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A Summary of IB Results

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Subject Area Results – 2016 - 2018

	2016		2017		2018	
	Exams	% at 4+	Exams	% at 4+	Exams	% at 4+
English A SL	5	80	5	60	6	66
English A HL	34	94	49	88	40	95
Chinese A SL	11	100	10	100	13	100
Chinese A HL	10	100	10	100	11	100
Japanese B SL	7	100	8	100	4	100
Spanish Ab Initio SL	5	100	19	100	8	100
Spanish B SL	6	100	6	100	5	100
Economics SL	5	85	8	50	9	89
Economics HL	13	85	11	73	14	86
Psychology SL	12	75	17	94	11	100
History SL	7	100	8	100	8	100
History HL	10	100	12	100	6	100
Biology HL	31	87	32	84	31	87
Chemistry HL	8	25	16	63	13	54
Physics SL			5	100	4	75
Physics HL					13	62
Math SL	26	92	38	89	20	90
Math HL	6	50	12	74	17	76
Music SL			4	100		
Visual Arts HL	10	90	11	100	7	86



FAQs about the IB Diploma Program



Do US Universities understand the Diploma Program?

- In 2018, there were 163,173 Diploma Program Candidates
- Of these, 85,957 were from the United States
 - (the next highest is Canada at 10,637)
- These American DP students are strong students, most are bound for University
- And most attend University in the US.

So, yes, US Universities understand the DP - they get more DP applicants than any other nation... by far.



What are predicted grades and when are they required?

- Some universities (especially in Europe and Canada, and increasingly in the US) ask schools to predict students scores on their IB courses
- Teachers use their knowledge of the students and their performance on IB style assessments to predicted their results
- These predicted grades have no bearing on internal KAS grades, which are based on a greater number of factors
- KAS only submits predicted scores to universities which require them as a part of the application process



Why not predict all students at perfect scores?

- Universities that request predicted grades use these predictions in determining whether to offer admission
- Often these offers are conditional, based on students' actual scores in July.
- If predictions are considerably higher than actual scores, a university may rescind their offer of admission, leaving a student scrambling to find a university in the middle of July.
- Thus it is important that predictions are as accurate as possible.
- If all teachers predicted a point higher than what they truly think, a student's actual performance could be a full 6 points lower than predictions, definitely enough to lose an offer of admission



How do we convert predicted grades or IB grades to a GPA?

- We don't!
- GPA's are calculated through in-house grades at KAS based on semester grades.
- A student's final High School GPA is thus determined just before graduation
- IB results come out in July, after final KAS transcripts have been sent to universities.
- Just as NWEA MAP scores, SAT scores, PSAT scores, etc. are not reported on KAS transcripts, neither are IB results.