



# The International Baccalaureate Programme at Victoria Park CI



Grade 9/10 Admissions Information  
for 2023-2024

# Land Acknowledgement

Toronto is in the 'Dish with One Spoon Territory'. The Dish with One Spoon is a treaty between the Anishinaabe, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee that bound them to share the territory and protect the land.

We want to respectfully acknowledge as we gather here today that we are hosted on the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit, Anishinabeg, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Inuit and Metis people.

We honour with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. This calls us to commit to continuing to learn how to be better stewards of the land we inhabit as well.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge that many Indigengoius Peoples from across Turtle Island live in Toronto. We would like to value their diversity of cultural world-views, their resiliency, and their ties to their communities.

# Principal's Welcome

Mr. Tarasuk



# Agenda

- Overview of the International Baccalaureate (IB)
- IB at Victoria Park Collegiate
- The Application Process
- Common Questions



# What is the IB?

“The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.”

- It offers a global curriculum
- It is a standardized programme of study recognized around the world
- There are over 5000 IB schools worldwide



# Which Schools offer IB?



## **TDSB**

- 1) Victoria Park CI
- 2) Monarch Park CI
- 3) Parkdale CI
- 4) Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI
- 5) Weston CI

## **Other Boards**

- TCDSB
- YRDSB
- Independent/Private Schools
- International Schools

# Advantages of the IB Diploma?

- Challenges motivated students
- Offers a well-rounded, enriched education
- Advanced standing at university
- May enhance scholarship applications
- May ease access to international universities



# Which Universities Accept IB Diplomas?



- Universities worldwide recognize the IB Diploma Programme, including leading Canadian, US, and UK institutions
- Scores on IB assessments are a significant predictor of performance in university
- IB Diploma graduates perform well



# All of our IB grads have been accepted to university

## Canadian

- University of Toronto
- University of Waterloo
- McMaster University
- Western University
- McGill University
- Queen's University
- York University
- UBC, among others

## International

- Princeton
- UC Berkeley
- University of Chicago
- University of Pennsylvania
- Cambridge
- Harvard
- Yale
- Duke
- Cornell, among others



# Is IB for you? Yes, if you...

- want a challenging academic curriculum
- are already involved in your community and in extra-curricular activities
- are self-motivated, organized, and have excellent time management skills
- are achieving the provincial standard in most areas of learning in Grades 7 and 8
- plan to attend university



# VPCI IB Preparatory - Grades 9 & 10

## IB learner profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

As IB learners we strive to be:

### INQUIRERS

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

### KNOWLEDGEABLE

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

### THINKERS

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

### COMMUNICATORS

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

### PRINCIPLED

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

### OPEN-MINDED

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

### CARING

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

### RISK-TAKERS

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

### BALANCED

We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

### REFLECTIVE

We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.

- Ontario curriculum at an accelerated pace
- Extra units and activities specific to IB
- IB Learner Profile focus

# IB Preparatory Courses - Grade 9

1. English
2. French
3. Geography
4. Math
5. Science
6. Physical Education\*
7. **OPTION 1:**
  - Drama **or** Music **or** Visual Arts\*
8. **OPTION 2:**
  - Computer Studies **(Gr. 10) or**
  - Civics & Careers\* **(Gr. 10)**

## **NOTE:**

If the **Computer Studies option** is chosen, Civics and Careers **must** be taken in summer school following the student's Grade 9 year.

*\*These courses are **not** IB-prep specific*

# IB Preparatory Courses - Grade 10

1. English
2. Math
3. Science
4. History
5. French (**Gr. 10**)
6. French (**Gr. 11**)
7. **OPTION 1:**

- Economics (Gr. 11) **or** Geography (Gr. 11)

8. **OPTION 2:**

- Open elective course option\* **or** Gr. 11 Computer Studies\*\*

## **NOTE:**

Students who wish to take a third science **must** take that Grade 11 **Regular Academic** science course in summer school after their Grade 10 year.

