

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

3686 schools in 155 countries (IBO, 2023)
highest standards
university preparation



Carson Graham Secondary School





“The IB aspires to help schools develop well-rounded students with character who respond to challenges with optimism and an open mind, are confident in their own identities, make ethical decisions, join with others in celebrating our common humanity and are prepared to apply what they learn in real-world, complex and unpredictable situations.”

(IBO, 2012)



What is the IB Diploma Programme?



Internationally recognized by the
world's leading universities



Challenging, university preparatory
curriculum with potential to earn
university credit

“The DP is respected by leading universities across the globe [including our local UBC and SFU] which cite the DP as a great predictor of academic success.”

(Geiser, S., & Santelices, M., 2007)



Two years (grades 11 & 12)



Aims to develop students who have
deep knowledge and understanding
about a wide variety of subjects

Why IB?

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-Carson Graham Diploma Programme Graduate





Why IB?

"The DP is great because you actually get to truly understand the material without just memorizing it for tests. You learn what subjects you feel most passionate about, which is great to know before university."

"The teachers are all supportive, and care about their job; it's honestly a pleasure to be their student. In DP, the teachers are always on the same team as you."

former Carson Graham DP students

Comparing University Outcomes of IB Diploma Programme versus Ontario and Dogwood Diplomas (UofT and UBC study 2023)

- "The results from this study indicate that DP graduates tend to **perform better** than their peers from traditional high school programmes across several university outcomes. Compared to graduates with traditional high school diplomas (OSSD and DW), DP graduates had significantly **higher university grades**. Additionally, DP students were less likely to drop out from university and were generally **more likely to graduate** in a timely manner. At both universities, DP graduates showed a greater likelihood of enrolling in **science and engineering** programmes as opposed to the arts and other faculties."



[canadian-postsecondary-summary-eng.pdf](#)
([ibo.org](#))

Carson DP Alumni Survey: What was the one greatest skill you took from your DP experience?



Working under pressure



Learning to accept failure and growing from it



Perseverance



Resilience and seeing long-term challenges as a marathon, not a sprint.



Critical thinking/problem solving.



"Hard work pays off." , Discipline



Learning to trust myself in the face of a lot of stress.

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"Practicing how to take stressful exams/studying for exams"



University Workloads



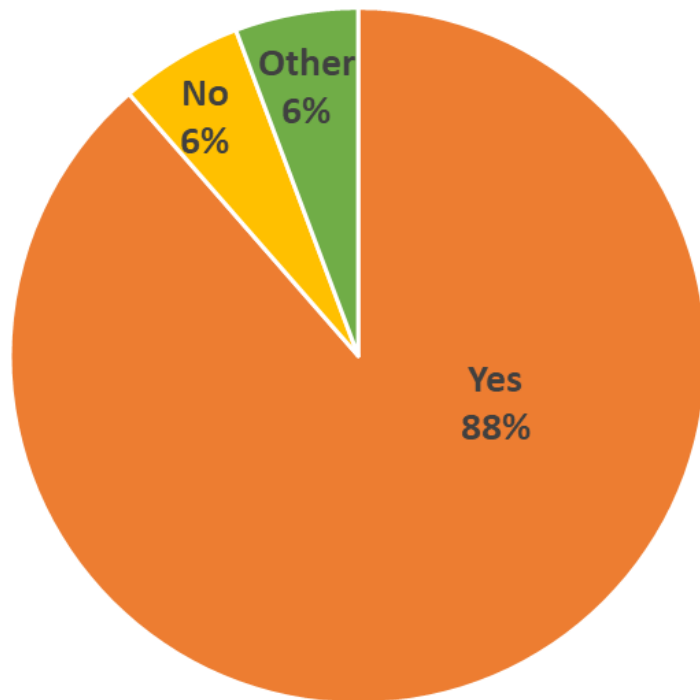
Knowing how to study and having proved to myself that I can achieve a hard thing went a long way.



