

## Common IB Acronyms and Vocabulary

**Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS):** A framework for experiential learning, designed to involve students in new roles outside of the classroom. It is a requirement for the IB Diploma.

**DP:** International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, a two-year comprehensive programme, designed for ages 16 – 19 or grades 11 and 12.

**Extended Essay (EE):** - a requirement for the IB Diploma. The EE is a 4,000-word research paper written by a Diploma Candidate, Students choose their own topics and are supervised by a faculty advisor.

**External Assessments (EA):** A component of a class, such as a World Literature essay or May IB exams, that is not graded by the teacher, but rather is sent to an IB examiner for assessment.

**Higher Level (HL) / Standard Level (SL):** HL is a course of study with increased depth and breadth of subject in comparison to a SL course. A diploma student must take 3 HL courses and 3 SL courses over the junior and senior years. HL English and SL World Language are required which leaves 2 HL and 2 SL choices to make.

**Internal Assessments (IA):** IB required assessments provided by the teacher. Depending on the subject the IA could be oral exams, projects, essays, experiments, case studies, etc. that are scored by the teacher.

**IB: International Baccalaureate** (*also IBO, International Baccalaureate Organization*)

**IB Diploma:** A document issued by the International Baccalaureate Organization once a student has earned the minimum number of points after completing the requirements for the IB Diploma.

**Individual Oral Commentary (IOC):** An oral test given in literature.

**JA (Research):** A study hall designed for IB students to assist with studying and managing work load.

**Marks:** IBO's language for grades given to internal and external assessments as well as exams.

**MYP:** International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme, designed for ages 11 to 16 or students in the 6th through 10th grade.

**Orals:** Students in World Languages must complete oral presentations. These presentations are sent to IB examiners for assessment.

**Paper:** IBO's language for an exam in a subject area. An IB exam is never just one exam, but rather a series of "papers," often administered over the course of two days.

**Predicted Grade (PG):** IB teachers submit to IB their prediction of the grade the student will earn in their IB subject. They are used for initial acceptance to university in countries other than the United States.

**Pre-IB:** Pre-Diploma programme offered to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who are preparing for the IB DP

**RIBLI (Robinson IB Link, Inc.):** A 501c3, membership-based nonprofit organization that is dedicated to making the IB experience successful for all students. RIBLI, which stands for Robinson IB Link, Inc., is run by parent volunteers in cooperation with IB Administration

**Scores:** Scores for IB exams range from 1 – 7, 1 being the lowest score and 7 being the highest. Scores are determined by points assessed by the various components for the exam, then broken down into defined ranges for each score of 1 – 7.

**Theory of Knowledge (TOK):** A requirement for the IB diploma. TOK is the IB Diploma Programme capstone course, which asks students to reflect on the nature of knowledge. This course integrates all six subjects with the goal of teaching students that all knowledge is related.