\* **SL = Standard Level**

\*These courses are **not** IB-prep specific

\*\*Only for students who took Gr. 10 Computer Studies in Grade 9

# IB Diploma Programme

- IB Subject Requirements
- IB Core Components
- Internal and External Evaluations and Exams

# IB Subject Requirements

- Group 1: Studies in Language & Literature
- Group 2: Language Acquisition
- Group 3: Individuals & Societies
- Group 4: Experimental Sciences
- Group 5: Mathematics
- Group 6: Art\*

**Grade 11 & 12**

**(Year 1 & 2)**

One subject from  
each of Group

\* VPCI students take an additional science course instead of Group 6

# Standard Level (SL) and Higher Level (HL) Courses

## **Standard Level (SL) Options:**

1. Chemistry
2. Biology
3. Physics
4. Computer Science
5. French (Mandatory)
6. Economics

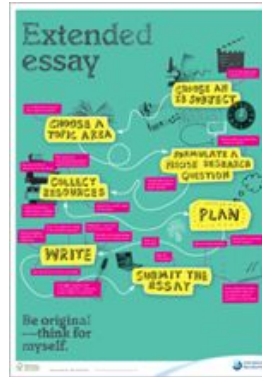
## **Higher Level (HL) Options:**

1. English (Mandatory)
2. Math (Mandatory)
3. Chemistry
4. Economics
5. Computer Science



# IB Core Components

- Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
- Extended Essay
- Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)



# IB Diploma Programme - Year 1 (Grade 11)

1. English
2. Chemistry
3. Math **(Gr. 11)**
4. Math **(Gr. 12)**
5. French SL\* **(Gr. 12)**
6. Economics SL\* **(Gr. 12)**
7. Theory of Knowledge **(Gr. 12)**
8. **OPTION:**
  - Biology or Physics

## **NOTE:**

Students who wish to take a third science **must** take that Grade 11 **Regular Academic** science course in summer school after their Grade 10 year.

\* **SL = Standard Level**

**All** IB Year 1 students **must** write the French SL exam in May.

IB Year 1 students have the option of writing the Economic SL exam in May (or Economics HL exam in Year 2)

# IB Diploma Programme - Year 2 (Grade 12)

- Mandatory - English HL (ETS4U7 and ENG4U7)
- Mandatory - Math HL (MHF4U7 and MCV4U7)
- **HL OPTION**
- **SL OPTION**
- **SL OPTION**

**French SL** - Completed in Year 1 (Grade 11)

**Economic SL** - Completed in Year 1 (Grade 11)

or

**Economics HL** - To be completed in Year 2 (Grade 12)

### Standard Level (SL) Options:

1. Chemistry
2. Biology
3. Physics
4. Computer Science
5. French (Mandatory)
6. Economics

### Higher Level (HL) Options:

1. English (Mandatory)
2. Math (Mandatory)
3. Chemistry
4. Economics
5. Computer Science

IB students need to complete a minimum of **3 Higher Level (HL) courses** and **3 Standard Level (SL) courses** by end of Year 2 (Grade 12)

# Earning the IB Diploma

- Complete three Core Components (CAS, EE, TOK)
- Class work (Internal Assessment) & May IB exams (External Assessment)
- All subjects graded on a point scale from 1 – 7

Total points must be 24 minimum, 12 total in HL subjects

Maximum students can earn?

42 points from courses (3 HL and 3 SL subjects)

+3 from Core Components

= \_\_\_/45 diploma points

# IB Scale & Ontario Grade Equivalents

- In order to report IB marks on an Ontario transcript, the IB Diploma Schools of Ontario Table of Equivalents (ToE) is applied.
- The scale was developed in conjunction with the IB Schools of Ontario and Ontario Universities. It is very similar to the scale used in B.C. and Alberta.

IBSO Table of Equivalent Grades

IB 7-point Scale	OSSD % Ranges
7	97 – 100%
6	93 – 96%
5	84 – 92%
4	72 – 83%
3	61 – 71%
2	50 to 60%
1	Below 50%

# Our School

- Approximately 1200 students in Grades 9-12
  - $\frac{1}{3}$  of students in IB Preparatory/IB Diploma Programme
- Over 50 clubs and groups
- Over 20 sports teams
- School wide activities run by our Student Leadership Council

# Our School

- Pool
- Fitness room
- 3 gyms
- Sports field and track
- Cafeteria
- Breakfast program
- Drama studio
- Community garden
- Robotics lab
- Multiple computer labs
- Multiple science labs
- Music and art rooms
- Food rooms
- Peer tutoring/homework help



**Grade 9 IB Applications**  
and  
**Grade 10 IB Applications**  
(very limited spaces available)



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## Other Program Options to Explore

In addition to your designated school by address, there are other program options and learning opportunities that you may want to consider when finding the right school for you!



