



Loveland High School IB Programme

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Dear IB DP Students and Parents,

I hope your school year is off to a great start! Exciting things are happening here in our LHS IB classes. It is time to start the registration process for the May 2020 IB exams. See information below about the cost of exams and how to register for them.

Benefits of IB Testing: Universities worldwide recognize the IB Diploma Programme as a rigorous college prep program. Here are some top reasons to take and test in IB DP Courses and to be an IB Diploma Candidate:

1. Rigorous College Preparation – Be prepared for the challenges ahead with these college-level courses.
2. Higher College Acceptance – Universities love to see students that have challenged themselves in IB.
3. More Scholarships– The LHS IB Diploma Candidates of 2016 -2019 averaged \$99K each in scholarship offers.
4. Great classes and teachers – The inquiry-based model fosters communication and 21st century learning.
5. College Credit - IB scores are on a scale of 1-7 (7 being the highest, 3 is passing, and many universities give credit for a 4 or higher). Credit for these courses vary by institution, and should be researched before registration. For in-state colleges, see the [CDE's March 2018 IB Exam Credit and Cut Scores](#). 79% of LHS IB DP Scores from 2019 were 4 or higher.

Exam Cost: \$119 per course

Diploma & Course Candidates: You will pay the \$119 per subject exam fee. There will be reductions for IB Diploma Candidates and students on the Free and Reduced Lunch Program.

As of this year, there is no longer be a \$172 DP Exam registration fee, only \$119 course fees.

Registration Information for all candidates: In order to register everyone for exams, I do need to have some additional information. Therefore, IB students, please complete the [IB Exam registration 2019 survey](#) (which will be emailed to every IB DP student and parent on Wednesday, September 18, 2018) by Friday, October 18, 2018. Students must provide accurate information when registering for exams. **Any changes at all after November 15 will result in heavy fines from the IBO.**

Once you have completed the survey, I will confirm the information with you, and your teachers, to ensure you are registered for the correct exams. Junior IB Diploma Candidates may sit for a maximum of two SL exams during their 11th grade year.

Payment: Exam fees are due by **Friday, November 1, 2019**. Please make checks payable to Loveland High School and write "IB Exams" and the student name on the memo line. Please turn in your check to the LHS bookkeeper, Bethany Young. Alternatively, you can ask Mrs. Young to push your DP Exam fees to your student fees and pay them online with a credit card via RevTrack. If you do this, please email both Mrs. Young and Mr. Parks to indicate that you have done so. Please call or email me directly should you have any questions about your total amount due. If you would like to disperse this payment over several months, please contact me directly and we can set up an individual payment plan. If you qualify for free and reduced meals, the Colorado Department of Education offers funding to help pay a significant portion of the examination fees. If you qualify, please complete the application on the [TSD Nutrition Services website](#). Any student who has not paid for the exam registration or set up an individual payment plan and paid the first installment by Nov. 1 will be unregistered from all exams.

Please let me know what further questions you might have.

Sincerely,
John Parks, IB Coordinator
Loveland HS, an IB World School

IB Diploma Programme Exam Registration FAQs

1. What IB DP Exams can I take as a junior?

- a. The only DP exams Juniors may take are SL (Standard Level) in the following areas: Math Studies SL, Psychology SL and Spanish SL (only if you are a very strong Spanish student. Otherwise, to score higher take Spanish another year and test your Senior year.)
- b. Junior IB Diploma Candidates may test in two, one or zero courses, depending on their schedule and plan.

2. What is the difference between HL and SL?

- a. HL (Higher Level) courses are two-year courses that have additional curriculum and assessment requirements. Universities generally give more credit for HL courses than for SL.
- b. SL (Standard Level) courses are one or two-year courses. Some universities do not give credit for some SL courses.
- c. In many courses, students may complete the HL course and choose to test at the Standard Level

3. I am an IB Diploma Candidate. In how many courses should I test at HL and at SL?

- a. IB Diploma candidates must take exams for either 3 HL & 3 SL courses or 4 HL and 2 SL courses. We recommend that students take 3HL & 3SL, as taking 4 HLs may be burdensome.
- b. Students may not take more than 4 HLs, unless they are extra subjects, above and beyond the 6 courses required for the IB Diploma.

4. If I am eligible for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program, what is the reduction in fees?

Students must first complete the meal reduction application and be approved at:

<http://thompsonsnutrition.org/?page=lunchapps>

- a. Here is the 2019-20 Colorado income threshold for qualifying: (*Colorado Free and Reduced Meal Price Meal Policy for 2019-20 School Year*, Colorado Department of Education, Denver, June 2018.
- b. Students on this program will only need to pay \$20 for each exam fee.

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$23,107	\$1,926	\$445
2	\$31,284	\$2,607	\$602
3	\$39,461	\$3,289	\$759
4	\$47,638	\$3,970	\$917
5	\$55,815	\$4,652	\$1,074
6	\$63,992	\$5,333	\$1,231
7	\$72,169	\$6,015	\$1,388
8	\$80,346	\$6,696	1,546
Each	\$8,177	\$682	\$158

5. If I require extra time on tests, what should I do?

- a. Be sure to talk to Mr. Parks about this, and get all appropriate paperwork to him (current or past IEP or 504). He can file a request for inclusive services for the IB DP Exams for you.
- b. The deadline for applying for inclusive services is the middle of November.
- c. There is no extra fee.

