



International Baccalaureate Results

On July 6, students in the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program** received their examination results, the strongest yet in the 11 years at ISB. The class average for students earning the diploma was 34, well above the world average of 29. An unprecedented 18% of our students attained a score of 40 or above, with a top score of 42. That score is achieved by .5 of 1% of candidates in the world in a year that saw the highest student numbers since the IB was created.

An impressive 89% percent of our students obtained a bilingual diploma, which requires successfully passing advanced literature classes in two languages or, for second language learners of English, successfully passing an advanced literature course in their first language and all other courses in English. This year, students paired English with French, Chinese, and German.

The following details reveal other notable achievements of our class of 2016:

	<u>ISB</u>	<u>Worldwide</u>
Diplomas Awarded:	94%	78%
Bilingual Diplomas Awarded	89%	28%
Percent of Extended Essays Receiving A or B:	71%	37%
Percent of Students Receiving A or B in TOK:	59%	30%

*12% of ISB students in 2016 received A in TOK and EE, the same number that achieved these results in the previous 8 years.

Since the IB grading system is quite different from either the French or the American model, it might help to explain a few points:

- Each of the students' required six subjects receives a score from 0 - 7 (42 points maximum). A grade of 7 is not easy to achieve, and both 6 and 7 are considered the equivalent of an A in the American system.
- The grades from the Extended Essay and the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) final essay (both letter grades) provide 0 - 3 additional points for a possible maximum total of 45. A "C" on the Extended Essay is considered as fulfillment of the requirements of the work.
- The minimum score needed to obtain the diploma is 24. The world average score is 29.
- 78% of all students worldwide achieve the diploma. Over 11 years, 98% of ISB students have earned the diploma.

- The number of IB candidates in the world who achieve a perfect score of 45 represents approximately one-third of one percent.
- For an idea of the scores required by some of the most selective non-U.S.* universities:
 - Oxford University 39;
 - Imperial College 38;
 - McGill University 33 for Faculty of Arts, 36 for Faculty of Arts & Science, 36 for Faculty of Science .

*Universities in the United States do not have specific IB score requirements but rather value the diploma as a highly challenging program in their evaluation of applicants.

