The IB Curriculum at Trinity

Standard Level (SL) — Courses go beyond the rigor of traditional college preparatory courses and represent 150 teaching hours.

Higher Level (HL) — Courses encompass material requiring 240 teaching hours and two years of extensive study.

Current Offerings:

Group 1 — Language A
- English A: Literature HL

Group 2 — Language B
- French B SL, HL
- Latin SL, HL
- Spanish B SL, HL

Group 3 — Individuals and Society
- Environmental Systems and Societies SL
- Geography HL
- Global Politics HL
- History Europe HL

Group 4 — Experimental Sciences
- Biology SL, HL
- Chemistry SL, HL
- Environmental Systems and Societies SL
- Physics SL, HL

Group 5 — Mathematics
- Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL

Group 6 — Electives
- Economics HL
- Music SL, HL
- Visual Arts HL
- A second course from Group 4

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For more information about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, contact our IB Office at (804) 327-3129 or visit www.trinityes.org/IB or www.ibo.org.
WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Juniors and seniors at Trinity with the required coursework, recommendations, motivation, and commitment may participate in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Students intending to pursue the IB diploma typically plan their curriculum sequence in their freshman year. This enables them to take courses in preparation for the actual IB courses undertaken during their junior and senior years. However, after freshman year students may still be able to enter the program.

Additionally, qualified students can choose to take individual IB courses and components instead of undertaking the complete IB Diploma Programme.

WHO WE ARE

Trinity Episcopal School is a coeducational college preparatory school for grades 8-12. Since its founding in 1972, Trinity has encouraged students to discover their paths and achieve life-long goals.

In 1994 Trinity Episcopal School became the first school in the Richmond Metropolitan Area authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, a course of study designed for highly motivated students in the 11th and 12th grades. Trinity is still the only independent school in the area to offer the IB Diploma Programme.

At Trinity, IB students are fully engaged in the life of the school; they play sports, serve in student government, participate in the arts, and join in club activities. Choices within the IB curriculum give students the opportunity to craft their course load, and they can both pursue and enhance their individual areas of interest.

The IB Diploma Programme reflects Trinity’s Mission and Philosophy and inspires candidates to become engaged learners. The close one-on-one work this requires fosters close partnerships between students, faculty, and administrators.

WHAT IB OFFERS

The aim of all International Baccalaureate programs is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

To do this, IB emphasizes a unique mix of intellectual challenge, intercultural understanding and respect, and independent research. The program academically prepares the student for the rigors of college. Completion of the full Diploma Programme or of individual IB courses can also give students advanced standing in college and an advantage in the college admission process.

The global administration of IB allows candidates to be measured against an international standard. An IB diploma awarded by Trinity is the same awarded to accomplished students throughout the world.

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

- Six subject groups are offered at two levels of achievement. Each diploma candidate must pass IB examinations in all six subjects. Half of the courses are taken at Higher Level (HL) and half at Standard Level (SL).

- The Extended Essay is a supervised 4,000-word academic research paper on a specialized subject. Students develop advanced skills in independent research and writing.

- Theory of Knowledge (TOK) is a course that emphasizes critical thinking skills. TOK encourages students to be aware of subjective biases, to analyze evidence, and to appreciate other cultural perspectives.

- Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) is a fundamental part of the Diploma Programme that provides a balance to academic studies. The CAS requirement encourages personal growth and development and the acceptance of new challenges.