

International Baccalaureate at George C. Marshall High School

Some IB Terms to Know...

<u>Diploma Program Candidate:</u>	a student taking six IB subjects, one from each area of the DP Model, plus the Theory of Knowledge course, CAS projects and Extended Essay
<u>Diploma Program Courses student:</u>	a student taking one or more IB subjects on an individual basis; not required to take the TOK course, perform CAS or write the Extended Essay
<u>HL</u> or <u>Higher Level:</u>	an exam taken at the end of the senior year following a minimum of 240 hours of IB classroom instruction during the final two years of high school. (Note: the 240 hours does not include preparatory work done prior to grade 11.)
<u>SL</u> or <u>Standard Level:</u>	an exam taken at the end of either the junior or senior year following a minimum of 150 hours of IB classroom study (one or two years)



<u>CAS:</u>	the Creativity/Action/Service component of the IB Diploma program – 150 documented hours during grades 11 and 12
<u>TOK:</u>	the Theory of Knowledge course; required of all Diploma Candidates. At Marshall, this class is taken in the second semester of Junior Year and then in first semester of Senior Year. This is a unique course that may be taken either during school hours or after school either 2 times a week or once a week.
<u>Extended Essay:</u>	an independent research and inquiry essay of 3,500 – 4,000 words prepared during the second half of grade 11 and first half of grade 12. It is required of Diploma Candidates and normally based upon one of the IB courses being studied