

Similarities of AP and IB

- Both are rigorous programs devoted to educational experience with high performance expectations for students and faculty
- Both attract highly motivated students who wish to excel academically
- Both receive additional weight in calculating GPA
- Both involve highly dedicated and creative teachers committed to their students, disciplines, and profession
- Both use external assessments and evaluators to score assessments
- Both offer extensive professional development opportunities for teachers and administrators
- Both are recognized by most US universities for consideration for college credit or advanced standing
- Both rely on objectivity and fairness in scoring assessments, removing personality and personal influence from the assessment system. Scores are based on the quality of work evaluated against a set criteria or standard.

Differences between AP and IB

Advanced Placement Program	International Baccalaureate Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National standard of excellence ● AP consists of independent courses for students who may excel in only one or two academic disciplines ● College level courses ● AP scores are based solely on the AP exam ● AP exams are multiple choice and short-answer or essay exams ● Exams are based on in-depth mastery of specific concepts within a given subject ● Any student may take AP exams; IB students may take AP exams ● AP teachers work within their discipline; independent of other academic areas ● AP students form peer groups within individual classes ● AP recognizes high achievement on AP exams through the AP scholars program ● Policies are determined by national educators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● International standard of excellence ● IB is a 2 yr well-rounded education program with 6 areas of study, an extended essay, TOK and CAS ● Comprehensive curriculum of college level work ● IB scores are based on classroom work and on IB exams ● IB exams are all short answer or essay exams ● Exams are based on broad general understanding of concepts and fundamental themes ● Only IB students enrolled in IB courses may take IB exams and receive IB credit ● IB teachers work as a team to connect curriculum across the disciplines ● IB seeks to create a cohort or peer group around all academics ● Successful IB candidates receive an IB diploma for the full program or IB certificate for individual courses taken ● Opportunities exist for the participation of the teacher and local school in shaping curriculum and international policies

