

**Having “IB” on your transcript means something! Keep reading to find out why:**

If you are in an IB course, the expectation is that you take the IB Exam at the end of the course for the following reasons:

- You’ve put in 1-2 years of work and it’s appropriate to have “final” closure to it all.
- Having an IB score is the only way to get any possible credit from colleges and universities.
- IB Scores do not expire, so if you change schools or plans of where you want to go or what you want to do, then you can still use your score.
- You cannot appeal to get credit for a score that you don’t have, the appeal process sometimes allows students to get credit for a course even when the college or university says they don’t offer credit
- We use IB scores and data from exams internally to make our courses better and improve our teaching and learning process each year.
- When a college sees you are in an IB course they expect you have done all the IB components for the course (including the internal assessment and preparing for a rigorous exam). They will question why no scores were submitted.
- The process of preparing for a college-like exam is useful before you get to college, so you know how to study and prepare for high stakes tests once you are there.
- There were/are other courses you could have taken that were not IB, students choosing to take IB are aware there is an IB exam attached to the course.

**If you are worried about college credit consider this:** Take the exam and fight for the credit when you get to school but you can't get any credit anywhere if you don't have a score. Every year, colleges change their policies around credit, what isn't accepted now, might change.