

Assessment and Exams

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) assesses student work as direct evidence of achievement against the stated goals of the Diploma Programme (DP) courses.

DP assessment procedures measure the extent to which students have mastered advanced academic skills in fulfilling these goals, for example:

- analysing and presenting information
- evaluating and constructing arguments
- solving problems creatively.

Basic skills are also assessed, including:

- retaining knowledge
- understanding key concepts
- applying standard methods.

In addition to academic skills, DP assessment encourages an international outlook and intercultural skills, wherever appropriate.

Student results are determined by performance against set standards, not by each student's position in the overall rank order.

Using external and internal assessment

The IB uses both external and internal assessment in the DP.

External assessment

Examinations form the basis of the assessment for most courses. This is because of their high levels of objectivity and reliability.

They include:

- essays
- structured problems
- short-response questions
- data-response questions
- text-response questions
- case-study questions
- multiple-choice questions – though these are rarely used.

Internal assessment

Teacher assessment is also used for most courses. This includes:

- oral work in languages
- laboratory work in the sciences
- investigations in mathematics
- artistic performances.

<http://www.ibo.org/en/programmes/diploma-programme/assessment-and-exams/>

Central High School pays the registration and exam fees for students who complete the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Central High School. The first of these fees is usually incurred in late October of Junior year. At this time most IBDP students register for either one or two exams. Senior year students register for the rest of their exams as well as the Extended Essay. The rationale supporting this practice is that the IBDP is a two-year program that culminates in required IBDP assessment.

Completion of the IBDP involves:

- taking all the required courses (a total of 6) and including the corresponding Internal Assessment(s) and External Assessments (exam)
- completing Creativity Activity and Service (CAS) hours including the CAS project and writing thoughtful reflections associated with CAS
- completing Theory of Knowledge (TOK) including the presentation and writing the essay associated with the Prescribed Title
- completing the Extended Essay
- no incidents of academic malpractice.

Students choosing to add an additional IBDP course for any reason assume personal responsibility for payment of that exam.

Students not completing the IBDP at Central are expected to pay for their IBDP registration and exam fees just as Advanced Placement (AP) students do. If students have not paid for their exam fees by May 1, a fine card will be submitted.

The above information is not intended to be exhaustive but rather to give parents and students a general understanding of when and why Central High School will pay for IBDP fees and when parents are expected to assume that responsibility. Every possible scenario has not been explored.

I accept the above conditions for participation in the International Diploma Programme at Central High School.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date