

Welcome to the  
PMSS IB  
Information  
Session

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**Port Moody Secondary School is on the ancestral unceded territory of the *kʷikʷəłəm* (Kwkwetlem First Nation). The *kʷikʷəłəm* continue to live on these lands and care for them, along with the waters and all that is above and below.**



**School District No. 43  
(Coquitlam)  
Indigenous Education**

## Welcome to the PMSS IB Information Session

- Principal: Mr. Andrew Lloyd
- Vice-Principals:
  - Mr. Colin Cameron
  - Ms. Christi Livingstone
  - Ms. Shaunna Martin
- IB Coordinators:
  - Mr. Sean Lenihan
  - Ms. Aliisa Sarte
  - Ms. Joni Tsui
- Counsellors:
  - Ms. Cindy Campbell
  - Dr. Linda Maierle
  - Ms. Asia Sidhu

# What is the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme?



...The **International Baccalaureate** aims to develop **inquiring**, **knowledgeable** and **caring** young people who help to create a better and more **peaceful** world through **intercultural** understanding and **respect**...

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# What is the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme?



...Our 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....




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# What is the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme?



**Broad** **Rigorous Assessment**  
**Balanced**  
**Inquiry** **Community Service**  
**Reflection**  
**Flexible**  
**Critical Thinking**  
**Develops Research skills**  
**Choice within structure**  
**Pre-university**



The diagram is a circular wheel representing the IB Diploma Programme. The outer ring is labeled 'IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME'. The inner ring is divided into six segments: 'STUDIES IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE', 'INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES', 'MATHEMATICS', 'THE ARTS', 'SCIENCES', and 'LANGUAGE ACQUISITION'. The center of the wheel is labeled 'THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE' and 'THE IB LEARNER PROFILE'. The inner ring also includes 'APPROACHES TO TEACHING', 'EXTENDED ESSAY', 'APPROACHES TO LEARNING', and 'CREATIVITY, ACTIVITY, SERVICE'.

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## What is the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme?

The IB Diploma Programme is designed as an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with final examinations that prepares students, normally aged 16 to 19, for success at university and life beyond. The programme is normally taught over two years and has gained recognition and respect from the world's leading universities.

*[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)*

## International Baccalaureate at PMSS

- School District 43 (Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam-Port Moody-Belcarra-Anmore) Program of Choice: equal opportunity of access for all qualified SD43 grade 9-11 students
- Admission priority order is:
  - Canadian citizens/permanent residents currently residing in SD 43
  - Canadian citizens/permanent residents currently residing outside of SD43
  - International students (fee paying)

## International Baccalaureate at PMSS

- Pre-Diploma 9 and 10: Port Moody Secondary's pre-IB Diploma programme to prepare students for the IB Diploma
- IB Diploma Programme: grade 11 and 12 university preparation program with rigorous academic standards and a focus on international mindedness and the development of a well-rounded student
- [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) for more information



# International Baccalaureate at PMSS

## IB learner profile

- The IB learner profile is the IB mission statement translated into a set of learning outcomes for the 21st century
- As IB learners we strive to be:
  - inquirers
  - knowledgeable
  - thinkers
  - communicators
  - principled
  - open-minded
  - caring
  - risk-takers
  - balanced
  - reflective



PMSS Pre-  
Diploma  
Grade 9 & 10

- Preparatory program of courses developed by Port Moody teachers incorporating the philosophy, attitudes and approaches of the IB

PMSS Pre-  
Diploma  
Grade 9 & 10

- All Pre-Diploma courses include the curriculum required of the BC high school graduation program for grades 9 and 10, including Career Education and other BC graduation requirements.

## PMSS Pre-Diploma Grade 9 & 10

- 150 seats available in the Pre-Diploma courses for incoming grade 9 students
- 150 seats in the Pre-Diploma courses for continuing and new grade 10 students; new students accepted if space available

# PMSS Bell Schedule

(slightly  
different for  
grade 11 and  
12 IB)

## Monday (All Students)

Block	Schedule
1	7:40 – 8:46
2	8:50 – 9:56
3	10:00 – 11:06
Lunch	11:06 – 11:45
4	11:45 – 12:52
5	12:56 – 2:02

## Tuesday – Friday

Block	Schedule
1	7:40 – 8:56
Flex	8:56 – 9:22
2	9:22 – 10:38
3	10:42 – 11:58
Lunch	11:58 – 12:40
4	12:40 – 1:56
5	2:00 – 3:16

## PMSS Bell Schedule

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12 IB)

Next year (we think), but not set until we see enrollment.

