

## International Baccalaureate

Palmer High School is the only school in the MSBSD to offer the I.B. Diploma Program to its students.

The I.B. Diploma Program is an internationally-recognized academic program designed to prepare students for wherever their path takes them after high school.

The I.B. Program emphasizes development of students' abilities to think critically and globally, and to develop the soft-skills necessary to be successful anywhere students go: time management, problem-solving, the ability to work in a group, and the ability to work independently.

The I.B. program is available to all juniors and seniors enrolled at PHS. While some courses require pre-requisites, there is no admissions process—students need only to enroll in the course through the guidance office.

## PALMER HIGH I.B. FACTS AND FIGURES

First year I.B. was offered to PHS students: 2001

Total I.B. Diploma Recipients since 2002: 62

Over 400 students have taken I.B. exams since 2002

Over 900 exams have been taken since 2002

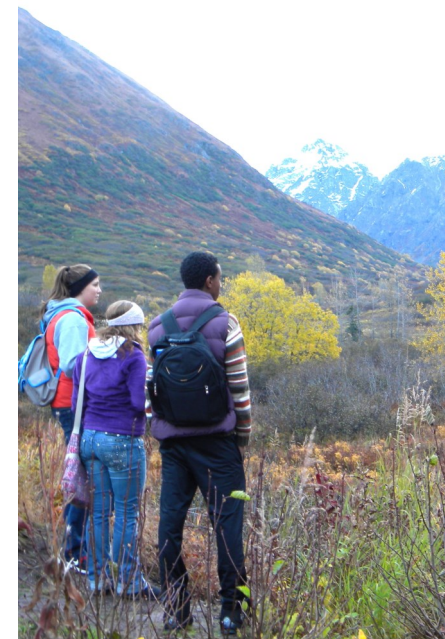
2015 Diploma Candidate Average SAT Score: 29

Number of I.B.-trained PHS Faculty Members: 24



## Palmer High School

An International Baccalaureate  
World School



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## I.B. Courses at PHS

International Baccalaureate groups courses into six different categories. Palmer High School offers multiple options in almost every category:

### Group 1: Language and Literature:

I.B. English 1: Humanities and Classical Literature

I.B. English 2: Modern Novel, Literature and Ideas

### Group 2: Language Acquisition

I.B. French

I.B. Spanish

### Group 3: Individuals and Societies

I.B. History of the Americas

I.B. Philosophy

### Group 4: Experimental Sciences

I.B. Biology

I.B. Physics

### Group 5: Mathematics:

I.B. Mathematics

I.B. Math Studies

### Group 6: The Arts

I.B. Visual Arts

I.B. Music

## Options to Participate

Our goal is to see every junior and senior student at Palmer High participate in at least one I.B. course while they are here. Because all students and students' goals are different, we offer a variety of ways in which a student can participate in the I.B. Program:

### Take a Class!

Other than prerequisite classes for a few I.B. courses, there are no requirements or applications to participate in an I.B. class. Just sign up in the fall or spring with your guidance counselor.



Kelsey Schober, 2012 I.B. Diploma Recipient at her senior I.B. Visual Arts Show

## Take a class and the I.B. exam!

Signing up for I.B. exams is optional, but we encourage students to do so.

Most colleges now give credit for students' scores on Higher Level I.B. exams, and many give credit for Standard Level exams as well.

### Participate the Full I.B. Diploma Program!

To earn the full I.B. Diploma, a student takes one I.B. course from groups 1 through 5, a sixth course of their choosing, and they complete the core of the I.B. program: Theory of Knowledge (a class taken during the school day), an Extended Essay (a college-level research paper completed independently but with instructor guidance and supervision), and CAS: Creativity, Activity and Service, a component where students meet learning objectives in three areas both by working independently and with others.