

# The Baccalaureate School for Global Education

An IB World School

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## What is the International Baccalaureate?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a high school program that doubles as a highly respected college prep curriculum.

The IB program encourages students to think broadly, beyond the boundaries of their communities, and to see themselves as members of a global society. It has gained recognition and respect from most U.S. colleges.

### *Learning Globally*

The IB Diploma Program is an intense curriculum for high school juniors and seniors which helps develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalizing world. It culminates in six rigorous subject exams.

The program was originally a standard curriculum for children of people moving from one country to another (such as diplomats or the military). Today there are over a million IB students in nearly 150 countries.

### *The IB Curriculum*

The IB has six main areas of study: language and literature, foreign language acquisition, individuals and societies, experimental sciences, mathematics and the arts. Three additional elements round out the program: a theory of knowledge course, learning outside the classroom (Creativity, Action and Service), and a 4,000-word essay.

### *College Credit for IB*

Many colleges and universities offer credit or placement to students with high scores on IB exams. Students typically must attain at least a score of 5 out of 7 points on an exam for a higher-level course to be eligible for college credit. Some colleges offer up to one year of credit for successful completion of the IB Diploma. Most colleges recognize the academic strength of the IB program, but each college has its own policies about granting credit for IB exams.

From <http://www.collegedata.com>.

For more information, visit [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org).

## The Baccalaureate School for Global Education (BSGE)

The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) was founded in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1968. Its original purpose was to facilitate the international mobility of students preparing for university by providing a curriculum and diploma recognized by universities around the world. Since then, the IBO has expanded and seeks to make an IB education available to students of all ages. The IB programs allow graduates to fulfill the requirements of national education systems worldwide, incorporating the best elements of each.

Founded in September 2002, and located in Astoria, the Baccalaureate School for Global Education (BSGE) provides a world-class educational experience aligned with the frameworks and standards of the IB Program.

In April 2005, BSGE was authorized by the IBO as a Diploma Program (DP).

Our student body is an ethnically, economically and academically diverse population of young people from different neighborhoods in Queens, including Astoria, Jamaica, Forest Hills, Corona, Woodside, Laurelton, Rosedale, Far Rockaway, Queens Village, Hollis, Richmond Hill, Middle Village, South Ozone, Jackson Heights, Rego Park, Sunnyside and Long Island City. BSGE students learn in a safe environment that encourages inquiry, as well as intellectual and social development with a commitment to human responsibility and social justice.

## BSGE's Purpose Statement

BSGE is a community of caring, and principled thinkers who are open minded and balanced in their efforts to understand and respect our differences, who reflect on their actions and approaches to learning, inquire instead of assume, strive to be knowledgeable about many things, take risks to develop deeper meaning and work to effectively communicate their understanding as they collaborate around common goals.

### BSGE's Mission

- Every student will be an IB Diploma candidate.
- Offer an intellectually compelling curriculum which follows international standards for academic achievement in all subject areas.
- Promote fluency in a foreign language.
- Qualify students for superior post-secondary opportunities in the United States or abroad.
- Build ties with local, national, and international communities.
- Promote ideals of international understanding, human rights, and responsible global citizenry.

### Pre-IB Program, Grades 7 & 8

The Pre-IB Program prepares students for both the Diploma Program and the New York State Regents Exams. Eight subject groups form the curricular framework:

- Language A - English
- Language B - Mandarin
- Mathematics - Pre-Algebra, Algebra
- Sciences - General Science, Living Environment
- Humanities - American History, Global Studies and Geography
- Technology
- The Arts - Music, Visual Arts
- Physical Education - Health and Hygiene, Individual and Team Sports

### Pre-IB Diploma Program, Grades 9 & 10

- Language A - English
- Language B - Spanish or French (9th Grade Year 1, 10th Grade Year 2)
- Mathematics - Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II
- Sciences - Living Environment, Chemistry, Physics
- Humanities - Global History and Geography
- Physical Education - Health and Hygiene, Individual and Team Sports

### Diploma Program (DP), Grades 11 and 12

The IB Diploma Program is a rigorous course of study leading to external examinations in six core academic groups:

- IB English Literature (Language A)
- IB French or Spanish (Language B)
- IB Mathematics Standard Level or IB Math Studies Standard Level
- IB Biology or IB Chemistry Standard Level
- IB History of the Americas Higher Level (Individuals and Societies/Government and Economics)

#### *IB Program continued*

- Group 6: IB Computer Science Higher Level or IB Visual Arts Higher Level
- Physical Education

See [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) for course descriptions.

Full Diploma candidates must also satisfy three special features included in the program in order to earn the IB Diploma:

- Theory of Knowledge course - challenges students to question the basis of knowledge, to be aware of ideological biases, and to develop modes of thought based on analysis of evidence and rational argument. At the end of the course, students prepare a formal paper and an individual presentation.
- Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) - IB Diploma candidates are required to perform and document 150 hours of creativity, action and service activities during grades 11 and 12. These activities encourage students to share their energies and talents outside of the classroom.
- Extended Essay - a required essay of at least 4,000 words offers students the opportunity to investigate a topic of special interest and prepares them for independent research and writing expected at the university level.

### Admission to BSGE

Please check the BSGE website for information regarding 7th and 9th grade admissions.

### College and Career Readiness 2018

Senior Class: 76 students

Graduates: 75 students

*Percentage of Graduates admitted to four-year colleges/universities: 98%*

*Percentage of eligible students in graduating class that received IB Diploma in 2018: 87%*

According to *U. S. News and World Report's* annual report, The Baccalaureate School for Global Education (BSGE) ranked as the #9 high school program in the United States and the #1 in New York State (2017).

*The Washington Post* ranked BSGE as the 6th most challenging high school program in the Northeast (2016). *The New York Post* ranked BSGE as the #4 public high school in NYC (2016).