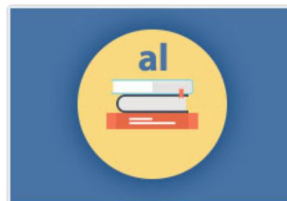
### Elementary

Programs to Explore



### Secondary

Programs to Explore



### Adult Learners

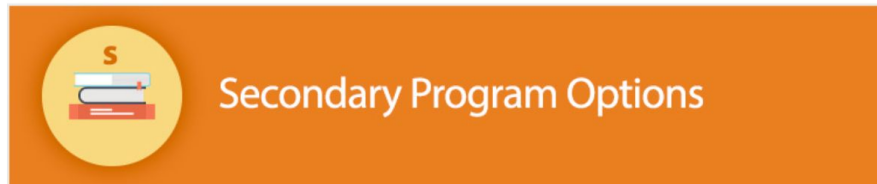
Programs to Explore



### Out-of-Area Admissions

Applying to attend a school other than your designated school by address

## Secondary Programs



High school is a time to explore new opportunities and further your interests. TDSB schools design programs and courses to meet the needs of students and support them in their engagement and success. Students are invited to explore options beyond their designated school by address. Take a look at all of the programs and see if there is something right for you!

### [Africentric Secondary Programs](#)

Ontario curriculum taught with an Africentric focus

### [Alternative Schools](#)

Smaller learning environments with distinct approaches to learning

### [Central Student Interest Programs - Secondary](#)

Unique programs with a focus e.g. Arts, International Baccalaureate

### [French Programs & French School Search](#)

Intensive French programs are available through Early French Immersion (JK start) and Middle French Immersion (Gr. 4 start)

### [Indigenous Education](#)

Immerse yourself in a school where Indigenous values, spirituality, culture and language are integrated throughout the school curriculum



High School

► **Going to High School**

Beyond 8

Open Houses and  
Information Nights

Find your home school

Out of Area Admissions

**Secondary Central Student  
Interest Programs**

Application and  
Admissions

Arts

CyberARTS

Elite Athletes

Exceptional Athletes

Integrated Technology

International

Baccalaureate

Leadership Pathway

Math, Science &  
Technology

Africentric Secondary  
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Other Programs

Specialist High Skills Major  
(SHSM)

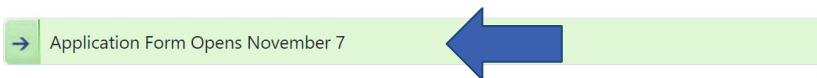
Other Learning

## Secondary Central Student Interest Programs

TDSB students have access to programs that offer unique opportunities and focus on a variety of interests.

Check out the elementary central student interest programs [here](#).

Students apply to Centralized Programs through an online application that will be available from **November 7 to November 25, 2022** (link will be available below). Learn more about [Applications](#) and [Admissions](#).



*\*Open house dates continue to be added and updated. Check back regularly.*

Secondary Central Student Interest Programs and Schools: Timelines & Open Houses	
Today	Thursday, October 27
Tuesday, November 1	
7:00pm	Grade 8 to 9 Information Webinar
Thursday, November 3	
7:00pm	Central Student Interest Programs Information Webinar
Monday, November 7	
8:00am	Centralized Program Online Application Opens
6:00pm	Birchmount Park CI Open House (Exceptional Athlete)
6:30pm	Monarch Park CI Open House (IB)
7:00pm	Marc Garneau CI Open House (Math, Science and Technology)
Tuesday, November 8	

- Central website will highlight all program locations, their similarities and differences and link to school websites

# Application Timelines

- **November 1, 2022** -Grade 8 to 9 Information Webinar
- **November 3, 2022** - Student Interest Programs Webinar
  - Both webinars will be recorded and will be available on the [PCEO YouTube Channel](#) and the Guidance website
- **November 7, 2022** - Central student interest programs Online Application opens
- **November 25, 2022** - Central student interest programs Online Application closes (4:00 p.m.)

