

The International Baccalaureate Programme at Victoria Park CI



Admission Information
for the **2026-2027** school year



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 for this event 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 Indigenous 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)
- Student Voices
- IB at Victoria Park Collegiate
- The Application Process



International Baccalaureate Diploma Program



The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a demanding two-year course of study designed for highly motivated secondary school students. The IB Diploma Programme is designed as an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with **externally set, standardized final examinations supplied and assessed by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)**. The program provides an internationally accepted qualification for entry into higher education and is recognised by many universities worldwide.

The International Baccalaureate program is developed independently of government and national systems, and incorporates quality practice from research and the global community of schools. The program:

- encourages students of all ages to think critically and challenge assumptions;
- encourages students of all ages to consider both local and global contexts; and
- develops multilingual students.

Students in the IB Diploma Program complete rigorous academic courses that, in many cases, go well beyond the regular secondary school curriculum. Additionally, students are expected to engage in extracurricular activities and to be active members of their local and greater communities.



Student Voice

Please welcome some of our current IB students to share their experiences with you.



Question:

What is it like to be an IB student at Victoria Park?

Question:

How do you manage your extracurricular activities and school work?

How have you managed CAS (your portfolio of creativity, action and service) in grade 11 and 12?



Question:

What are some of the challenges you've faced as an IB student?

What are some of the benefits of being in the IB program?



Question:

What are some of the characteristics of students who are generally successful in completing the IB program?

How can you prepare yourself?

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

What is the achievement rate of IB students at Victoria Park?

How successful have Victoria Park students been in IB

(maximum possible points is 45)

Note: The global IB Diploma points average was 30 for the May 2025 Session

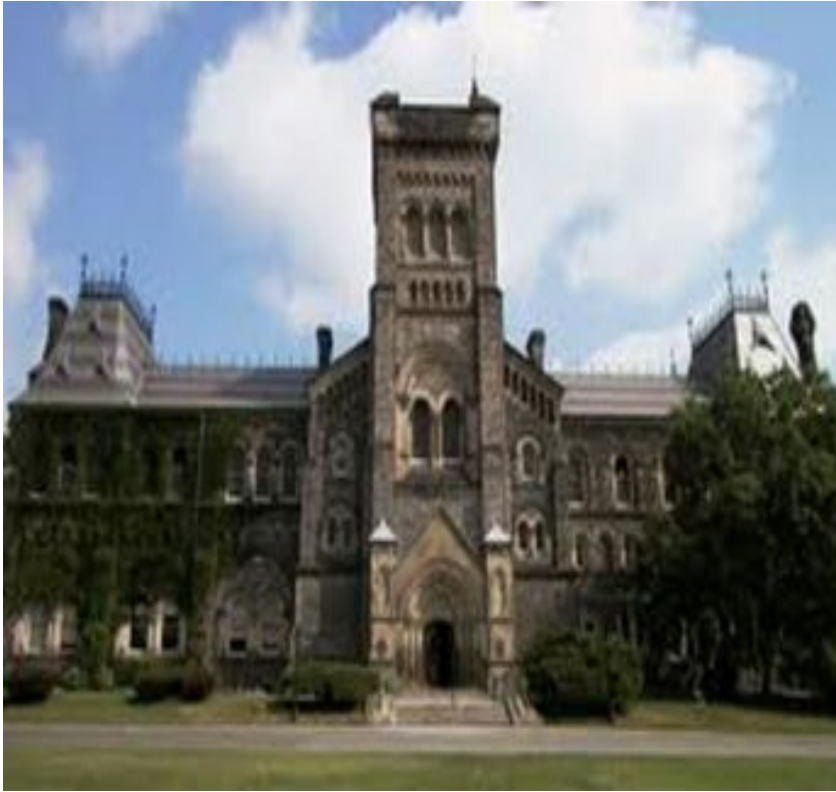
Year	Average # of IB Diploma Points
2024-2025	36
2023-2024	35
2022-2023	38
2021-2022	37
2020-2021	36
2019-2020	35
2018-2019	36

