

What is the IB Diploma Programme (DP)?

The Diploma Programme (DP) is a two-year programme of study, for students aged 16-19, offered in over 3,000 schools, across 143 countries.

DID YOU KNOW?

DP students report gaining **useful skills and dispositions** from the DP that are helpful in further education and the professional realm, such as writing skills, critical thinking skills, time-management and international-mindedness.¹



Research has shown that the DP **increases academic achievement** and the probability of university enrollment.⁴



In the UK, DP graduates often go on to careers in **science and technology, health, social work, education, and public service.**²



DP graduates said they **adapted more easily to the work requirements** at university than non-DP graduates.¹



DP graduates are more likely than A-level students to engage in **further studies** after **successful completion of a higher education degree.**²



US DP students are **20% more likely** than other similar students to graduate from secondary school.⁵



DP students often attend **top-ranked universities** around the world.³



There are nearly **3,000 schools** in over **143 countries** currently offering the DP.⁶



TO LEARN MORE:

¹Alignment between the DP and MoNEP in Turkey and the effects of these programmes on the achievement and development of university students; International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme: Examining college readiness; International Baccalaureate programmes: Longer-term outcomes.

²International Baccalaureate students studying at UK higher education institutions: How do they perform in comparison with A level students?.

³A study of the International Baccalaureate Diploma in China: Programme's impact on student preparation for university studies abroad; International Baccalaureate students studying at UK higher education institutions: How do they perform in comparison with A level students?; The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in Mexico as Preparation for Higher Education.

⁴The Academic Impact of Enrollment in International Baccalaureate Diploma Programs: A Case Study of Chicago Public Schools; International Baccalaureate students studying at UK higher education institutions: How do they perform in comparison with A level students?; Working to My Potential: Experiences of CPS Students in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

⁵The Academic Impact of Enrollment in International Baccalaureate Diploma Programs: A Case Study of Chicago Public Schools.

⁶"Key facts about the DP."