

Lexington One International Baccalaureate Diploma Program Yearly Report (2017-18)



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The IB Diploma Programme (DP) is an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with final examinations that prepares students, aged 16 to 19, for success at university and life beyond. It has been designed to address the intellectual, social, emotional and physical well-being of students. The programme has gained recognition and respect from the world's leading universities.

-- Excerpt from the IB Diploma Programme Description

Comments (2017-18):

- IB Diploma Program expanded to include SL Psychology (Group 3 – Individuals & Societies) and French & Spanish ab-Initio (Group 2 – Language Acquisition).
- IB Diploma Program named a Lexington One Center for Advanced Studies.
- Lexington High School Librarian, Janet Boltjes, named Extended Essay Coordinator (effective November, 2017).
- Creation and implementation of the Lexington One Pre-IB Program Courses (includes Lex1 Pre-IB Geometry, Algebra 2, Biology 1, Chemistry and English 2).

Data (2017-2018):

- 16 IB Diploma Candidates
 - **Schools Represented:** Lexington High School, Pelion High School, River Bluff High School, White Knoll High School
- 111 Total Examinations Taken
 - 93 Passing Scores on Examinations¹ - **83.78% Passage Rate**
 - **2018 – 83.78% Passage Rate; 2017 – 82% Passage Rate**

¹ Passing scores on an IB Examination could make the candidate eligible for college credit. College credit is awarded based upon the policies of the specific College or University that the candidate is attending. Not all college and university policies are equal. Scores of 4 or above are the minimum standard of success in order to be eligible for college credit.

- Average of 27.44 Points Awarded Per Candidate
 - IB Diploma attainment possible at 24 points awarded²
- 48 Higher Level (HL) Examinations Taken
 - 39 Passing Scores on HL (Higher Level) Examinations – **79.16% Passage Rate**

Areas of Focus (for 2018-2019) and Plan of Action:

- **Increase scores of Extended Essay** – Lexington High School Librarian, Janet Boltjes, was named the IB Diploma Program Extended Essay Coordinator in November, 2017 and sent to IB Extended Essay training in December, 2017. Additionally, the Lexington One IB Diploma Program implemented an Extended Essay support schedule, which includes research and writing workshops and Extended Essay supervisor training and support meetings.
- **Implement a system of recruitment and retention of IB Diploma candidates** – A team made up of IB Program administrators, Counseling & Advisement counselors, Lexington One District personnel and Lexington High School administrators determined that the creation of a series of courses that would be considered the Lexington One Pre-IB courses. These courses would be available to 9th and 10th grade students that have shown promise in high-level courses. The courses that are listed as Lexington One Pre-IB courses are: Biology 1 HN Pre-IB, Chemistry HN Pre-IB, Geometry Pre-IB, Algebra 2 Pre-IB, English 1 HN Pre-IB and English 2 HN Pre-IB.
- **Implement a system of horizontal planning across the entire IB Diploma Program curriculum** – Scheduled professional development and IB Diploma Program stakeholder meetings (in-house) that allow for cross-curricular learning opportunities and discuss the data results from the 2017-2018 IB assessments, implementation of various ATT/ATL (Approaches to Teaching & Learning) strategies, create and discuss meaningful CAS experiences and TOK links for students.

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² The International Baccalaureate Program Diploma is awarded to candidates that achieve satisfactory scores in several different areas and one several different assessments that are scored on a scale of 1 to 7. Using those scores, a candidate must score a minimum of 24 total points to be eligible for the successful completion of the Diploma requirements.