



# EGRHS Course Fair

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AP & IB Courses



# Agenda

<b>General Session</b> 6:30 - 6:45		<b>SESSION 1</b> 6:50 - 7:20	<b>SESSION 2</b> 7:25 - 7:55	<b>SESSION 3</b> 8:00 - 8:30
Overview AP & IB Extended Essay CAS  <i>Little Aud.</i>	<b>Team A</b>	ELA, World Language, & Arts <i>Little Aud.</i>	Science & Math <i>Band Room</i>	Social Studies and TOK <i>Choir Room</i>
	<b>Team B</b>	Social Studies and TOK <i>Choir Room</i>	ELA, World Language, & Arts <i>Little Aud.</i>	Science & Math <i>Band Room</i>
	<b>Team C</b>	Science & Math <i>Band Room</i>	Social Studies and TOK <i>Choir Room</i>	ELA, World Language, & Arts <i>Little Aud.</i>

# Academic Options

## HONORS

- One-year commitment in 9th, 10th, 11th, and/or 12th grades
- A la Carte option
- Rigorous curriculum focused more on application of concepts, critical thinking skills, and problem solving
- Often more content at a faster pace

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

- One-year commitment in 9th, 10th, 11th, and/or 12th grades
- A la Carte option: 13 different AP courses from which to choose
- No additional requirements beyond the course requirements and end of course AP exam in May

## IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IB DP)

- Two year commitment in Junior and Senior years
- Comprehensive Program
- 6 IB classes over two years in 6 subject areas
- Additional Requirements:
  - Extended Essay (EE)
  - Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)
  - Theory of Knowledge Course (TOK)

## IB CERTIFICATE

- Two-year commitment in Junior and Senior years for two year IB courses
- One-year commitment in Junior or Senior years for one year IB courses
- A la Carte option
- No additional requirements beyond the course requirements and the end of course IB External Assessment in May
- Similar to taking an AP course

# IB and AP - How Do They Compare?

	ADVANCED PLACEMENT	INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
<b>What</b>	Rigorous college prep course	Rigorous college prep course
<b>Who</b>	Options are available to students in 9th - 12th grades	Options are available to students in 11th and 12th grades
<b>Length</b>	1 year in length	2 years in length, except for IB Psychology and IB History SL ( <i>standard level</i> )
<b>Curriculum and Instruction</b>	<p>Focused on content acquisition and synthesis of information</p> <p>Reading and writing</p> <p>Breadth versus depth</p>	<p>Focused on skill development and conceptual understanding</p> <p>Incorporates International-mindedness/multiple perspectives</p> <p>Depth versus breadth</p> <p>Interdisciplinary</p> <p>Writing and research</p> <p>Inquiry based instruction</p> <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Application and problem solving</p>
<b>Assessment</b>	<p>Single: Score based on a single assessment taken in May</p> <p>Limited assessment methods: Multiple Choice and some writing</p> <p>Student can take an AP test in May without having to take the class</p>	<p>Multiple: Score based on a combination of assessments including <i>internal assessments</i> completed throughout the school year and an <i>external assessment</i> taken in May at the conclusion of the course.</p> <p>Variety of assessment methods: Writing, Reading, Orals, Projects/Portfolios, Research, limited multiple choice</p> <p>Student must take the IB class to test in the IB subject in May</p>
<b>Weighting</b>	Given honors weighting	Given honors weighting
<b>College Credit</b>	Qualifying score may earn college credit	Qualifying score may earn college credit, especially for the Higher Level IB courses

# Creativity, Activity, & Service (CAS)

- Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) is at the heart of the IB Diploma Programme.
- It is one of the three core elements in every DP student's experience.
- Undertake a CAS project Engage in CAS experiences Complete a CAS project

# Creativity, Activity, & Service (CAS) cont.

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- Use the CAS Stages (investigation, preparation, action, reflection, and demonstration) as a framework for CAS experiences and the CAS project.
- Complete three formal documented interviews with the CAS Coordinator.
- Reflect on CAS, experiences, and the CAS project.

# Extended Essay

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The extended essay is an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4,000-word paper. ([www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org))

This is a mandatory requirement to attain an IB Diploma.

It is written with support of an academic advisor (teacher) from the subject of research, spending a minimum of three hours of time with each student.

# Tentative Schedule Process

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- Advisor is chosen near the beginning of second semester of Junior year
- Topic is discussed and chosen shortly after, with support and recommendation of advisor
- Research is begun before the summer break to confirm viability
- Research is finished and paper is written over the summer, with possible workshop times over break
- Advisor reads and suggests any final revision at the beginning of Senior year
- Revisions and final submission occur before the end of first semester of Senior year, concluding with a “debriefing” between student and advisor

# Reminders

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This requirement gives you the chance to explore a topic of your interest and make an academic argument relevant to your passions.

This process is spread out over 12 months with support from expert faculty members. The timeline is designed to space out the work into a manageable plan of action.

It is a project which will take time outside of the normal school day, but provides an opportunity to truly engage with relevant material of your choice and prepare for the rigors of college or university.