**Support Sessions are available: Links in the Calendar**

**Tuesday, November 8 (4:00-5:30 p.m.)**

**Tuesday, November 15 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.)**

**Thursday, November 24 (4:00 - 5:30 p.m.)**

# Important Information to Know Before you Apply:

- Before submitting an application, students and parents/guardians/caregivers are encouraged to attend all relevant Open Houses to learn more about the programs.
- If you require support or don't have access to technology please contact your child's current school for support.
- If a student opts to not continue in a program, they must return to their designated school by address.
- Transportation is the responsibility of the applicant.

# Application Process

- This year, families may apply for two programs/schools, **which must be ranked**.
  - If your student is accepted into their first choice program, they will not be considered for their second choice
- Applications cannot be changed after they are submitted. Please ensure your application is submitted no later than ***Friday, November 25 at 4:00 p.m.***

# Admissions to Programming

- ✓ Interest-based admissions criteria
- ✓ Centralized random selection process (lottery) will be used if there are more applicants than there are spaces in the program

Note: students who reside in the City of Toronto will be accommodated before students who reside outside of the city.

***All students with a passion and interest are welcome in TDSB central student interest programs and schools.***



# Supporting Underserved Communities

As part of the random selection process:

- The first 20% of spaces will be filled by students from historically and currently underserved communities, a reflection of the TDSB demographic for students self-identifying as Indigenous, Black, Latino, Latina or Latinx and Middle Eastern.

# Acceptances: Timelines

The random selection process will occur centrally and all communication will come from the Board. Please do not contact schools directly for selection results.

- **December 8, 2022** - Acceptances and waitlist status will be sent centrally, via email to all applicants. **Offers expire December 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**
- **December 15, 2022** - Second round of Acceptances and waitlist status will be sent centrally, via email to all applicants. **Offers expire December 21, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**
- **February 22, 2023** - Late offers will be made should spaces become available up until this date (Secondary).

# International Baccalaureate Programs

[Victoria Park CI](#)

Grade 9 and 10 entry

French (Group 2)

Economics (Group 3)

Chemistry (Group 4)

Biology (Group 4)

Physics (Group 4)

Computer Science (Group 4)

English (Group 1)

Economics (Group 3)

Chemistry (Group 4)

Computer Science (Group 4)

Mathematics A&A (Group 5)

# International Baccalaureate Fees

- There is no fee for pre-IB (Grades 9 and 10).
- Starting in the 2020-21, the TDSB set a fee of \$3000 for the IB Diploma Program (\$1500 in Grade 11 and \$1500 in Grade 12).
- Parents/guardians who require financial support to participate in the IB program are able to contact their school Principal.
- IB fees have been suspended for the past few years, due to the pandemic.
- ***The fee structure for the 2023-24 school year will be released around December 2022, subject to the status of the pandemic and budget considerations.***

# Applying to International Baccalaureate Programs

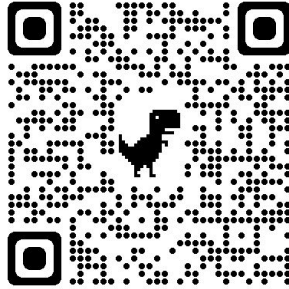
- We encourage students to consider the IB Program if they are interested in striving to develop the traits listed in the Learner Profile.
- Applicants should be internally motivated to produce their best work and demonstrate commitment to a challenging and rigorous learning environment.
- Students who meet the provincial standard in most areas of learning in Grades 7 and 8 are encouraged to consider the program.
- All potential applicant and their parent/guardian/caregiver are encouraged to attend at least one of the IB Open Houses to gain insight and understanding around the nature of this program.
- Students not pursuing the International Baccalaureate program will be expected to return to their designated school by address.

# Common Questions & Answers



1. Is there more homework in IB?
  - Yes, expect there to be more homework
2. Do I have to know a lot of French?
  - No, but we recommend applicants to be at or above provincial standard in Gr. 8 French
3. What if I have difficulty in a subject?
  - Ask for help! Connect with your subject teacher
4. What marks do I need to advance?
  - We expect students enrolled in the IB Preparatory Programme to maintain the provincial standard in all courses
5. Is late entry permitted?
  - Yes, but it is often challenging due to limited space and course structuring
6. Transfer to regular program?
  - Yes, only at certain times of the year (end of semester, end of year)
  - We will facilitate the transfer by connecting with your home school by address

# QUESTIONS?



Thank you for your interest in the  
Pre-Baccalaureate Programme at VPCI!