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

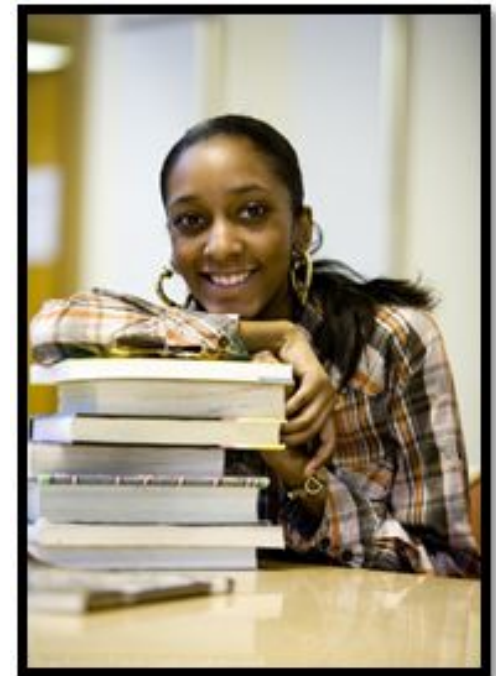
- Princeton
- UC Berkeley
- University of Chicago
- University of Pennsylvania
- Cambridge
- Harvard
- Yale
- Duke
- Cornell, among others



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
- Plan to stay in the IB program for all 4 years of highschool

*****IF YOU LEAVE THE IB PROGRAM
YOU MUST RETURN TO YOUR HOME
SCHOOL BY ADDRESS**



International Baccalaureate Learner Profile



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:

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>

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.

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop globally-minded people who recognize our common humanity, a responsibility for shared guardianship of the planet, and wish to create a better and more peaceful world.

All potential applicants are expected to read and review the IB Learner Profile.



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:**
 - IB Computer Studies (TEJ207)
 - or
 - Other Technology*

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*

Courses are subject to change

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** Psychology (Gr. 11)
8. **OPTION 2:**
 - Civics and Careers* **or** Gr. 11 IB Computer Studies** **or** Other elective

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

Sample Grade 9 Timetable

Terms		1	2	3	4
25-26	S1	Computer Technology and the Skilled Trad TEJ207.2 Room: C3L 1(A) 2(B) S1	Mathematics MTH1W7.1 Room: 235 1(B) 2(A) S1	Healthy Active Living Education PPL10M.1 Room: GYM2 3(A) 4(B) S1	Science SNC1W7.3 Room: 224 3(B) 4(A) S1
		Instrumental Music - Band AMI101.1 Room: M1 1(A) 2(B) S2	Core French FSF1D7.1 Room: 123 1(B) 2(A) S2	English, Grade 9 ENL1W7.1 Room: C5 3(A) 4(B) S2	Exploring Canadian Geography CGC1W7.4 Room: 305 4(A) 3(B) S2
	S2				

Accommodations

IEP supports continue in Grade 9 & 10 to support student well-being where needed. Accommodations may include:

- Support in the Resource Room
- Quiet space
- Extra time (1.25x)
- Computer use for typing out notes and test responses

DP1/DP2: Accommodations may continue on IB evaluations in Grade 11 and 12 but must be supported by medical or psychological as well as educational documentation (IEP or ILP). All accommodation requests must be approved by the IB.

IB Diploma Programme

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

IB Diploma Course Requirements

In the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, students study 3 subjects at the Higher Level (HL) and 3 subjects at the Standard Level (SL). Students are expected to take one course from each of the 6 subject groups:

- Group 1 - Studies in language and literature
- Group 2 - Language acquisition* (there are no language exemptions)
- Group 3 - Individuals and societies
- Group 4 - Sciences
- Group 5 - Mathematics
- Group 6 - The Arts (Students may take an additional Group 2, 3 or 4 course, instead of a course in the arts.)

Specific course offerings at all five sites are listed on the Central Website.

Standard Level (SL) and Higher Level (HL) Courses at Victoria Park

Standard Level (SL)

Options:

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

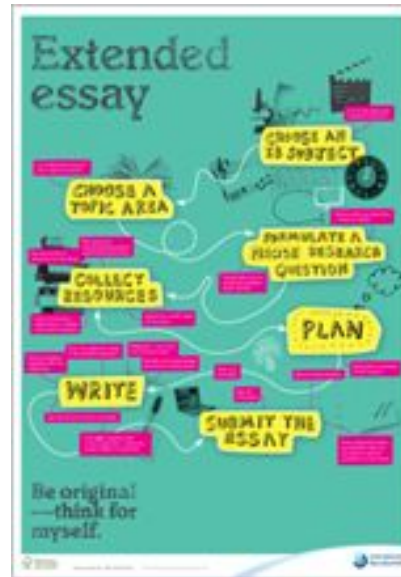
Higher Level (HL) Options:

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

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)

IB Core Components

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



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

Our School

- Approximately 1200 students in Grades 9-12
 - $\frac{1}{3}$ of students in IB
- 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

Clubs at VP





How to Apply to IB at VPCI

EARLY YEARS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL

ADULT LEARNERS

PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

COMMUNITY




International Education Programs

International students can apply for Kindergarten to grade 12, summer camps, cultural immersion programs and more.