Time management + organizational skills

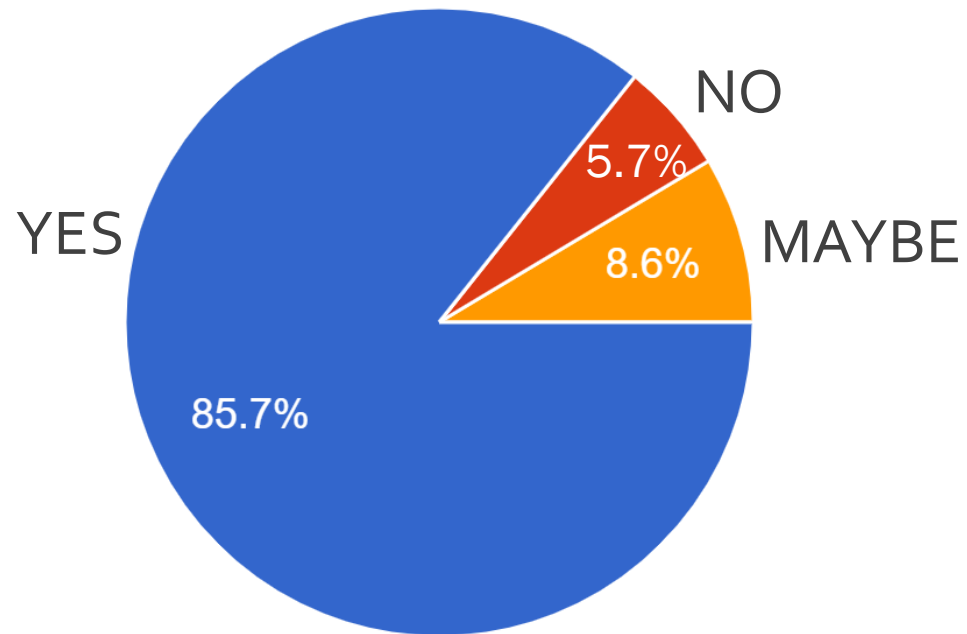
Carson DP Alumni Survey: Do you consider having completed the DP program worth it?

Do you consider having completed the DP program worth it?



- "I am deeply grateful to the DP program for helping me challenge myself academically in high school". **2018 DP Grad**
- "I have such fond memories of DP! I would do it again and I recommend it to everyone. I'm in my fifth and final year of my BA and I just got accepted to start law school in September at UBC, and DP was the start of this journey for me". **2020 DP Grad**

Carson DP Alumni Survey: Did you feel you were more prepared for university than your BC counterparts?



- "... the skills that I have acquired throughout made the transition into university easier". **2019 DP Grad**
- "You will feel more prepared than other students. But don't underestimate the challenges of first year STEM courses at university". **2019 DP Grad**

What did you learn from IB?

“Academically I was challenged significantly and taught to do more than regurgitate knowledge. I learned to analyze, evaluate and form my own opinions and understanding of the information presented. I learned how to write in a formal academic style and use citations. On the non-academic side I remained involved in my community and learned to reflect on my involvement.”

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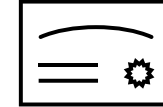
There are two DP options available:

Full DP



- Take all 7 courses in the DP
- Receive an IB Diploma, recognized by universities world-wide
- Possibility of university credits/Full year of credits at SFU and UVic.
- Application package required (available on CarsonGraham.ca)
- Fees: \$1700 (\$500 grade 10, \$500 grade 11, \$700 grade 12). Bursaries available.

Partial DP



- Take up to 3 DP courses
- Possibility of university course credits
- Separate 1 page application. Courses are also requested by students through programming sheet and MyEd.
- Fees: \$600 (\$300 grade 11, \$300 grade 12). Bursaries available

Why would my Carson student choose Partial Diploma?

- **To experience an enriched learning classroom environment for some classes**
- **A keen interest in the topics covered in only certain courses**
- **A desire to be challenged in certain areas**
- **A desire to study a specific subject at a deeper level**
- **Great preparation for university in that specific course**
- **The possibility of gaining some university course credit.**



How does one apply for Partial Diploma?

