



Admission to the IB Diploma Program at Kenmore West High School

- Students entering Kenmore West High School in grade 9 should consult the document “The Path to an IB Diploma,” linked to the Kenmore West IB webpage for information about suggested courses in the pre-IB years.
- All Kenmore West students planning to enter the IB Diploma Program in grade 11 must take either AP Literature or AP Language in grade 10.
- Students must take and pass the Comprehensive English Regents examination at the end of grade 10. Students who do not achieve a mastery score (85% or better) will be admitted to the IB program, but they must re-take this exam in grade 11.
- All students who enter the IB Diploma Program will register as full diploma candidates, taking six IB courses plus Theory of Knowledge and physical education. Full diploma candidates are also responsible for CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) hours and the IB Extended Essay. Students may also take one non-IB elective or up to two music ensembles during the IB years.
- Students entering the IB Diploma Program must PASS all courses in grade 10. Any course failed during the academic year must be re-taken and passed during the summer before grade 11. In such cases, regardless of the summer school grade, students will be admitted to the IB diploma program with PROBATIONARY status. Students performing poorly in grade 10, even if they are passing, also may be admitted on probation.

Students admitted to the IB Diploma Program on probation will be reviewed at the end of the first two quarters of grade 11, and may be dismissed from the program if they do not show adequate progress or achievement. Should a student leave the IB program under such circumstances, his or her schedule will be adjusted for the second semester of grade 11.

- Students and their families will pay all IB exam fees (approximately \$600) by October 1st of grade 12. Parents are urged to plan carefully for this deadline. The Kenmore-Tonawanda UFSD will pay the IB registration fee of approximately \$150 for each full diploma candidate. Exam fees will be waived for students qualifying for free or reduced lunch.
- Transfer students in grade 10: Students transferring to Kenmore West at the beginning of grade 10 should consider the “Path” document linked to the Kenmore West IB webpage to guide their registration. Students transferring in second semester of grade 10 should consult the document for transfers for requirements to enter IB.
- Transfer students in grade 11: Students wishing to transfer to Kenmore West in grade 11 and begin the IB diploma program as new students should consult the transfer document linked to the Kenmore West IB webpage.
- Students wishing to withdraw from the full IB Diploma Program at the end of grade 11 will be counseled as to the best exit path. If desired, some IB courses may be retained in the student’s schedule in grade 12, pending space availability and scheduling. In such cases, students will be responsible for the IB exam fees for the retained courses and the IB registration fee. The District will pay the registration fee for full diploma students only.