

Introduction to the IBO Grading System



- Performance in each subject is graded on a scale of 1 point (minimum) to 7 points (maximum).
- For the IB diploma, a maximum of 3 points is awarded for combined performance in TOK and the extended essay.
- The maximum total Diploma Programme points score is 45.
- Approx. 20 % of the assessment is internally assessed and moderated by the IBO
- The written exams make up the last 80 % of the assessment
- All written exams are usually taken by the end of the two years
- The Diploma will be awarded to a candidate who has a minimum of 24 points and has fulfilled the CAS requirements.
- Furthermore, the candidate has to have fulfilled the requirements for Theory of Knowledge (1 essay of 1200 – 1500 words) & the Extended Essay (4000 words, 40 hours of work). The TOK and the EE contribute with a maximum of 3 points to the total score. For further information regarding the EE, please refer to the EE folder.
- For further conditions regarding the award of the Diploma, please refer to the last page of this folder.



The IBO 7 grades

Grade 7 Excellent performance

The student demonstrates a thorough knowledge and understanding of the syllabus

Grade 6 Very good performance

The student demonstrates a broad knowledge and understanding of the syllabus

Grade 5 Good performance

The student demonstrates a good knowledge and understanding of the syllabus

Grade 4 Satisfactory performance

The student demonstrates a satisfactory knowledge and understanding of the syllabus

Grade 3 Mediocre performance

The student demonstrates partial knowledge and understanding of the syllabus

Grade 2 Poor performance

The student demonstrates limited knowledge and understanding of the syllabus

Grade 1 Very poor performance

The student demonstrates minimal knowledge and understanding of the syllabus



Award of the IB Diploma

The following failing conditions apply:

1. CAS requirements have not been met.
2. Candidate's total points are fewer than 24.
3. An N has been given for theory of knowledge, Extended Essay or for a contributing subject.
4. A grade E has been awarded for one or both of theory of knowledge and the Extended Essay.
5. There is a grade 1 awarded in a subject/level.
6. Grade 2 has been awarded three or more times (HL or SL).
7. Grade 3 or below has been awarded four or more times (HL or SL).
8. Candidate has gained fewer than 12 points on HL subjects (for candidates who register for four HL subjects, the three highest grades count).
9. Candidate has gained fewer than 9 points on SL subjects (candidates who register for two SL subjects must gain at least 5 points at SL).

Theory of Knowledge/Extended Essay Matrix

The following matrix will be adopted from the May 2015 session.

TOK/ EE	A	B	C	D	E
A	3	3	2	2	Failing condition
B	3	2	2	1	
C	2	2	1	0	
D	2	1	0	0	
E	Failing condition				

