



Bangalore International School
A Caring, Connected Community



Welcome to the IBDP

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Welcome to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Bangalore International School! This booklet is designed to help you start the year with a clear picture of what the school day will be like for your child.

All communication that you receive from school, henceforth, will refer to the IB Diploma Programme as 'IBDP'. The IBDP comprises Grade 11 and 12. The IBDP is an internationally recognized pre-university programme that is valued around the world. It provides an excellent launching pad for university education and many high ranking universities give extra credit for students who have performed well at the IBDP.

What is the IBDP?

1. A pre-university course
2. A comprehensive two-year curriculum
3. Fulfills requirements of various national educational systems
4. Includes best educational practices from many countries

IB Mission Statement

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.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

IB Learner Profile

The IBDP aims to enable its students to be and become:

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| 1. Inquirers | 6. Principled |
| 2. Knowledgeable | 7. Open-minded |
| 3. Thinkers | 8. Caring |
| 4. Communicators | 9. Balanced |
| 5. Risk-Takers | 10. Reflective |

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A partnership between the students and teachers is wonderful and that is so unique to BIS.

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Benefits of the IBDP

The IBDP is recognized the world over as a rigorous pre-university course that prepares students for higher studies. The well rounded curriculum that requires students to take sciences and humanities, literature and mathematics, fosters the development of traits captured in the IB learner profile, transforming students into lifelong learners.

Colleges recognize the value of the IBDP and give credit to incoming IBDP students if they secure high grades. Some of our students have been given admission directly into the second year of a four year undergraduate program solely on the basis of their IBDP grades.



Subject

AVAILABLE IBDP SUBJECTS

IBDP Subject Grouping Higher Level - BIS	
Block	Subjects
1	English Language and Literature HL
2	Mathematics Analysis and Approaches HL Mathematics Applications and Interpretation HL
3	Biology HL Economics HL Visual Art HL Computer Science HL
4	Chemistry HL Business Management HL
5	Physics HL Psychology HL History HL

IBDP Subject Grouping Standard Level - BIS

Block	Subjects
1	English Language and Literature SL
2	Spanish ab initio SL Spanish B SL French ab initio SL French B SL Hindi B SL

IBDP Subject Grouping Standard Level - BIS

Block	Subjects
3	English Language and Literature HL
4	Mathematics Analysis and Approaches SL Mathematics Applications and Interpretation SL
5	Chemistry SL Business Management SL Environmental Systems and Societies SL
6	Physics SL Psychology SL History SL Food Science and Technology SL

Sciences: Physics, Chemistry, Biology Computer Science, Food Science & Technology SL.

Individuals & Societies: Business Management, Economics, History, Psychology.

*Environmental Systems & Societies SL may be taken as either a Science or an Individuals & Societies subject.

Language Acquisition

Language ab initio courses are suitable for beginners with little or no previous experience of learning the language they have chosen.

Language B courses can be opted by students who have had some previous experience of learning the language.

Assessment in the IBDP

The students sit for exams at the end of their second year of the IBDP. Subjects in Group 6 (The Arts) do not have written exams. In each subject, the students write a piece of independent and individual coursework which contributes from 20% to 40% of their final grade. The written exams at the end of the second year of the IBDP are conducted in May over a period of three weeks.

Class Teachers

The class teacher's role in the IBDP is two-fold; pastoral and academic. Her/his pastoral responsibilities include taking care of the child's wellbeing, safety, health, and behaviour.

Sports

IBDP students can choose from a variety of sports classes on offer such as football, basketball, swimming and cricket. We encourage our students to participate in various sporting events throughout the year, and also host our very own Sports Day annually.



Personal and College Counselling

The IBDP students have access to two personal counsellors should they wish to avail of their services to deal with any kind of mental health issue, stress or anxiety. We are also proud to be one of the few schools in India College Counselling

“The Guidance Counselor at BIS follows a systematic approach throughout the high school years to ensure that each student is guided adequately on profile building, subject selection, course and career selection for college and beyond, university selection and application process. The main objective of the Guidance Counselor at BIS is to match each student with the best suitable universities for their academic interest and ability. To facilitate the placement process, we work with a wide range of colleges and universities across countries to help students create road maps for entry into the ideal university.”

