

## **International Baccalaureate 101 Cheat Sheet**

### IB in a Nutshell

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme is a philosophy of learning that allows students to make practical connections between their classroom subject matter and the real world. The program focuses on individual student development by encouraging them to adopt a global perspective and develop skills that transcend school subject matter in order to help them throughout their future. The IB framework takes subject-specific content, such as the water cycle, and allows students to put that knowledge to use to understand and solve global issues, such as lack of clean water in rural countries.

### What IB is vs. what IB isn't

IB is:

- A philosophy of learning that supports development of the whole child
- A framework that is integrated into and alongside existing Florida standards
- Inclusive to all students regardless of special educational needs
- A process of applying subject-specific content knowledge to the real world
- An opportunity to learn more about global concerns and work to solve them
- A means to develop skills that will aide students' futures
- Fully supported by Diocesan officials and staff
- A project-based learning style that enables students to explore topics and global settings via varying mediums and outlets

IB isn't:

- An additional level or curriculum in addition to Florida standards
- A replacement of Florida legislative standards and best practices
- A series of projects to be completed at home
- Restricted to "honors" students