



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Extended Essay (EE)?

“The extended essay extended essay of some 4,000 words offers the opportunity for IB students to investigate a topic of special interest related to one of the student's six Diploma Programme (DP) subjects/disciplines. An extended essay can also be undertaken in world studies. The world studies extended essay provides students with the opportunity to carry out an in-depth interdisciplinary study of an issue of contemporary global significance, utilizing two IB diploma disciplines. The EE is intended to promote high-level research and writing skills, intellectual discovery and creativity expected at university. It provides students with an opportunity to engage in personal research in a topic of their own choice, under the guidance of a supervisor (a teacher in the school). This leads to a major piece of formally presented, structured writing, in which ideas and findings are communicated in a reasoned and coherent manner, appropriate to the subject or issue chosen.” – From the IBO <http://www.ibo.org/diploma/curriculum/core/>

What are Internal Assessments (IA)?

Internal Assessments are subject-specific projects students take on in each course. They occur in the second year of each IB DP course (Grade 12). These projects take on a variety of forms: lab-experiments, research projects, audio-recordings of musical performances and so on. The criteria for each IA is set by the IBO for each subject. Students are given guidelines as to the amount of time required to complete the project. Teachers provide some guidance to students, however, the projects are predominantly individual in nature. Teachers grade the assessments based on the scoring criteria for each assessment set by the IBO. Grades are submitted to the IB and are a part of a students overall IB score for the diploma. The IBO will ask for samples of student work to be submitted to moderate teacher grades.

What are Predicted Grades?

- A predicted grade is what the subject teacher expects the candidate to achieve in the course based on all of the candidate's work throughout the course in comparison to the IB criteria. In most cases, a predicted grade is a number, 1-7, with 7 being the highest. Theory of Knowledge and Extended Essay have predicted grade scales of A-E, with A being the highest.
- Teachers must submit predicted grades at the beginning of April to the IBO. They will take into account their knowledge of the candidates' performance over the two years of the course including: mock exams, assessment tasks, and performance on the Internal Assessment.
- Predicted grades are used by the IBO when awarding a students overall grade taking into considering the External Exams and Internal Assessments. It is important that teachers are able to predict grades accurately to guide the IBO should there be consideration of a candidates overall grade in a subject.