

# How to earn the IB Diploma

# Assessment

- Two kinds:
  - > External
  - > Internal
- All assessment is criterion-referenced.

# External Assessment

- ◉ Graded by examiners throughout the world
- ◉ Examiners' work is "checked" for consistency
- ◉ Examples of external assessment:
  - > Written Examination "papers"
  - > World Literature Papers
  - > Musical Links Investigation
  - > Extended Essays

# Internal Assessment

- ◉ Scored by your teacher according to IB's criteria.
- ◉ Subject to “external moderation”
- ◉ Examples of internal assessment:
  - > Presentation and Oral Commentary in Language A1
  - > Individual Oral in Languages B and *ab initio*
  - > Historical Investigation in History
  - > Labs in Sciences
  - > Commentaries in Economics

# IA+EA=Score

- ⦿ All courses are scored from 1-7 (except Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge)
- ⦿ EA>IA
- ⦿ Scale:
  - > 7—Excellent performance
  - > 6—Very good performance
  - > 5—Good performance
  - > 4—Satisfactory performance
  - > 3—Mediocre performance
  - > 2—Poor performance
  - > 1—Very poor performance

# Magic Number = 24

- ◉ 24 points needed to earn diploma (average of 4 for 6 scores)
- ◉ Extra IB classes are excluded from calculation

# 24 points, but.....

<b>If your total score is 24-27:</b>	<b>If your total score is 28 or higher:</b>
No grade of 1 in any subject	No grade of 1 in any subject
No grade of 2 in any HL subject	No more than 1 grade of 2 in HL subjects
No more than 1 grade of 2 in SL subjects	No more than 2 grades of 2 in SL subjects
No more than 3 grades of 3 or below	No more than 3 grades of 3 or below
At least 12 points in HL subjects if you registered for 3 HL courses and 16 points in HL subjects if you registered for 4 HL subjects	At least 11 points in HL subjects if you registered for 3 HL courses and 14 points in HL subjects if you registered for 4 HL subjects
At least 9 points in SL subjects if you registered for 3 SL courses and 6 points in SL subjects if you registered for 2 SL subjects	At least 8 points in SL subjects if you registered for 3 SL courses and 6 points in SL subjects if you registered for 2 SL subjects
A minimum score of D is earned for <i>both</i> Theory of Knowledge <i>and</i> the Extended Essay.	A minimum score of D is earned for <i>either</i> Theory of Knowledge <i>or</i> the Extended Essay.

# EE and TOK

- Scored on a scale of A through E:
  - > A—Excellent performance
  - > B—Good performance
  - > C—Satisfactory performance
  - > D—Mediocre performance
  - > E—Elementary performance



# CAS

- ◉ Required
- ◉ No impact on diploma score

# Bonus Points!

**The diploma points matrix**

		Theory of Knowledge				
		A	B	C	D	E
Extended Essay	A	+3	+3	+2	+2	+1 F*
	B	+3	+2	+1	+1	F*
	C	+2	+1	+1	0	F*
	D	+2	+1	0	0	F*
	E	+1 F*	F*	F*	F*	F

F\* From 2010 onwards 28 points overall will be required to be eligible for the diploma if a student attains an 'E' grade in either the extended essay or theory of knowledge.

As previously, a grade 'A' in one of the requirements earns an extra point even if the other is a grade 'E'.

Attaining a grade 'E' in both the extended essay and theory of knowledge continues to represent an automatic failure.

- 0-23 points\*: No diploma
- 24-27 points\*: Must not earn an E in *either* EE or TOK
- 28-45 points\*: Must not earn an E in *both* EE or TOK

\*All point distribution requirements must be met as well.