For the meeting with the student/parent, we can schedule a meeting any time after 8am tomorrow morning. Let me know what works for them so that I can block the time on my calendar accordingly.

SEN

The IBDP students with special educational needs have access to a special educator who has the expertise to identify learning needs and recommend appropriate academic strategies and exam accommodations to help students progress without any impediment. We are an inclusive school and our teachers are experienced at ensuring that SEN children are able to cope with the IBDP programme with the appropriate support system in place.

Transport and Timings

The school day for the IBDP is from 7:40 am– 2:45 pm every day. School bus facility is available for all students who require it but it is not compulsory. Please get in touch with the Transport Coordinator, Mr Shameer in case of any query related to transport. Transport related emails should be sent to transport@bischool.in.

Snack and Lunch

Children have breakfast between 09:50 am to 10:10 am which usually consists of a ‘hot’ component, such as idlis, dosas, vadas, parathas, puris, etc., along with cornflakes and milk, and a fruit.

Lunch break is from 12:55 pm– 1:50 pm. There is always a combination of Indian and continental food. While the majority of the food is vegetarian, each day there is also either a fish or a chicken option. The meat is halal. Menus are sent home each week, along with the school newsletter. Please monitor the menus and do keep the school informed of any allergies.



“ BIS students dancing at MADD Fest ”

Drop off and Pick up

We request all parents who bring their children to school to cooperate with us by dropping their children off at the gate and, similarly, picking them up from the gate. Please ensure that your child comes to school on time and you pick him/her up on time. If there is any change in the pick arrangement (not on the bus, different person picking them up, etc), please let the Transport department know a day before via email.

Assembly

We have assembly thrice a week with the whole school, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Assemblies involve a message or a performance conducted by the grades or departments in charge on that particular day. On Mondays, we sing the school song while on Fridays we sing the national anthem. On Wednesdays, we sing the National Anthem of another country.

Personal Belongings

Please label all your children's belongings clearly, with the first name and last initial. This goes especially for bags, bottles, jackets and shoes. If you notice that your child has carried home anything from school, including books, stationery, or educational equipment, please do send it back to school!

PTMs and Report Cards

Although teachers stay in touch with you via email or over the phone, we begin the year with a Parent Teacher Conference (PTC), and we have scheduled review meetings each year. These are known as the Parent Teacher Meetings (PTM) and give you a chance to meet all your child's teachers, and to discuss their progress in all subjects. We also send out Report Cards at the end of each semester to help you track your child's learning.

Clothes

Wearing the school uniform, which is the white t-shirt and shorts/track pants with white socks, is compulsory.

The children have a house uniform as well, which is a coloured t-shirt along with shorts or track pants. Please note the following rules:

- Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri -school uniform
- Wednesday – house uniform
- Field Trips – school uniform
- Sports Day – house uniform

The school shoes must also be purchased and worn every day. Please label everything clearly!



“ The way that our kids carry themselves, alone, is enough to set them a class apart.” ”

Food

We appreciate your cooperation in sending bottles that close properly. Please do not send food for them to eat in school.

Newsletters

Each week, you will receive a weekly bulletin from the school. This contains school-wide information for the week ahead, with regard to timings, activities planned, important announcements, etc. Please pay specific attention to the acronyms IBDP, HS (High School), and AS (All School).

Calendar and Handbook

The school calendar has all the events and holidays listed in it. Please refer to the calendar while planning holidays and please let us know well in advance in the case of extended periods of absence.

The handbook contains the BIS vision, mission, school policies, rules and regulations. Please take the time to go through it carefully.

Nurse and Medication

Our school nurse is stationed on campus at all times. We also have a visiting doctor, who remains on call.

If your child needs to be administered medication during school hours, please let us know via email. The nurse will be the person in charge of administering the medicine.

Please regularly check your child's hair for lice and nits and ensure that if they have a problem, it is being addressed promptly.

Bus Rules

The bus rules will be shared with you via email. Please try to review these with your children often to ensure that their journey on the bus each day is without incident.

Any issues with the bus routes and pick-up/drop timings can be raised with the Transport Coordinator. The school uses an app for its transport management system, which allows you to see where the bus is at any point in time. You will also have access to the driver and the attendant's numbers.



We look forward to sharing this wonderful journey with you and we are excited about making it as enjoyable, memorable and fruitful as possible.



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