



# The International Baccalaureate Program

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Harrisburg Academy is proud to be the first school in the Harrisburg area to receive International Baccalaureate World school accreditation and offer the IB Diploma program to its Upper School students. Designed as a comprehensive, two-year curriculum that allows students to fulfill requirements of various national education systems, IB incorporates the best elements of education across the globe.

## About the International Baccalaureate

The IB Diploma program is internationally recognized as one of the most challenging college-preparatory curricula available, aligning well with the Academy's high-quality college preparatory liberal arts format. To date, nearly 4,300 schools in 149 countries are accredited IB World Schools. Harrisburg Academy is proud to be a part of this extensive community of global IB learners.

## IB Diploma Success

At the successful completion of the program, Academy students receive an IB Diploma in addition to their Harrisburg Academy diploma. This designation often results in advanced placement or credits in college. Since 2009, Harrisburg Academy has awarded 69 IB Diplomas to its students. Harrisburg Academy's average IB scores are consistently higher than the world average.

## Acceptance / Recognition of the IB

Colleges and universities, worldwide, recognize the discipline and motivation necessary to complete the IB Diploma program. Many of these schools offer

scholarships and other incentives to students entering with an IB Diploma or record of coursework — some even allowing students to start college with sophomore status! Over 2,000 universities across the world offer special consideration for admission and/or course credit to IB students.

## Curriculum

IB Diploma program students study six courses at higher level or standard level, at least one from each of the following areas: Language A (English); Language B (Spanish or French); Individuals & Societies; Experimental Sciences; and Mathematics.

During the course of the program, students complete an Extended Essay, the Theory of Knowledge Seminar, and Creativity, Action, and Service hours, designed to unify the program and involve students in new roles.

*"Our daughter was well-prepared by Harrisburg Academy and especially the IB program. She feels very competent at a competitive institution. She has received glowing reflections from professors at Barnard and Columbia about her inquisitive mind, discussion and writing skills, and her work ethic."*

-Jessica Bainbridge  
Parent of Chloe Picchio '13  
(Barnard College '17)

