



**GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
APPLICATION FOR THE FULL DIPLOMA PROGRAM
2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

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General Information

Course requirements for the Diploma Program (11th and 12th grades):

Six subject areas plus the Theory of Knowledge

Group 1	Language and Literature (English)
Group 2	Language Acquisition (World Language continued from MYP – 4 years total)
Group 3	Individuals and Societies (Social Studies)
Group 4	Sciences
Group 5	Mathematics
Group 6	The Arts (or an additional IB course from Groups 3 through 5)
TOK	Theory of Knowledge

Diploma candidates must complete a course from each of the above Groups 1 through 6, and:

- A minimum of 3 HL (Higher Level) courses must be taken.
- It is recommended that students complete 3 HL(Higher Level) courses, and 3 SL (Standard Level) courses; but with approval, a student may take 4 HL courses and 2 SL courses.
- Students must also take the Theory of Knowledge course in addition to the 6 HL/SL subjects.

Other requirements for the IB Diploma Program students:

- Extended Essay (independent research paper, a maximum of 4000 words)
- Creativity, Action, and Service component

IB recommends full concurrency of learning throughout the two years of the Diploma Program, with students taking all subjects both the 11th and 12th grade years. IB *requires* a minimum of 150 hours instructional hours in all SL courses, and a minimum of 240 hours in all HL courses.

If a student's development is sufficient, up to two SL exams may be taken at the end of the 11th grade as an Anticipated Candidate. Any remaining SL exams and all HL exams must be taken at the end of the 12th grade as Diploma or Course Candidates.

NOTE: Exam Fees and Registration Fees are required for IB exams. In the past, the Colorado Department of Education through the ESCAPE Grant has paid a majority of the fees for students on Free/Reduced Lunch.

Colorado State law states that students earning an IB Diploma are eligible to earn a minimum of 24 hours of college credit at 4 year universities in the state. (Colorado School of Mines has their own policy regarding IB Diplomas)

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MYP/IB Diploma Pathway (4 year plan)

	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
1	Honors English 9	Honors English 10	IB English 11 HL (year 1)	IB English 12 HL (year 2)
2	Honors World Language (4 yr) Spanish or French	Honors World Language (4 yr) Spanish or French	IB World Language SL (4 yr) Spanish or French	IB World Language SL (4 yr) Spanish or French
3	Honors Geography	Honors US History	IB World History HL (year 1) IB Psychology SL IB Global Politics SL	IB World History HL (year 2)
4	Honors - Physics 1 Physics 1	Honors Chemistry Chemistry	IB Biology SL /HL (year 1) IB Chemistry SL IB Computer Science SL	IB Biology SL/HL (year 2)
5	Honors Core 2 Core 2	Honors Core 3 Core 3	IB Math SL (year 1) (Trig/Pre-calculus) IB Math Studies SL	IB Math SL (year 2) (Calculus) IB Math Studies SL
6	P.E. or Technology or Arts/Music/Theater course	P.E. or Technology or Arts/Music/Theater course	IB Art HL (year 1) IB Music HL (year 2) (or another IB Course chosen from Groups 2-4)	IB Art HL (year 2) IB Music HL (year 2) (or another IB Course chosen from Groups 2-4)
7			Civics* Theory of Knowledge 1 (second semester)	Theory of Knowledge 2 (first semester)

*Civics graduation requirement must be met

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APS DIPLOMA:

Class of 2015 & after

Credits Subject

4.0	English
4.0	Math
1.5	Social Science
1.0	US History
0.5	Civics
3.0	Science
1.0	World Language
<u>7.0</u>	<u>Additional Credits</u>
22	Total Credits

The IB 4 year plan meets and exceeds the minimum credit requirements for the APS Diploma.

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APPLICATION AND ADMISSION/COMMITMENT AGREEMENT
PLEASE COMPLETE, READ AND SIGN BELOW

NAME _____

CURRENT GPA _____

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION PRINTED NAME _____

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION SIGNATURE _____

STUDENT STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

I am applying for the Diploma Programme Pathway at Gateway High School, and agree to the following terms and conditions for participating in the IB Pathway.

I will:

- maintain good attendance and be in class on time every day.
- abide by the rules and guidelines of Gateway High School, Aurora Public Schools, and the IBO.
- not engage in any form of academic dishonesty (academic dishonesty can lead to removal from the IB).
- meet the expectations set forth by each class.
- actively participate in class daily by being prepared, listening actively, offering relevant comments, posing insightful questions, taking notes, etc.
- work seriously to improve my writing skills, which involves writing, editing, rewriting, asking for authorized assistance outside of the class period, etc.
- actively seek assistance &/or tutoring when having academic problems.
- submit quality work in a timely manner, meeting all deadlines for internal and external assessments.
- participate in credit recovery or summer sessions needed in order to complete any identified course deficiencies.
- sit for up to two IB SL exams at the end of the 11th grade, and all other IB exams at the end of the 12th grade.

I am willing to strive for attainment of the high standards required for this program. I will work to the best of my ability. I understand that if I do not meet the standards of the IB Diploma Pathway, either because of the quality of my work or because of my performance as a serious learner, I may be asked to withdraw from the program and to enroll in a course of study which meets my level of performance.

Student Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

I understand and commit my full support to my child's participation in the IB Diploma Program at Gateway High School. I understand that in order to remain in the program, my child must adhere to the specific requirements of the program. I understand that parent support and involvement are critical to a student's success. Therefore, I agree to be an active participant in my child's education.

I will:

- support my child's academic and extra-curricular efforts by designating adequate time and place for study.
- attend parent meetings, conferences and other IB events.
- initiate and respond to communication with my student's teachers.
- encourage student study-group sessions.
- help my student manage their time in meeting all requirements of the IBO.
- meet any exam fee obligations for the IB Diploma Exams.
- review each progress report with my child and contacting the appropriate teacher if concerned.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ *Date:* _____