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| **International Baccalaureate (IB)** | **Advanced Placement (AP)** |
| IB is a two-year program of study that includes courses in different fields. Students CAN take independent courses of study as well. | AP consists of independent courses of study. |
| IB is open to all students willing to challenge themselves with college-level coursework and willing to complete additional IB requirements. | Open to all students willing to challenge themselves with college-level coursework. |
| IB Diploma & Career candidates also take a Theory of Knowledge course(Diploma) or a Personal and Professional Skills course (Career) which include college-level writing projects | No additional requirements |
| IB scores are based on IB exams that are almost entirely written as well as in-class writing, projects and presentations that are scored internally and externally. | AP scores are based solely on a single-day exam that is generally 60% multiple choice and 40% essay. |
| Students enrolled in the IB program or in an IB course of study as certificate students may take IB exams and may earn college credit. | Any student may take an AP exam; specific courses are taught but are not required in order to take the IB exams. IB students may take AP exams. |
| IB exams are developed and scored by an international panel of trained examiners. Exams are administered locally and sent to the IB Organization examination headquarters in Wales for scoring. | AP exams are developed by a national development committee in conjunction with experts from Educational Testing Service (ETS). Exams are administered nationally and shipped to ETS for scoring. |
| IB teachers work as a team to support students and to connect the curriculum across disciplines and to promote world-wide relevancy for all coursework. | AP teachers work independently or within their own discipline to support students. |
| IB courses move at a different pace, many over a two-year period of time, to allow for in-depth research, inquiry and analysis. | AP courses move at a rapid pace surveying a broad spectrum of a particular discipline. |
| IB seeks to create a cohort or peer group around academics | AP students may form peer groups within individual classes or disciplines, but this is not a goal of the program. |
| More divergent – Asking “WHY?” more than “WHAT?” | More convergent – Asks ‘WHAT?” more than “WHY?” |
| Emphasis process and integration of content across content and content areas. | Content is discreet to each subject with little to no crossover. |
| IB student MAY ALSO sit for AP exams. | AP students MAY NOT sit for IB exams. |
| Successful IB candidates receive an IB Diploma for completing full programs or an IB certificate for individual IB courses taken. | AP recognizes high achievement on AP exams through the AP Scholars Program. |
| College credit is awarded at the discretion of each individual college. | College credit is awarded at the discretion of each individual college. |

**What is the difference between IB & AP?**