Chapter 13
International Baccalaureate (IB)

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The Purpose of the International Baccalaureate (IB)

The International Baccalaureate (IB) offers high quality programs of international education to a worldwide community of schools. Indiana has schools authorized in all three programs offered: the Primary Years Programme (PYP) for students aged 3 to 12, the Middle Years Programme (MYP) for students aged 11 to 16, and the Diploma Program (DP) for students aged 16 to 19. All three programs strive to develop the intellectual, personal, emotional, and social skills to live, learn, and work in a rapidly globalizing world. IB programs include a curriculum framework, age-appropriate student assessments, professional development for teachers, and support, authorization, and program evaluation for the schools. For further detailed information about IB please visit their website: http://www.ibo.org/

Testing Opportunities

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) will use federal funding from the AP Test Fee Grant program to partially cover the IB assessment costs incurred during the school year on behalf of students who qualify for the free/reduced lunch program and are enrolled in an IB-authorized high school Diploma Programme course. Due to a lack of state funds, the Department is unable to reimburse schools more than $98 per IB assessment, which is the amount provided by the federal grant. In addition, individual student registration costs will not be reimbursed.

IB schools should be prepared to cover any costs not reimbursed through the federal grant. Exam and/or registration fees not covered by the federal grant should not be charged to students who qualify for free/reduced lunch, per I.C. 20-33-5. The IDOE recommends several options to schools for assistance with these fees. Pursuant to IC 20-43-10-2(b), the funds provided to schools each year for the Academic Honors Diploma awards may be applied to off-set the costs of these exams. Schools may also use high-ability funds for identified high ability students to off-set these costs.

NOTE:
For additional information, please access http://www.doe.in.gov/ib.