

# Pre-IB Program and IB Diploma Programme

R.E. Mountain Secondary School





## **Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories**

The RE Mountain community respectfully acknowledges that RE Mountain Secondary resides on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, and Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations.

Thank you for your  
attendance!

My name is Mr. Victor Cai and I am  
the IB Coordinator at REMSS.

# Topics of Tonight's Presentation:

- **Purpose of IB (International Baccalaureate)**
- **Pre-IB Program**
- **IB Diploma Programme**
- **IB Diploma Curriculum**
- **Subjects**
- **Assessment**
- **University Recognition**

## Our IB mission

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.



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# The **IB** Learner Profile



Programs  
Available at  
R.E.  
Mountain  
Secondary

**R.E. Mountain Pre-IB Program (no fee)**

Grades 9 and 10

**IB Diploma Programme (fee applies)**

Grades 11 and 12

Students will receive IB Diploma and BC  
Dogwood Diploma

**IB Certificate (Course) Program (fee applies)**

Grades 11 and 12

Partial IB Program

\*Pre-IB and IB Fees for the 2026-2027 school year are \$850 per year for the IB Diploma Programme or \$150 per year for each course in the IB Certificate Programme.

## Entry into Pre-IB 9 Program

Students will be evaluated based on the following:

- Thoughtful completion of Grade 9 Pre-IB online **application** form at <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/remss/online-applications>.
- Excellent **attendance**
- Proficient on the most recent **report card**
- Grade 8 **teacher recommendation**
- Pre-IB math entrance exam (mid-February TBD)

# What does a Pre-IB 9 timetable look like?

Pre-IB English 9  
and Pre-IB Social  
Studies 9  
(2 blocks)

Pre-IB Science 9

Pre-IB Math 9 (All  
of Math 9 and 2/3  
of Math 10)