Grade 9 IB block 2 – 5, 8:55 – 3:16

Grade 10 IB block 1 – 4, 7:40 – 1:56

Grade 11 and 12 IB start 7:36.

We try to avoid having students scheduled block 1 – 5, unless they are taking extra classes (some music classes, theatre, drumline etc)



# PMSS Pre-Diploma Grade 9

## Pre-Diploma 9 for 2025-2026

Pre-Diploma English 9

Pre-Diploma Math 9

Pre-Diploma Science 9

Pre-Diploma Social Studies 9

Pre-Diploma French 9/Spanish 9/Mandarin 9/  
Japanese 9

PHE 9 (Physical and Health Education)

2 Electives (visual arts, woodwork, business education, foods, and many more choices, some music)

Possibly a 9<sup>th</sup> course outside the timetable (jazz band, orchestra, musical theatre, drumline...)

A word  
about the  
choice of  
a  
Language  
9 class...

- If you are fluent reading and writing Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish or French
- Choose another language for grade 9

## PMSS Pre-Diploma Grade 10

### Pre-Diploma 10 for 2025-26

Pre-Diploma English 10 ( English First Peoples 10)

Pre-Diploma Math 10

Pre-Diploma Science 10

Pre-Diploma Social Studies 10

Pre-Diploma French 10/Spanish 10/Mandarin 10/Japanese 10

PHE 10

Career Life Education 10 (recommended to do online or at summer school)

1 or 2 Electives (visual arts, marketing, film, woodwork, foods, jazz band and much more to choose from)

Optional 9<sup>th</sup> course outside the timetable (choir, band, orchestra, musical theatre, drumline...)

## IB Diploma at PMSS

- All current pre-diploma students are expected to continue into the Diploma in grade 11 should they choose- no additional testing or application is required!
- External candidates may be accepted depending on available space and must be truly exceptional or coming from an existing IB programme



## IB Diploma at PMSS

Diploma students take one subject from each of the 6 subject groups.

At least 3 Higher Level subject (240 hours of instruction), maximum of 4.

At least 2 Standard Level courses (150 hours of instruction), maximum of 3.

# IB Diploma at Port Moody Secondary

## IB Diploma Year 1 (Grade 11) for 2024/2025 Offerings

IB English A: Literature 11 HL

IB French B 11 SL/Spanish B 11 SL/Mandarin B 11  
SL/Japanese B 11 SL

IB Geography 11 HL or IB History 11 HL or IB Economics  
11 SL

IB Biology 11 HL or IB Chemistry 11 SL or IB Physics 11  
SL/HL

IB Mathematics: A&A 11 HL or IB Mathematics: A&A 11  
SL

IB Visual Arts 11 HL/SL or 1 other course from group 2-4

IB Creativity, Activity, Service 11

IB Theory of Knowledge 11

IB Extended Essay 11

Optional non-IB 11<sup>th</sup> course outside the timetable (choir,  
band, theatre...)



Popular  
questions and  
considerations

- IB or AP?
- Talons?
- Inquiry Hub?
- French Immersion?
- Catchment School?
- University admission?

## IB Costs and Fees

- Program of Choice annual cost:
  - \$600 in grade 9
  - \$600 in grade 10
- IBO Exam and Registration fees for Grade 12 student taking 6 exams: approximately \$1200 (this year)
- This program cannot be subsidized
- See Mr. Lloyd if you have questions.

## IB Programme Commitment

- Grade 9 and 10 Pre-Diploma students are expected to undertake the entire programme.
- At the end of Grade 10, IB students are expected to continue as full Diploma students or may choose to pursue individual Diploma Programme Courses (individual IB subjects).
- Access to the IB Diploma programme courses in grades 11 and 12 is open to any PMSS student who qualifies through teacher recommendation but is limited by available class space.

## Applying for the PMSS IB Programme

- Determine the high school program of choice that best meets your educational needs or interest
- Complete **TWO** online forms before **4:00 on December 19 2025**.
  - Application Form
  - Student Background Form
- There are no late applications accepted.


