

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is recognized as one of the most academically rigorous, college preparatory programs in the world. This highly respected, two-year curriculum focuses on classical liberal arts and sciences. Founded in the 1960's to serve international students, the IB Diploma Program is now offered in over 1,400 schools around the world. As an IB World School for nearly two decades, Interlake High School is proud to offer this challenging educational program designed to prepare students for a wide variety of life options, including success in college.

Interlake students may pursue the internationally recognized IB Diploma by taking IB classes in six subject areas. Alternately, students in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade may choose to take a range of IB courses and their exams outside the Diploma Program. The IB program is open to all interested Interlake students; individual student success is largely determined by academic motivation and active participation. There is no 'test' into the IB at Interlake though students interested in pursuing the advanced learning IB path beginning in 10<sup>th</sup> grade must be assessed as gifted by the Bellevue School District.

Please see the IB Courses at Interlake High School document to better understand the courses we offer toward the IB Diploma.