6. How do we pay for the IB DP Exams?

- a. Make a check payable to Loveland High School and submit it to Mrs. Bethany Young, LHS Bookkeeper, whose office is on the north side of the LHS Cafeteria. She will issue you a receipt.
- b. Credit Cards can be accepted through the online school payment system: RevTrack. Be sure to contact Mrs. Beth Young (Bethany.young@thompsonschoools.org) if you would like to do this and after you make a payment.
- c. Half of all fundraising credit that your family has raised through the LHS IB King Soopers Neighborhood rewards & Community Rewards program will be applied to your IB DP Exam Fees.

7. If I am unable to pay all at once, what should I do?

- a. Contact Mr. Parks and inquire into setting up a payment plan, to spread out the payment over 2-6 months.

Assessments of the IB Diploma Programme May 2020 Session

Language Acquisition (Group 2)
French - German - Spanish

Language B	SL/HL
EA Paper 1 -Writing	25%
EA Paper 2 – Listen/read	50%
IA Individual Oral	25%

Studies in Language and Literature
English A (Group 1)

English A Lang & Lit	SL/ HL
EA Paper 1 (Comp. Analys.)	25%
EA Paper 2 (1Q - 2 texts)	25%
4 Written Tasks (2EA)	20%
IA Oral Commentary	15%
Further Oral Activity	15%

Individuals and Societies (Group 3)
History of the Americas

	SL	HL
EA Paper 1 – Pres. Subj.	30%	20%
EA Paper 2 – WH Topics	45%	25%
EA Paper 3	N/A	35%
IA Historical Investigation	25%	20%

Psychology

	SL
Paper 1 (short ans./Essay)	50%
Paper 2 (Essay on option)	25%
IA Experimental Study	25%

DP CORE
(3 bonus points possible)

Extended Essay

Theory of Knowledge*
*(TOK: Presentation and Essay)

Creativity, Activity, and Service
(8 learner outcomes, ongoing engagement)



Mathematics (Group 5)

	SL	HL
EA Paper 1 (no calculator)	40%	30%
EA Paper 2	40%	30%
EA Paper 3	N/A	20%
IA – Math Exploration	20%	20%

Math Studies

	SL
EA Paper 1	40%
EA Paper 2	40%
IA – Math Project	20%

Experimental Sciences (Group 4)
Biology/Chemistry

	SL	HL
EA Paper 1 - MCQ	20%	20%
EA Paper 2 – Core	40%	36%
EA Paper 3 – Core/Option	20%	24%
IA (Labs) & Group 4 Project.	20%	20%

The Arts (Group 6)
Visual Arts

	SL/HL
EA Comparative Study	20%
EA Process Portfolio	40%
IA Exhibition	40%

(Group 6 Replacements)

2nd Individuals & Societies
OR
2nd Language Acquisition
OR
2nd Experimental Science

DP Assessment Glossary:

IA: Internal Assessment

EA : External Assessment

Paper (1,2 or 3) : Written exams during May DP testing session

MCQ – Multiple Choice Questions

Requirements to Earn the IB Diploma

Students must study six subjects from at least 5 subject areas, plus the three core subjects—EE, TOK and CAS. They must accumulate no fewer than 24 points from assessment in these subjects (average of 4 points per subject).

The IB diploma is awarded based on performance across all parts of the DP.

- Each subject is graded 1–7, with 7 being the highest grade.
- These grades are also used as points (that is, 7 points for a grade 7, 6 points for a grade 6, and so on) in determining if the diploma can be awarded.
- TOK and the EE are graded A–E, with A being the highest grade. These two grades are then combined in the diploma points matrix to contribute between 0 and 3 points to the total.
- The overall maximum points from subject grades, TOK and the EE is therefore 45: $((6 \times 7) + 3)$.
- The minimum threshold for the award of the diploma is 24 points. If a candidate scores less than 24 points, the diploma is not awarded.

The additional requirements for the award of the diploma are as follows.

- CAS requirements have been met.
- There is no “N” awarded for TOK, the EE or for a contributing subject.
- There is no grade E awarded for TOK and/or the EE.
- There is no grade 1 awarded in a subject/level.
- There are no more than two grade 2s awarded (HL or SL).
- There are no more than three grade 3s or below awarded (HL or SL).
- **The candidate has gained 12 points or more on HL subjects.** (For candidates who register for four HL subjects, the three highest grades count.)
- The candidate has gained 9 points or more on SL subjects. (Candidates who register for two SL subjects must gain at least 5 points at SL.)
- The candidate has not received a penalty for academic misconduct from the final award committee.

*-Diploma Programme
Assessment Procedures,
IBO, Cardiff, Wales, 2017*

		Theory of knowledge					
		Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	No grade N
Extended essay	Grade A	3	3	2	2	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade B	3	2	2	1	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade C	2	2	1	0	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade D	2	1	0	0	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade E	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition
	No grade N	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition

Diploma Points Matrix

These additional points, based on IB’s scoring of the EE and TOK will be added to the diploma candidate’s total points from the six courses and count towards the 24 points necessary to earn the IB Diploma.