# Online Application Forms

## • On our school website

www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/ProgramsServices/IB/Pages/default.aspx#/= 80%

Visited Getting Started The Guardian ManageBac | Login My IB Login Login Your identity is almost... Julian Baggin - Is Con...

300 Albert Street, Port Moody, BC, V3H 2M5 | Phone: 604-939-6656 | [Contact Us](#)

 **Port Moody Secondary School**  
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

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**THE IB PROGRAMME AT PORT MOODY SECONDARY**

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme has been adopted as a district programme to ensure that all highly motivated and talented secondary students in School District #43 have equal access to the opportunities provided through this internationally renowned programme. This is a district-wide programme that offers a coordinated curriculum from grade 9 through grade 12 for talented and highly-motivated students. IB includes appropriately challenging experiences in an environment of positive stimulation that comes from working within class groupings of similarly motivated and talented students.


The IB curriculum is offered as an integral part of the broad educational programme at Port Moody Secondary. A high degree of flexibility is built into the programme to ensure that students have the opportunity to individually make choices and selections that provide maximum personal benefits.

IB is recognized throughout North America as equivalent to first year university courses. Students who achieve well in IB subjects will generally receive university credit for their efforts.

**For Grades 9 and 10:**

The IB Foundations offerings include Art, English, French, Social Studies,

**10 Reasons for IB Diploma**



**Links to Surveys**

- IB Parent Survey:
- IB Student Survey:

**IB Links**

I.B. Organisation: [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)  
E-mail Port Moody IB Coordinator:

## Online Application Form:

### 1. Student Information

- Must complete in one session- cannot save and return to it
- Complete all the demographic information requested
- Personal Education Number- can get from middle school or on report card or on MyEd.
- Click submit when completed.
- Should get a submitted message on screen- **no follow up email.**



## Online Application Form:

### 2.Student Background

- Complete information about **one** activity in each of the areas of Creativity, Service and Physical Activity
- Must complete in one session
- Activity description **and** learning that occurred.
- Contact information for verification

## Confidential Teacher Referral Form

- Available for pick up tonight, or Download pdf from IB Registration website
- Print pdf and provide to a current teacher with an envelope available here now.
- Current teacher completes form, seals it into envelope and signs across the flap. Must not be opened.
- Return the completed form to Port Moody on January 17th, 2026 when signing in for the Intake Assessment.

## Report Cards and Extra Documents

- We no longer need or use report cards
- Please don't send us additional documentation such as certificates, awards, essays, etc

Applying for  
the PMSS IB  
Programme

- **Proceed with your regular programming at your assigned secondary school.**

Applying for  
the PMSS IB  
Programme  
(from grade 8)

- Attend the assessment sessions on Saturday, January 17, 2026
- Bring photo ID (*school id card, photo printout from counsellor or report card*)
- Bring pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, water, snack, sweater. No calculators permitted.
- All applicants will be notified by email offering placement in PMSS IB or placement on waitlist at 4 pm on January 23.

Applying for  
the PMSS IB  
Programme  
(from grade 9  
or 10)

- Attend the assessment sessions on Monday, February 2<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm
- Bring photo ID (*school id card, photo printout from counsellor...*)
- Bring pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, water, snack, sweater. No calculators permitted.
- Applicants will be notified by email offering placement in PMSS IB later in the year when we know how many spaces we have.



## Applying for the PMSS IB Programme

- Grade 8 Students who have been offered a seat will have until Jan 30 to accept the offer by email to [asarte@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:asarte@sd43.bc.ca).
- Our wait list is kept until September in the event that spaces become available during the year

## Applying for the PMSS IB Programme

- Cross Catchment Process
- If accepted to IB, you will **not need to complete** a cross catchment application.
- If you accept the offer by January 30, we expect that you **will not** make a cross catchment application elsewhere.

## Applying for the PMSS IB Programme

- Further information regarding course selection will be communicated in February

## IB Application Assessment

- Saturday, January 17, 2026  
8:30-1:30
  - Mathematics Problem Solving Assessment (60 minutes)
  - Writing Assessment (45 minutes)
  - Reading Assessment (45 minutes)
  - Interactive Problem Solving (45 minutes)

Further  
questions?

*Thank you for coming!*