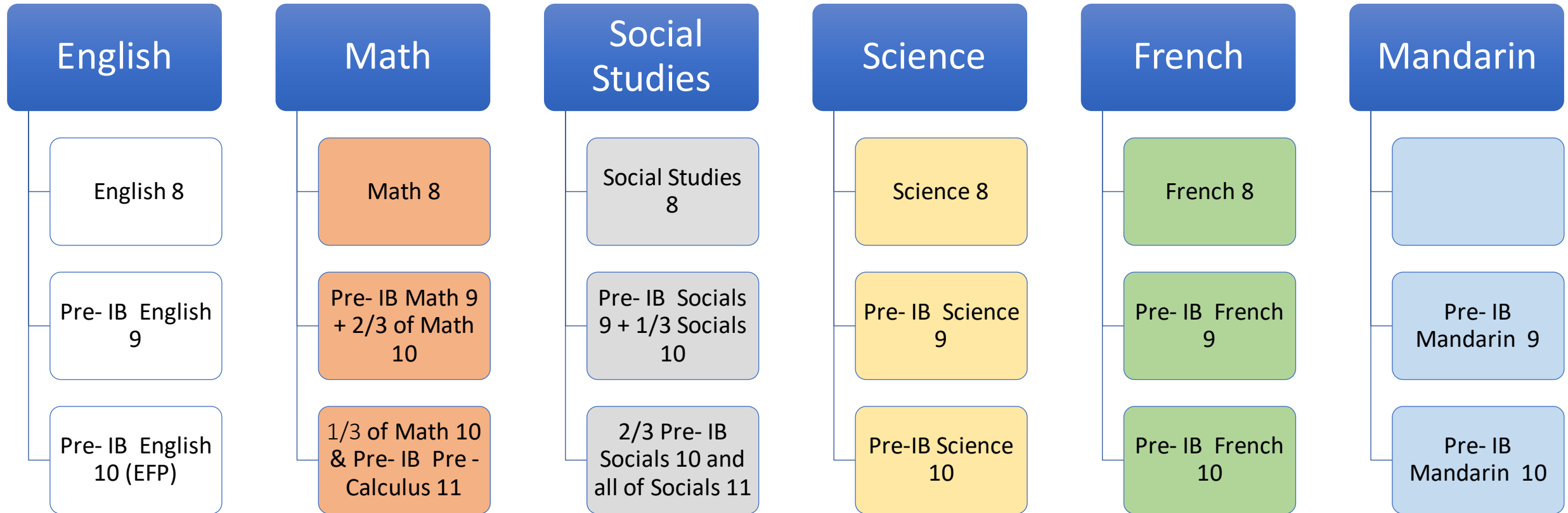
Pre-IB French 9 OR  
Pre-IB Mandarin 9

PHE 9

Two elective  
choices

# R.E. Mountain Secondary Pre-IB Program Flow Chart

The Grade 8 row identifies courses that must be complete to enter the Pre-IB 9



## Course Planning for Grade 9 students

- REMSS counsellors have visited the middle schools on the following dates:
  - Yorkson Creek Middle: January 6
  - Peter Ewart: January 7
- Grade 8 Parent Information Evening: January 7
- Course planning must be completed on MyEdBC.
- Students interested in Pre-IB 9 courses will select all of their academic classes in the regular program and will also select PHE 9 and 2 elective choices
- Students will automatically be moved to Pre-IB academic classes upon acceptance into the program. They will keep their PHE class and their 2 electives selected during course planning.

## Entry into Pre-IB 10 Program

Students will be evaluated based on the following:

- **Proficient** on the most recent report card
- Grade 9 **teacher recommendation**
- Completion of Grade 10 Pre-IB online **application** at <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/remss/online-applications>.
- **Completion of Pre-IB Math 9 or Math 10** in summer school prior to September

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## Entry into IB 11 Programme:

\*Students without an **Indigenous course credit** will have to take either EFP 10/11 or 12 or BCFP 12 outside of the IB Programme to fulfill the Indigenous Graduation Requirement.

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A/B average on most recent report card



Excellent work ethic and time management



Grade 10 teacher recommendation



Completion of Grade 11 IB online application form



Completion of Math 10 Pre-IB (Pre-Calculus 11) OR Pre-Calculus 11 in summer school

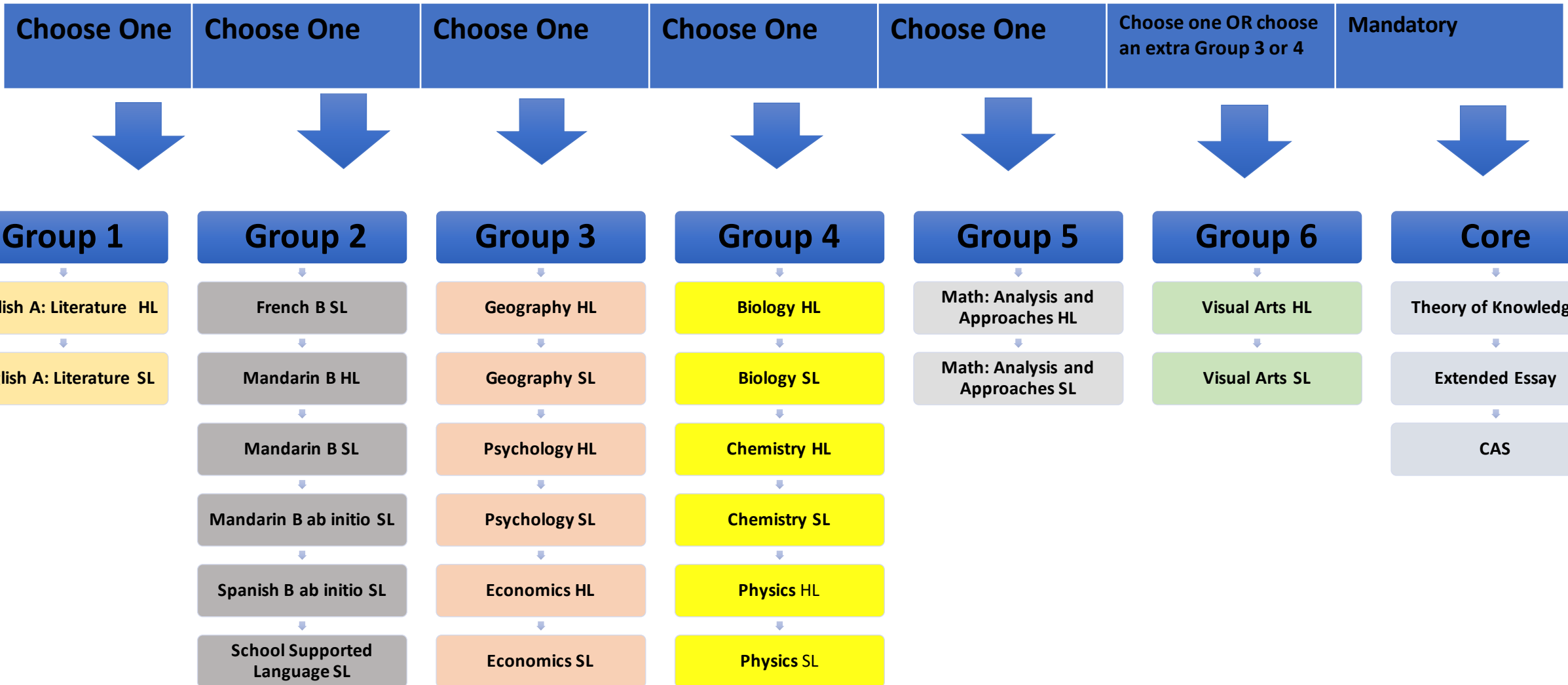


Completion of Pre-IB Social Studies 10 (Socials 11) OR a Socials 12 course in summer school OR enroll in IB Geography or IB Economics course as part of the IB Diploma program

