP (3 credit)	Math 31 IB LS (3 credit)
		Chemistry 30 IB LS (3 credit)	Biology 35IB or Physics 35IB
9.	Outside of schedule as seminars:	Extended Essay 35 IB & CAS	TOK 35 IB & CAS