- **Fill out the Partial Diploma Application form found on the Diploma Application page of the Carson website. You also need to indicate your interest on your grade 11 course programming sheet.**

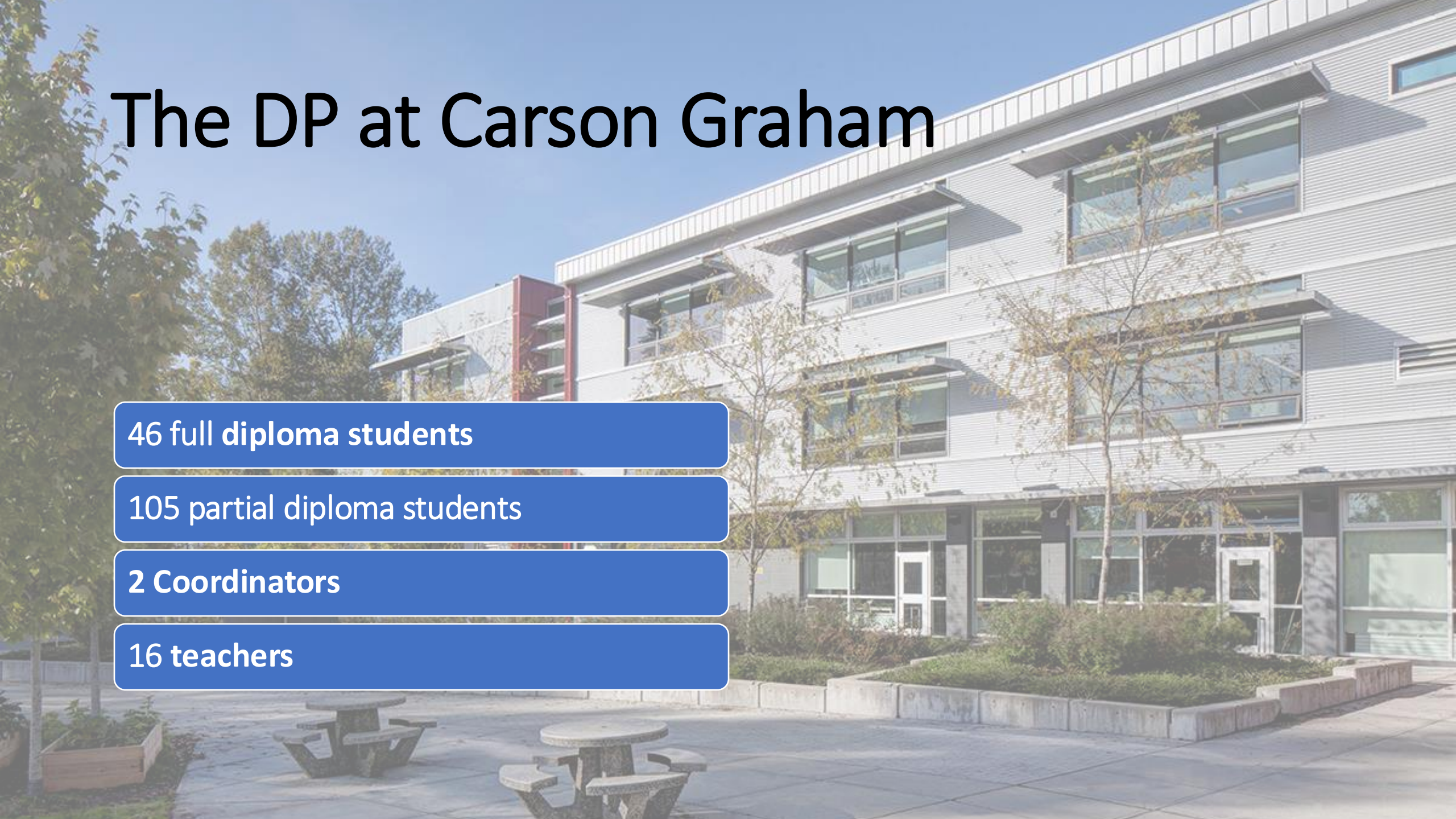
The DP at Carson Graham

46 full diploma students

105 partial diploma students

2 Coordinators

16 teachers



LANGUAGE & LITERATURE
English

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION
French or Spanish

INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES
Geography &/or Global Politics

SCIENCES
Biology, Chemistry &/or Physics

MATHEMATICS
Math Analysis or Math Applications

THE ARTS
Visual Arts

CORE
TOK, CAS & EE



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Students study 3 higher level (HL) & 3 standard level (SL) courses plus the Core (TOK, CAS, EE).

Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement



- The requirements of an English First Peoples course are met over the two years of the IB Language & Literature course
- Students who complete IB Language & Literature 11 & 12 will receive English First Peoples 12 credit.
- Students who begin IB Language & Literature who do not continue in grade 12 must take English First Peoples 12.



1. Identify personal strengths & areas for growth
2. Challenge yourself & develop new skills
3. Initiate & plan activities
4. Commit & persevere in your experiences
5. Collaborate and recognize the benefits
6. Engage with issues of global significance
7. Recognize & consider the ethics of choices & actions



Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE:

- Natural sciences, human sciences, history, arts and mathematics

EXHIBITION:

- Students will choose a prompt, select objects for display, justify choices for selection of specific items and explain relationship to the prompt.

ESSAY:

- Students will write & support structured arguments on TOK concepts and ideas that demonstrate that knowledge matters in the world and has significant implications and consequences.

Extended Essay

- Academic research paper
- Practical preparation for university
- Develop skills in:
 - formulating a research question
 - collecting data
 - communicating ideas
 - developing an argument



Traits of Diploma Students:

- Want to be in the program
- Want to be challenged
- Engage academically
- Achieve at a high level
- Are motivated by **more** than just grades
- Are self-motivated & manage their time
- Manage stress & show resilience
- Think critically
- Balance academics with life outside of school
- Express themselves clearly



How do I prepare for the DP?

- There is no specific preparation students need to do now
 - All DP courses begin at grade 11 and are two years
 - Students must complete both years no matter which courses they have previously taken

However...

- Some students have had success with
 - Completing Pre-calculus 11 prior to the program
 - Completing a course at Summer Learning
 - Physics 11 (science-oriented students taking Bio & Chem)
 - English 11 (ELL learners)
 - Taking extra interest and focus on current schoolwork and implementing feedback they get from teachers
 - Asking their current grade 10 teachers for opportunities to extend or enrich their learning



Jess Neilson
British Columbia



“The time management that was required to complete all my class work, CAS, and to train at a high level was instrumental throughout my time at university.”

Carson Graham DP Grad 2013



DEADLINE February 18, 2025

www.carsongraham.ca

Programs/Services: IB – Diploma Programme

COMPONENTS

Application Form

Grade 9&10 Report Cards

- Recommended minimum level 6, 86% or Proficient

Resume

- Arts, athletics, community service, leadership, & other extracurricular endeavors

Portfolio

- Include 1 piece of evidence of each: written expression, creative thinking, critical thinking, and inquiry skills

Registration fee

- \$500 applied to student through schoolcashonline upon acceptance into the program



APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 18, 2025

INTERVIEW SESSIONS

Applicants from North Vancouver or inside BC may be invited to individual or group interviews, in person.

February 21-26, 2025



Application Pro

Athletics

Diploma Curricu

Course Offerings & Programming

Grade 7/8 Transition

DP Core

IB Diploma Programme (DP)

**Creativity /
Service**

IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)

Library

Extended Essay

**Theory of
Knowledge**

Earning the Diploma

FAQ

**Post-Secondary
Information**

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TO THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME AT CARSON GRAHAM

[Click here for APPLICATION & FEE INFORMATION](#)



[DP Parent Night 2019 Grade 12 Version.pdf](#)

[DP 11 Parent night - 2019-20.pdf](#)

[DP information session 2019.pdf](#)

Read what Carson DP alumnus Jess Neilson says about balancing the Diploma Programme with high level sport:

[jess-neilson-dp-story.pdf](#)

We are proud to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. The DP is an internationally recognized, university preparatory programme that is widely acknowledged as the most prestigious high school diploma available to students.

