

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program has always included internal assessments (items that are graded by the teacher with a sample moderated by the IB) as well as external assessments (the May exams). In addition to moderating teacher grading of internal assessments, *all* internal assessments for *all* courses are being submitted to the IBO and graded this year. The moderators that normally spend their time grading exams are grading these assessments instead and will still be paid for their work. Refunds for IB examinations will not be given.

In cancelling the May examinations, the IBO has only removed one aspect of what makes up the IB grade that colleges use to award credit. The internal assessments and the predicted grades that teachers have always awarded will be used to accurately award IB grades to students. Since grades will be based upon the internal assessments, students will still have the opportunity to get college credit as they would have had they taken the exams. The IBO has been working closely with colleges to keep them aware of what is going on.