# Note

**There are no entrance exams for Pre-IB 10 nor the IB programme itself.**

# R.E. Mountain IB Diploma Programme Flowchart



What if my  
child is in  
ELL or has  
an IEP?

- If your child is in the English Language Learner (ELL) program, or has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), this will not affect their chances of admission into the IB program

# Applying to the Faculty of Science for Universities

- The Faculty of Science at most universities requires the following:
  - Chemistry 11 and Physics 11
  - Pre-Calculus 12
  - 2 Grade 12 Science courses (Biology, Chemistry or Physics)
- In IB, a student can take a maximum of TWO Sciences
- Engineering/Sciences: IB Physics HL/SL and IB Chemistry HL/SL
- Some students want to take IB Biology HL/SL and IB Chemistry HL/SL
  - IF this is the case, students must take Physics 11 online OR at summer school

# University Admissions

- Each university (and each program within the university) has its own admission requirements
- Please consult the admissions advisors at universities for questions
- Requirements may change year-to-year

## What else does the Diploma Programme Curriculum contain?

The full IB Diploma Programme Curriculum is made up of SIX subjects and the CORE

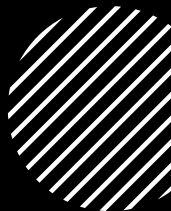
- 3-4 subjects are studied at the Higher Level
- The remaining subjects are studied at the Standard Level
- The CORE is divided into 3 parts:
  - The Theory of Knowledge (ToK) Course : an interdisciplinary course that examines the nature of knowledge
  - The Extended Essay (EE): a 4,000-word inquiry essay into a subject area that is of interest to the student
  - Creativity, Actions and Service (CAS): Involves students in a range of activities such as artistic pursuits, athletics, and community service alongside their academic studies

# What is unique about IB Assessment?

- IB assessments are **rigorous, criterion-based, and consistent**
- IB assessments consist of both **final examinations** that are externally assessed, and **internal assessments** that are undertaken by classroom teachers and then moderated by IB examiners
- All IB examiners are consistently “quality checked” through a process of moderation that takes place throughout the assessment period
- The IB conducts random inspections of schools during exams to ensure adherence to exam regulations.
- IB results for May exams are published on July 6th



# IB Assessment



The IB Diploma is graded over 45 points giving ample scope to differentiate student ability



Marks for each course range from 1 (lowest) to 7 (highest)



The IB Diploma is awarded to students who achieve at least 24 points



Our IB Diploma achievement rate is consistently above the world average



More on IB Diploma Programme assessment— Principles and Practice can be found at [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

# What Makes the IB Diploma Programme Stand Out?

- The grade 11 and 12 IB Diploma Programme is a **two-year university preparation program**
- It focuses on an internationally-minded curriculum
- The curriculum is both rigorous and relevant
- The IB Diploma Programme is **recognized and highly regarded by the world's leading universities**
- Successful completion of the IB Diploma Programme and/or IB Certificate courses results in **transfer credit at universities**

# What Makes the IB Diploma Programme Stand Out?

## Successful IB Diploma Programme Graduates

- are more likely to win major entrance awards or other scholarships ranging from a few thousand dollars to a full ride
- have a greater chance of being offered a seat in the most competitive universities and faculties
- are well-prepared for university

\*Recent graduates from the REMSS IB Diploma Programme have been accepted into international schools such as Princeton, Harvard, Cambridge, Dartmouth, Columbia, MIT, USC and many others.

\*Many of our graduates also attend Canadian universities such as UBC, SFU, University of Victoria, University of Toronto, Waterloo, McGill, Queens, Western, McGill and many others.

# University Recognition of the IB Diploma

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The IB Diploma is widely recognized by the world's leading universities



The IB works closely with universities in all regions of the world to gain international recognition of the IB Diploma



Students applying to a particular university can access their grades directly from the IB's secure website



Thank you for listening!

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