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School Year Calendar



Student Transportation



Find Your School



Transcripts & Student Records



Continuing Education



Mental Health & Well-Being

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► By School Name

► Out-of-Area Admissions

Elementary Programs

Secondary Programs

Alternative Schools

e-Learning Programs

French Programs


Special Education and Inclusion Programs

► Registration


PDF Map

Find Your School

Find your designated school by entering your address, see school contact details and find out who your principal, vice-principal, superintendent and trustee are. Also explore other educational opportunities through the TDSB.



By Home Address
Fill in your address in the search box



By School Name
Browse by alphabetical school listing



Central Program Admissions Office

The Central Program Admissions Office coordinates and facilitates the application and enrollment processes for TDSB Central Programs listed below.



Specialized Programs

The TDSB offers Specialized Programs that are focused on the Arts, Math, Science & Technology, Leadership and more! All students meeting the eligibility requirements with an interest in the program focus are invited to apply.



Out-of-Area Admissions

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





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Central Program Admissions Office

Specialized Programs

- Elementary Specialized Arts Programs
- Application and Admissions
- Academic Achievement and Demonstration of Knowledge and Skills
- Addressing Vacant Seats
- Arts
- International Baccalaureate
- Leadership
- Math, Science and Technology
- Applicant Eligibility Benchmark Calculator
- Early French Immersion
- Middle French Immersion
- Out of Area Admissions
- Elementary Alternative Schools
- High Performing Athletes
- F.A.S.T.
- Secondary School Programs Search Tool

Specialized Programs

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The application for September 2026 will be open from **Monday, November 24 to Friday, December 12, 2025 at noon.**

Learn more about each of the programs:

- [Arts](#)
- [International Baccalaureate](#)
- [Leadership](#)
- [Math, Science and Technology](#)

Please note that transportation is not provided for any Specialized Program.

Learn more about:

- [Applications and Admissions](#)
- [Addressing Vacant Seats](#)
- [Academic Achievement and Demonstrations of Knowledge and Skills](#)
- [FAQ Secondary French and Specialized Programs](#)
- [Elementary Specialized Programs](#)

Today	<	>	November 2025	>	Month			
SUN 26			MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Nov 1
2			3 6pm Etobicoke Sch	4 6pm Wexford Colleg 6pm **NEW TIME** 3 more	5 5pm Danforth CTI C 6pm Rosedale Heigl 3 more	6 6pm Central Techni 6pm Marc Garneau 2 more	7	8



Important Information to Consider Before you Apply for a Specialized Program

A Specialized Program is a school or program that has a particular focus. In applying for a Specialized Program, you are applying with the intention of attending that school, in the requested program, every day for the next 4 years.

- **Transportation is the responsibility of the applicant.**
- If a student opts to not continue in a program, they will be expected to return to their designated school by address.

Important Information to Consider Before you Apply for a Specialized Program

- Applicants select one TYPE of program.
- Applicants have a primary program choice, and may opt to include an alternate program choice.
- The alternate program choice **MUST** be of the same type of program. (***NEW***)

Program Choice required ⓘ

International Baccalaureate

Primary School Choice required ⓘ

Victoria Park Collegiate Institute (grades 9 - 10)

Alternate School Choice - Optional ⓘ

Monarch Park Collegiate Institute (grades 9 - 10)

Important Information to Consider Before you Apply for a Specialized Program

Alternate choices will only be considered after all primary applications for that program (living in the city of Toronto) have been considered.

Applicants living outside the city of Toronto will be considered after all applicants residing in Toronto have been considered for their primary and alternate choices.

If an applicant is accepted to their primary choice school, they will not be considered for their alternate choice.

If an applicant is offered a spot in their alternate choice, they will remain on the waitlist for their primary choice until the waitlist expires.

Important Information to Consider Before you Apply for a Specialized Program

- Applicants to secondary programs who were not in a TDSB school in June 2025 will need to upload a PDF of their June 2025 report card (and their first report if the data is not shown in the June report card). (*NEW*)
- Applicants must meet the report card benchmark in order to be eligible for consideration. (*NEW*)
 - Meeting the benchmark does not guarantee that the applicant will be seated.

Applicant Eligibility: Report Card Benchmark

- In order to be an eligible applicant, the following Grade 7 (applicants for Grade 9) or Grade 8 (applicants for Grade 10) report card marks will be reviewed and **no more than 2** can fall below the Provincial Standard:
 - Language
 - Math
 - Science and Technology
 - Geography
 - History
 - French (average of 4 strands)

Applicants may wish to use the [Report Card Benchmark Calculator](#) to confirm their eligibility before applying.