Find out more at carsongraham.ca

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:



Do I still need to fill out my course request form if I'm applying for the Diploma Programme? Yes. Once accepted to the program, you will choose your DP courses. If you would like to take partial Diploma, please select up to 3 DP courses.



What is the minimum grade requirement to be accepted? We recommend a minimum of 6/86%, but our application process is holistic and no one factor will preclude a student from consideration.



When will I know if I have been accepted? Offers will be sent via email by Mar 14th. Students will be given a short period of time to accept our offer.



If I apply, can I change my mind later? Yes. Students have the option to re-evaluate their decision before the course schedule has been set.

DP Applications

Tips for Creating a Strong Portfolio



Application Package Requirements:



Application Form



Grade 10 most recent report card (recommended minimum MYP level 6 or 86% in all academic subjects)



Grade 9 final report card (recommended minimum MYP level 6 or 86% in all academic subjects)



One page typed resume demonstrating your involvement and achievements in the following areas: arts, athletics, community service, leadership, and other extracurricular endeavors



Portfolio of Student Work (Include 1 piece of evidence of each: written expression, skills, creative thinking, critical thinking, and inquiry skills)



DP registration fee \$500 (note: deposit charged to student account only upon student acceptance of placement in programme)



If applicable, Individualized Education Plan (include assessments if you hold a designation)

How to download a report card:



- Print off your term 1 report card from the MyEd BC Portal
 - You or your parents will need to sign in with your MyEd BC Login
 - Contact the main office if you need help with your MyEd BC Login
- If you do not have access to your grade 9 report card and you are a Carson student, we can access it
- We will look at your report cards holistically – no one mark will make or break your application

Resume

- Information about you
- No more than one page
- Can include;
 - Education
 - Extra-curricular activities
 - Volunteer work
 - Recognition and awards
 - Hobbies
 - Interests
 - Future career goals



Portfolio Evidence

Written Expression

- What is a piece of writing that you have done in one of your classes that shows your ability to express yourself in writing?
- This could be an **essay**, **story**, **report**, **project**, **reflection**, or anything else that you have written



What assignments represent you as a learner?

CRITICAL THINKING EXAMPLES

Analysis
Debate
Essay
Science Experiment
Math



CREATIVE THINKING EXAMPLES

Art
Drama
Design
Engineering
Problem Solving

Portfolio Evidence

Inquiry Skills

- What is a project you have done where you have inquired about a topic or concept?
- This could be a project that involved research such as a **research project**, **science lab**, **investigation**, or anything else where you have looked to discover something new

MYP Criterion that involve INQUIRY

- Science Crit B: Inquiring and Designing
- Design Crit A: Inquiring and Analyzing
- I&S Crit B: Investigating
- Math Crit B: Investigating Patterns





Do you have
any questions?



“Although IB was an incredibly stressful period in my life; I would absolutely do it again and recommend it to anyone who asks.”

- Carson Graham Diploma Programme Alumnus



Why IB?

"Every class is interesting and engaging. The material is in depth and fascinating. Yes, it is a lot of work; but the teachers organize it so you can do it one step at a time. You don't have to try and climb the mountain all at once, and you're never by yourself. As long as you stay on top of it, the work is more than manageable."

-Carson Graham DP student



“It's great to have students and teachers that are all supporting each other and creating a healthy and progressive learning environment.”

-Carson Graham IB DP student

Why IB?



Why IB?

- “My child struggled with time management and had a difficult time adjusting. But I was thrilled to finally see him working to his full potential.”
-Parent of Carson Graham 2017 DP Alumnus



Why IB?

“One of the main reasons my peers and I joined IB was to be in a classroom environment with other students who were excited about school and engaged in learning. It was by far one of my favourite parts of the program. My friends and I loved how quickly the classes proceeded. Teachers didn't have to repeat explanations over and over or constantly ask students to focus like we had experienced in our previous, regular-stream classes.”

(Carson Graham DP Graduate)