

A Comparison of the IB and the AP Programs

The AP and IB Programs are both successful and highly respected by major colleges and universities throughout the nation. Each program is designed to enrich the high school experience and offer students an excellent opportunity to prepare for advanced study and potentially earn college credit.

IB Program	AP Program
<i>International</i> Standard of Excellence	National Standard of Excellence
<i>Comprehensive curriculum of college level work</i>	College level courses
Encourages academically-talented and highly-motivated students	Encourages academically-talented and highly-motivated students
IB exams concentrate <i>on the student's analysis</i> of what the student knows.	AP exams test what the student knows.
One exam in each of the 6 different subject areas is required for the IB Diploma. <i>Students must prepare in all areas</i> , those of strengths as well as weaknesses.	Students generally take AP exams in the areas of strengths.
Students <i>must</i> be enrolled in an authorized IB World school/class.	Students do not have to be enrolled in an authorized school/class.