

# **BMIS High School Diploma**

*(Graduation requirements for the class of 2017 onwards)*

The *BMIS High School Diploma* is a four year programme beginning in Year 10, only awarded to students on successful completion of all graduation requirements at the end of Year 13.

The *BMIS High School Diploma* provides an alternative pre-university qualification for students who elect, or who are advised, to follow a modified MYP Certificate programme in Years 10 and 11, and/or a modified IB Diploma programme in Years 12 and 13.

The *BMIS High School Diploma* is recognized by North American universities.

All students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 (equivalent to US grades 9-12) at BMIS are able to graduate with the *BMIS High School Diploma* providing they meet the following graduation requirements:

- Maximum absence of 20 days in each of the four High School Diploma years (approximately equivalent to a minimum 90% attendance record in a normal school year).
  - This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Secondary Head Teacher under exceptional circumstances only (e.g. severe ill-health).
  - Any three late arrivals to school will be designated as a half days absence.
- Minimum of 6 subjects studied in each of Years 10 and 11.
- Minimum of 5 subjects studied in each of Years 12 and 13.
- Successful completion of the community service programme in Years 10 and 11, and successful completion of the CAS programme in Years 12 and 13.
- 24 Credits or higher. (Maximum credits available is 36.)
  - No more than one IB grade 2 or lower in each year of the high school diploma.

## **EARNING CREDITS**

Subject credits are based on school report grades awarded at the end of the academic year.

### **YEAR 10 AND 11**

<u>Pre-IB Diploma Requirements</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Final report grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<b>Language A</b> ( <i>Language &amp; Literature – usually English</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	IB 4-7	1 credit
<b>Language B</b> ( <i>Usually Language B French or Spanish</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	IB 4-7	1 credit
<b>Mathematics</b> ( <i>Standard or Advanced</i> )	IB 4-7	1 credit
<b>Science</b>	IB 4-7	1 credit
<b>Individuals &amp; Societies</b> ( <i>Humanities</i> )	IB 4-7	1 credit
<u>Other subjects</u>		
<b>Physical &amp; Health Education</b>	IB 4-7	1 credit
<b>The Arts</b> ( <i>one subject from Visual Art, Drama or Music</i> )	IB 4-7	1 credit
<b>Design</b> ( <i>MYP Technology</i> )	IB 4-7	1 credit
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6-8 credits per year</b> <sup>3</sup>
<b>Personal Project</b> ( <i>Credit available in Year 11 only</i> ) <sup>4</sup>	IB 3-7	1 credit
	<b>COMBINED YEAR 10 &amp; YEAR 11 TOTAL</b>	<b>13-17 credits available</b> <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Students aiming to enter the full IB Diploma programme in Years 12 and 13 must have at least 8 credits in each of these five subject groups at the end of Year 11.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to the language section of the MYP Handbook for further information regarding language choices and EAL.

<sup>3</sup> At BMIS we strongly recommend a full programme of eight subjects for high school diploma credit in Years 10 and 11, plus the personal project, as preparation for the IB Diploma programme.

<sup>4</sup> The personal project is a mandatory requirement for all students in Years 10 and 11.

<sup>5</sup> Students with fewer than the minimum 13 credits at the end of Year 11 will only be permitted to progress to the IB Diploma programme courses in Year 12 after consultation, and with the agreement of the Secondary Head Teacher.

## YEAR 12 AND 13

<u>IB Diploma Course Requirements</u> <sup>6</sup>	<u>Final report grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<b>Group 1:</b> <i>First Language</i>	IB 3-7	SL = 1 / HL = 1½
<b>Group 2:</b> <i>Second Language</i>	IB 3-7	SL = 1 / HL = 1½
<b>Group 3:</b> <i>Individuals and Societies</i>	IB 3-7	SL = 1 / HL = 1½
<b>Group 4:</b> <i>Experimental Sciences</i>	IB 3-7	SL = 1 / HL = 1½
<b>Group 5:</b> <i>Mathematics</i>	IB 3-7	SL = 1 / HL = 1½
<b>Group 6:</b> <i>Arts and Electives</i>	IB 3-7	SL = 1 / HL = 1½
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5-8 credits per year</b> <sup>7</sup>
<u>Additional credits</u>		
<b>Theory of Knowledge</b> ( <i>SL course</i> )	IB 3-7	1 credit per year
<b>Extended Essay</b> ( <i>Credit available in Year 13 only</i> )	IB 3-7	1 credit
<b>COMBINED YEAR 12 &amp; YEAR 13 TOTAL</b>		<b>10-19 credits available</b> <sup>8</sup>

## ENTRY TO IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

<b>MYP credits earned</b>	10 or less	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Minimum DP credits required to graduate</b>	14 or more	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
<b>Recommendation</b>	Students with 10 or less credits at the end of Year 11 are unlikely to be able to meet the academic demands of a full IB Diploma programme. It is not possible to graduate by taking the minimum number of SL subjects in Year 12 and 13.	Students with 11-13 credits may start a full IB Diploma programme for a short probationary period to determine if this is the best choice for them. Students would still be able to graduate with six SL subjects (and TOK if they had only 11 credits).			Students with 14-17 credits would normally be expected to start a full IB Diploma programme containing 3-4 HL subjects. Students can still graduate with a minimum of five SL subjects if they only require a high school diploma, but they must be sure that this is sufficient to meet their future career goals.			

## TRACKING & PROGRESS MONITORING

Throughout the duration of the high school diploma programme, students are encouraged to monitor their own progress towards earning credits and to work with teachers in helping them to achieve their goal of graduation. Grades will be monitored continuously for early signs of success and/or difficulty. Grades earned on the mid-year report will be used to check whether students are on track towards graduation, allowing time for any necessary remedial action by the student and the teacher before final credits are awarded based on the end of year report grades in June.

Students at risk of failing to earn sufficient credits in any one year of the programme will be counselled accordingly and may be placed on a support programme aimed at furthering their chances of success.

## TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students transferring from other schools who wish to use high school credits earned prior to admission to BMIS, may do so only on production of a transcript and school reports covering the period of high school study prior to enrolment.

Students transferring from an MYP or IB Diploma programme may do so in any year of the high school diploma, usually without difficulty and provided they meet the BMIS high school diploma requirements up to the date of admission.

Students wishing to transfer from other education systems will be considered on individual merit. Such students may apply for admission into Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 only. Only under exceptional circumstances will the transfer of a student into Year 13 from a non-IB programme be accepted.

<sup>6</sup> Refer to the IB Diploma Handbook for the IBO requirements of the full IB Diploma.

<sup>7</sup> Minimum of five subjects as SL classes. Maximum is a combination of four HL classes with two SL classes.

<sup>8</sup> Students with fewer than the minimum 13 credits at the end of Year 11 who are permitted to enter the IB Diploma programme in Year 12 and 13, must follow a minimum programme of six SL IB Diploma courses (or five SL Diploma courses with TOK) to earn sufficient credit to graduate.