



3 Ways Your IB Diploma Will Impress Top Colleges

When prestigious colleges and universities* evaluate applicants for admission, they seek students with the potential to succeed.

Here are three things they believe an IB diploma will show about you—and that will help your college application stand out.

1. You have taken responsibility for your own learning.

Your theory of knowledge course for the IB diploma will make you aware of yourself as a thinker who is willing to ask challenging questions and try different approaches to learning. At top colleges with vigorous intellectual communities, this type of independent-mindedness, initiative, and self-determination is valued.

2. You are prepared to conduct undergraduate research.

Your extended essay for the IB diploma shows you can explore, analyze, and communicate a topic of special interest to you. In a top-college setting this type of project involves in-depth research, such as a senior capstone that integrates and synthesizes all you have learned in one piece of scholarly work.

3. You have expanded your learning beyond academic study.

The creativity, activity, service element for the IB diploma involves applying your knowledge in purposeful activities that stretch your cultural understanding. At top colleges where students from all backgrounds come together, the ability to collaborate is an asset, as is an appreciation for the richness of diverse perspectives.

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