Specialized Programs Application Timelines

- **November 24, 2025** - Specialized Programs Online Application opens
- **December 12, 2025** - Specialized Programs Online Application closes (*noon*)

Students and parents/guardians and caregivers are encouraged to attend all relevant Open Houses to learn more about the programs.

Late applications will not be accepted.

All applicants must attend the in-person demonstration of knowledge and skills.

Seating Criteria for Specialized Programs

- Admissions are no longer based on applicant interest and through a lottery. ***Applicants will be selected and seated in programs based on the strength of their application. (*NEW*)***
 - Report card achievement from select subjects from 2024-25 will make up 30% of your applicant score.
 - The evaluation of your demonstration of knowledge and skills will make up the remaining 70% of your applicant score.

Visit the [Academic Achievement and Demonstration of Knowledge and Skills](#) website for more detailed information.



Learning-Related Accommodations

Applicants can request learning related accommodations on the in-person demonstration of knowledge and skills in the application.

Appropriate accommodations relevant to the format of the assessment, supported by the applicant's Individual Education Plan will be provided.

- Individual Education Plans for TDSB applicants will be accessed internally.
- Non-TDSB applicants must bring hard copies of their Individual Education Plan to the in-person session.

Contact CentralPrograms@tdsb.on.ca with any questions related to accommodations.

Learning-Related Accommodations for Multilingual Learners

Applicants for whom English is not their first language, where the applicant has been in Canada for less than 5 years, can request learning related accommodations on the in-person demonstration of knowledge and skills in the application.

Appropriate accommodations relevant to the format of the assessment, that are being provided by the current school and that are consistent with EQAO accommodations, will be provided.

This may include the use of a translating dictionary (hard-copy) and extra time.

Contact CentralPrograms@tdsb.on.ca with any questions related to accommodations.

Report Cards Marks for International Baccalaureate Programs:

Average of Language, Math, Science, French (one mark determined by averaging the four individual French strands), Geography and History.

PowerSchool will calculate a “Grade” for each applicant based on the June Report 2 achievement data.

Should there be no Report 2 mark, the Report 1 mark will be used for that subject.

This average will make up 30% of the applicant score.

Demonstration of Knowledge and Skills for International Baccalaureate Programs:

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

At your Primary Choice International Baccalaureate program school

60-minute in-person evaluation and written response

- Format will be multiple choice (30 min) and one opinion-based written question (30 min).
- Multiple Choice will assess skill in mathematical reasoning and problem solving, and French Language proficiency.
- The demonstration of skills and knowledge assess content learning from the grade 7 curriculum expectations and will focus on problem-solving and thinking skills.
- Written question will be assessed by rubric.

Resources:

Further details about the demonstration of knowledge and skills can be found on the [Academic Achievement and Demonstration of Knowledge and Skills](#) website.

Information about what to bring to your in-person assessment will be provided upon submission of your application.



Acceptances: Timelines

The placement process will occur centrally and all communication will come from the Central Program Admissions Office. Please do not contact schools directly for selection results.

- **February 11, 2026** - Acceptances and waitlist status will be sent centrally, via email to all applicants. **Offers expire February 17, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**
 - This is the same date that seating through Out-of-Area Admissions will also be sent.
- **Offers will be made on February 18 and February 25, 2026 where seats are available. Central Waitlists will expire after this date.**

International Baccalaureate Program Fees

The IB Diploma Program exceeds the curriculum and program requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

The program comes at a cost of \$3,300/student over the course of 4 years.

The cost is subject to change as the program is cost-recovery.

Students in the International Baccalaureate program will be expected to pay fees to cover the cost of the program.

International Baccalaureate Program Fees

Grade 8 applicants seated for Grade 9 in September 2026 will be required to submit payment of \$550 in order to confirm and hold their seat at the time of placement, starting in February 2026.

Fees paid each year are non-refundable.

Current Costs

Grade 10 \$550

Grade 11 \$1100

Grade 12 \$1100

IB Program Fee Subsidies

Subsidies will be available for applicants with a gross household family income of less than \$50,000, ensuring that no student is left behind due to financial constraints.

2024 Canada Revenue Notice of Assessments and/or tax returns for the household will be required when requesting a subsidy.

Save the date

Victoria Park C.I.
Presents

GR. 9 CAMP



- Open to all grade 9 students
- Team Building & Fun Outdoor Activities

Coming in...
SEPTEMBER
2026

Registration in September