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International Baccalaureate (IB) and Washburn High School Inaugural Year-2010-2011

Washburn High School, built in 1925 and located in “Tangletown,” a southwest section of greater Minneapolis, proudly inaugurates the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB/DP) in August 2010. Washburn has 900 students in grades 9-12, with 200 students enrolled in 18 sections of IB Classes, occupying approximately 409 seats. Many students are taking one, two, three, four, and five IB Courses. Currently, there are 10 Diploma Candidates. A very great start! We anticipate 250 new students to enroll in IB Courses in fall 2011. The greater Washburn Community has enthusiastically welcomed IB and is supportive of this new academic opportunity in the school. Washburn is a thriving high school that emphasizes excellence in academics, arts and academics with unwavering support for each student.

Washburn’s IB Programme emphasizes open access and equity for ALL students, offering three IB Options: 1) IB Diploma, 2) IB Medallion, and 3) IB Certificate. Students study subjects at either the Standard Level (SL) or the Higher Level (HL), and are encouraged and expected to take IB exams in each course. Please see the table below.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB/DP) at Washburn High School

IB Diploma 6 Core Subjects from Group 1-6*	6 IB Courses 3 SL, 3 HL (or 4HL, 2 HL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 IB Courses + 6 Exams in which registered • Extended Essay: Up to 4,000-Words (independent research paper, advisor support) • 150 Hours of CAS-Creativity, Action Service (beyond the classroom) • Theory of Knowledge (TOK) <p>(*Group 6: Students may select a course from Group 1-5 in place of Group 6)</p>
IB Medallion 3 IB Courses	Any 3 IB Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Courses + Exams in which registered • Extended Essay: Up to 2,000-Word (independent research paper, advisor support) • 75 hours Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) • Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
IB Certificate 1 or 2 IB Courses	Any 1 or 2 IB Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course(s) + Exam(s) • Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Level (HL)-240 Hours of Instruction before Exams. HL courses are 2 years. • Standard Level (SL)-150 Hours of Instruction before Exams. 90% of SL Courses are 2 years (with exception: student preparation, teacher recommendation and schedule constraints). • To earn the diploma, students must achieve a minimum score of 24. Points to earn the IB Diploma are calculated by the score on each exam. An additional three points towards the required score may be earned on the Theory of Knowledge essay, and the Extended Essay of 4,000 words. • Creativity, Action, Service (150 hours of service learning project) during grades 11 and 12 is required. 		

IB Core Curriculum Groups	Course Name	Washburn's Course Offerings
Group 1 Language A1	English Literature	English Literature HL/SL
Group 2 Language B	World Language	Spanish SL, French SL
Group 3 Individuals & Societies	History of Americas, Rt. 2	History Americas HL/SL
Group 4 Experimental Sciences	Biology, Physics, Chemistry	Biology SL; Physics HL/SL; Chemistry HL/SL
Group 5 Mathematics	Mathematics	Math HL, Math SL, Math Studies SL
Group 6 The Arts	Fine Arts	Music SL, Theater SL, Visual Arts SL
Theory of Knowledge is 2 Semesters. taken during junior or senior year.		

Washburn has conducted Feasibility Study seeking MYP Authorization in 2012-2013

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The International Baccalaureate Mission Statement:

*"The International Baccalaureate Organization aims **to develop** inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the IBO works with schools, governments and international organizations **to develop** challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right"*

The International Baccalaureate Mantra: *"IB doesn't (have to) take the best; it makes the best."*

Washburn High School Mission Statement

Washburn High School provides students with an education that promotes intellectual, artistic and physical balance; thus, students are challenged academically, artistically and athletically to recognize and appreciate their individual talents.

We strive to create a thriving international school community where young people from all cultures and diverse backgrounds are understood and respected.

Our students are encouraged to develop the knowledge and skills needed as global citizens in a changing world.