



LHS IB Programme Frequently Asked Questions

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1. **What is the difference between the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and the Diploma Programme (DP)?**

The MYP is designed for students in grades 6-10. At LHS, students participate in the two culminating years of the MYP. Students have the opportunity to begin the MYP, in Thompson School District, at Lucile Erwin Middle School. Students entering LHS from a middle school other than Lucile Erwin may still participate in the MYP.

The Diploma Programme (DP) is designed for students in grades 11 and 12. Students at LHS may complete the full diploma or certificates in individual IB courses.

2. **What do students think of IB?**

According to Loveland High School student testimonials, they like IB because...

- a. "there is less regurgitation of facts, more application of knowledge."
- b. "the work in IB has a purpose."
- c. "IB learning is interactive."
- d. "there is a family-like community."
- e. "there is more personalized learning."
- f. "there are caring teachers, with whom you can develop a relationship."
- g. "it provides a sense of being globally connected."

3. Can my child earn college credit with the IB?

Yes. Completing and testing in IB Diploma Programme (DP) courses can provide college credit! In Colorado, students who earn their IB Diploma are guaranteed **at least 24** college credits. (Colorado House Bill 1108). LHS students typically earn at least 30 college credits, a few have earned up to 60.

Colleges throughout the United States award credit for IB Diploma Courses. (Students wishing to attend a college or university outside of Colorado can find IB equivalency scores for any university by doing a Google search.)

4. Will the IB help my child get into college?

IB students have a high rate of college acceptance. Here are some results for universities in Colorado. (Based on an IB student survey.)

Name of school	Overall Acceptance Rate	Number of all IB students applied (Course and DP)	Percentage of all IB students accepted (Course and DP)	Acceptance Rate Percentage
Colorado State University	77.0%	103	102	99.0%
University of Colorado	80.0%	239	229	95.8%
Colorado School of Mines	67.0%	35	33	94.3%

http://dasd-sharepoint.dasd.org/Schools/STEMAcademy/Documents/IB_University_Acceptance_Rates.pdf

5. How will the IB help my child be more successful in college or at university?

According to data from the National Student Clearinghouse, a data source for students in postsecondary institutions in the United States (US), students who receive the IB diploma are **38% more** likely to graduate from university with a degree than other students in higher-education institutions. Some **88%** of IB diploma students received a bachelor's degree within six years or less...compared to a rate of **58%** for all students. (<https://www.ibo.org/myib/digitaltoolkit/files/pdfs/Recognition/StudentPerfBrochure-EN.pdf>)

6. Is there a cost associated with testing in the IB?

Students testing in the Full Diploma Programme sit for exams in six different courses. The cost of registering for and testing in all six courses is \$805 (2014 exam rates). This cost is paid by the student's parents or guardians. Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch are eligible for the Colorado ESCAPE grant. Students receiving this grant pay a reduced rate. Please see the LHS IB Coordinator for further details.

7. If I have questions about the IB at LHS, whom do I contact?

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