

John G. Diefenbaker High School International Baccalaureate Course Information

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SL – Standard Level

HL – Higher Level

IB Subjects	Grade 10 Students apply for IB January – March \$30 school IB admin fee		Grade 11 \$210 IB Exam Fees apply for each subject that is completed this year. \$30 school IB admin fee			Grade 12 \$210 IB Exam Fees apply for each subject that is completed this year. \$30 school IB admin fee			
	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester		1 st Semester	2 nd Semester		
Math SL	Math 10 H	Math 20 IB	Math 30/31 IB SL (Full Year)		Exam Fee				
Biology SL	Science 10 H	Biology 20 IB	Biology 25/30 IB SL (Full Year)		Exam Fee				
Physics SL	Science 10 H	Physics 20 IB	Physics 25/30 SL (Full Year)		Exam Fee				
Chemistry HL	Science 10 H		Chemistry 20 IB HL			Chemistry 30/35 IB HL (Full Year)		Exam Fee	
Business Management SL		Business 10	Business 20/30 IB (Full year)		Exam Fee				
Social Studies World History HL	Social Studies 10 H (semester 1 or 2)		Social 20 IB HL (semester 1 or 2)				World History IB HL (Full Year)		Exam Fee
English Literature HL	English 10 H (semester 1 or 2)		English 20 IB (semester 1 or 2)				English 30/35 HL (Full Year)		Exam Fee
French B SL	French 10H (semester 1 or 2)			French 20 IB SL		French 30/31 SL (Full Year)		Exam Fee	
Spanish ab – initio	Spanish 10 H (semester 1 or 2)			Spanish 20 IB ab initio		Spanish 30 IB ab initio		Exam Fee	
Mandarin ab - initio	CLASSES ARE COMPLETED AT THE CHINESE ACADEMY on Saturdays - Oral and written exams - Academy has additional fees - IB Exams are written at JGD in May of the grade 12 year		Mandarin ab – initio 20 IB (Completed Off-Campus – Full Year)			Mandarin ab – initio 30 IB (Completed Off-Campus – Full Year)			
Mandarin B SL			Mandarin B 20 IB SL (Completed Off – Campus – Full Year)			Mandarin B 30 IB SL (Completed Off – Campus – Full Year)			
Cantonese B SL			Cantonese B 20 IB SL (Completed Off Campus – Full Year)			Cantonese B 30 IB SL (Completed Off Campus – Full Year)			
Theory of Knowledge			Theory of Knowledge 25 (Full Year)			Theory of Knowledge 35 (Full Year)			

Grade 9 – Area IB Expression of Interest form is completed by March 15th of grade 9 year.

Grade 10 – All JGD grade 10 Honours students must carefully select pre-requisite courses for the IB courses that they plan to complete. All grade 10 students must take a minimum of 3 honours courses. Students are encouraged to take as many Honours courses as they can. \$30 IB admin fee charged to all IB students. CAS is required of all IB students in all grades.

Grade 11 – A minimum of two IB courses must be taken to maintain IB registration. IB Exam Fees are charged for IB courses in each year the student is registered to write an IB exam. \$30 IB admin fee charged to all IB students. CAS and TOK is required of all grade 11 IB students.

Grade 12 – IB Exam Fees are charged for IB courses in each year the student is registered to write an IB exam. \$30 IB admin fee charged to all IB students. CAS and TOK is required of all grade 12 IB students. Extended Essay is required of full diploma students.

	Diploma Program (also known as Full Program)			Course Program (also known as partial or certificate program)
	Diploma IB consists of: - 6 courses with at least one from each area 1 – 5, 3 HL/3 SL or 4 HL/2 SL - Theory of Knowledge (35 level in-person) - Extended Essay - CAS hours			<p>Course IB consists of: -CAS and TOK - at least two IB courses - at least 3 Honours courses in grade 10</p>
1	English A	Literature HL		
2	Second Language * Chinese classes are through the Chinese Academy	French SL or ab - initio SL Spanish ab-initio SL Mandarin SL or ab- initio SL * Cantonese SL *		
3	Social Studies	World History HL Business SL		
4	Science	Biology SL Physics SL Chemistry HL		
5	Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches	SL		
6	Additional Science class or Business			
	Theory of Knowledge (compulsory, outside of timetable)			Theory of Knowledge (Compulsory, outside of timetable)
	Extended Essay (compulsory, outside of timetable)			
	CAS (60 – 75 hours to be completed each school year)			CAS (60 – 75 hours to be completed each school year)

IB exams are written during the month of May in grades 11 and/or 12.