

# What is IB all about?

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The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a rigorous pre-university course of studies, leading to examinations, that meets the needs of highly motivated secondary school students. It has 1,600 schools in 125 countries. There are more than 676 IB programs in North America, with 15 in the state of Indiana.

Fishers High School was accredited as an IB Diploma school in 2007. The class of 2009 represented our 1st graduating class.

Visit [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) for additional information on the International Baccalaureate Program.

## Advantages, Benefits and Significance of IB

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### ADVANTAGES

- Challenging and exciting classes, focusing on writing, thinking, communicating, and experimenting.
- Rigorous and comprehensive education based on a global perspective.
- A commitment to community and human welfare.
- High standard of teaching required by the IB program.
- Possibility of entering college with advanced standing, enhances the student's chances of admittance.
- High expectations of students and development of full academic potential in all areas of study.
- Participation in a community of scholars.
- Opportunity to earn a universally recognized, world-class credential.
- Emphasizes the philosophy of applied knowledge rather than mere book learning.

### BENEFITS

- College Credit
- Recognition by Selective Universities/Colleges
- Global Acceptance
- College - Life Preparation
- Cultural Perspectives

### SIGNIFICANCE

- Raising of Educational Standards/High Expectations
- Compete in International Arena
- Public Demand for Education Reform
- Examination - Accountability
- Universally Recognized

# IB Learner Profile

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Our goal is that students who participate in the IB Diploma Program develop to become:

**Inquirers:** Who acquire the skills necessary to conduct purposeful, constructive research.

**Thinkers:** Who exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to make sound decisions and to solve complex problems.

**Communicators:** Who receive and express ideas and information confidently in more than one language, including the language of mathematical symbols.

**Risk-takers:** Who approach unfamiliar situations without anxiety, have confidence and independence, are courageous and articulate in defending things in which they believe.

**Knowledgeable:** Who have spent time in school exploring themes with global relevance and importance, and have acquired a critical mass of significant knowledge.

**Principled:** Who have a sound grasp of the principles of moral reasoning, integrity, honesty and a sense of fairness and justice. **Caring:** Who show sensitivity towards the needs and feelings of others and have a personal commitment to action and service.

**Open-minded:** Who respect the views, values and traditions of other individuals and cultures and who are accustomed to seeking and considering a range of points of view. **Well-balanced:** Who understand the importance of physical and mental balance and personal well-being.

**Reflective:** Who give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and who analyze their personal strengths and weaknesses in a constructive manner.

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