

IB Advantages:

- Challenging and exciting classes focusing on writing, thinking, and communicating
- Rigorous and comprehensive education based on global perspectives
- Preparedness for college studies through Theory of Knowledge class
- Recognition and development of the potential of each student
- Interdisciplinary teaching
- Academic coaching
- Student-centered learning
- Community involvement through business and education partnerships and participation, and a commitment to community and human welfare
- The latest in technology and information resources
- High standard of teaching required by the International Baccalaureate Organization
- Advanced course placement at colleges and universities around the world

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IB Courses offered at GPA

MYP:

All students in grades 6 through 10 at Guajome Park Academy are enrolled in the IB Middle Years Program (MYP). The MYP program emphasizes that all eight areas of instructions are treated as core courses. Therefore, every year, all students will be enrolled in:

Math
Science
English
Humanities
Physical Education
Visual/Performing Arts
Technology
Language B (German or Spanish)

IB Diploma Program:

The following courses are offered as part of the IB Diploma Program at GPA:

IB English HL
IB History of the Americas HL
IB Biology SL/HL
IB Business SL/HL
IB German SL/HL
IB Spanish SL/HL
IB Math Studies SL
IB Theater Arts SL
IB Design Technology SL
IB Theory of Knowledge

Standard Level (SL) courses are a one year course of study (150 hours minimum).

Higher Level (HL) courses are a two year course of study (240 hours minimum).

Additional requirements:

Extended Essay
150 hours of CAS (Creativity/Action/Service)

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The International Baccalaureate and its Philosophy

What is the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)?

The IBO, founded in the 1960s, grew out of international school efforts to establish a common curricular framework for geographically mobile students (such as children of diplomats and military personnel). The IBO is a group of international educators whose aim is to awaken the natural intelligence of all students and to teach students to recognize the relationships between the subjects they study in school and the world in which they live.

To reach this goal, the IBO designed an educational program based on a philosophy that combines knowledge, experience, and critical observation. This philosophy emphasizes education as a process (learning how to think), not just a product (a collection of knowledge).

The IB Diploma Program, for students in grades 11 and 12, was established in 1967. Twenty-five years later, the IBO developed the Middle Years Program for 6th-10th graders. The Primary Years Program, for children ages 3-12, followed in 1997.

The IBO is a private, non-governmental organization recognized by the Council of Europe and governed by a 30-member Council of Foundation that meets annually at the IBO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

What is the IB Philosophy?

The IB philosophy is to foster tolerance and intercultural understanding among young people through a specific method of teaching. This method of teaching, also known as a “curricular framework”, incorporates critical thinking, problem solving, and exposure to a variety of viewpoints. The IB philosophy emphasizes:

- Awareness of the similarities and differences among many cultures, understanding issues on an international scale, and responsible citizenship.
- The interrelatedness of various disciplines and issues.
- A “Socratic” (question-and-answer) form of achieving knowledge in the classroom.

Student centered inquiry and communication.

To promote its philosophy, the IBO has developed three educational programs: the Primary Years Program, the Middle Years Program, and the Diploma Program. The Middle Years Program (MYP) is currently implemented in grades 6-10 at Guajome Park Academy, and students may select to follow the IB Diploma Program in Grades 11 and 12.

For more information about the IBO, please visit www.IBO.org



What is the IB Middle Years Program (MYP)?

The IB Middle Years Program (IBMYP or MYP), which spans grades 6 through 10, is a framework for teaching that benefits ALL students. The MYP framework addresses a wide range of learning styles, involves all students in their own unique learning processes, and gives the students a standard, internationally accepted foundation of knowledge. The MYP is a comprehensive program of academic challenge and life skills appropriate to this age group.

The MYP uses five common themes, or organizing principles, called the *Areas of Interaction* to intertwine eight subject groups. Each year students collect work into a portfolio in each subject group to see that they've met learning benchmarks. In grade 10, each student completes a self-designed Personal Project.

What is the IB Diploma Program (DP)?

The IB Diploma Program, which spans grades 11 and 12, is a college-level, rigorous course of study designed to meet the needs of highly motivated secondary students and to promote international understanding. Courses are based upon international standards, and the curriculum is recognized worldwide.