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## IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME AND KIS DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

In 1976 Kodaikanal International School became the first school in India and the second school in Asia to adopt the International Baccalaureate Diploma program with 40 years of proven experience.

KIS is unique in offering the IB Diploma program in parallel with the KIS Diploma since 1976. The IB Diploma program is fully integrated with the KIS Diploma which is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges and Council of International Schools. The KIS Diploma must be taken by all students from grade 9 to 12. However, students have the option of doing the IB Diploma or taking IB Courses (certificates), as well, in certain subjects if desired alongside the KIS Diploma. The IB curriculum is followed for the KIS Diploma thus ensuring their effective integration with one another

Students opting for the IB Diploma Program are challenging themselves to meet criteria over

and above that offered by the KIS Diploma. If a student clearly has the ability to pursue the IBDP, they are encouraged to do so. The IB is seen as a pre-university program so students looking at higher education are preparing themselves well. IBDP graduates are welcomed by the world's leading universities. Courses (certificates) are taken over a six subject area and are researched, discussed and expressed through in-depth study, students are therefore equipped to take on the challenges of a global world.

If a student opts for the IBDP, they by default obtain the KIS Diploma.

All students in grades 11 & 12 are required to take courses over the 6 subject area.

The IB Diploma Programme is a challenging two-year pre-university curriculum, primarily aimed at students aged 16 to 19. It leads to a qualification (the IB diploma) that is widely recognized by the world's leading universities.

IBDP students must choose a minimum of three (maximum four) Higher Level Courses (*representing 240 teaching hours*) and maximum three (minimum two) Standard Level courses (*representing 150 teaching hours*), together with the DP Core: creativity, activity, service (CAS); the extended essay (EE); and theory of knowledge (TOK). IBDP students must choose one subject from each of groups 1 to 5, thus ensuring breadth of experience in languages, social studies, the experimental sciences and mathematics. The sixth subject may be an arts subject chosen from group 6, or the student may choose another subject from groups 3 or 4.

Subject groups are listed below:

GROUPS & DEPARTMENTS	IB HIGHER LEVEL	IB STANDARD LEVEL
<p><b>Group 1</b> English/Mother Tongue (one only unless Korean) <i>Prerequisites noted with italics</i> <i>English 10, Korean 10</i></p>	<p>English Lang &amp; Lit HL English Literature HL <i>6/ or 7 in MYP English</i> *Korean HL <i>MYP 5 or above</i></p>	<p>English Lang &amp; Lit SL English Literature SL* *Korean SL <i>MYP 4 or above</i></p>
<p><b>Group 2</b> Second Language (Language B) (one only) <i>Prerequisite: should have had 2–5 years previous study of the language, unless an ab initio language, at level 3 or 4.</i></p>	<p>Hindi B HL German B HL Korean B HL French B HL <i>MYP Phase 4 with 5 or above</i></p>	<p>French B SL Hindi B SL German SL Spanish Ab initio SL Spanish B SL Korean B SL Tamil B SL English B SL (9/10 ESL/IE) <i>MYP Phase 3 with 4 or above</i></p>
<p><b>Group 3</b> Social Studies (Up to two SS courses can be taken if none from Group 6) Prerequisite: Humanities 10</p>	<p>Economics HL Business Management HL History HL Psychology HL MYP 6 or higher</p>	<p>Economics SL Business Management SL History SL Psychology SL World Religions SL (KIS RE not required ) *Philosophy SL MYP 4/5 in Social Studies</p>
<p><b>Group 4</b> Science (Up to two science courses can be taken if none from Group 6) Prerequisite should have taken Bio/Physics/Chem 10</p>	<p>Chemistry HL Physics HL Biology HL Computer Science HL MYP 6/7</p>	<p>Chemistry SL Physics SL Biology SL Environ. System. SL Computer Science SL MYP 4/5</p>
<p><b>Group 5</b> Math (one only) Prerequisite Math 10</p>	<p>Math HL (Math 10 Adv 5–7 or 6/7 in Math 10 plus teacher recommendation)</p>	<p>Math SL (Math Adv 4 or Math 10, 5 and above Math Studies SL (Math 10, 3–4)</p>
<p><b>Group 6</b> FAPA Music /Art /Film *meets KIS FAPA requirements in one semester MYP 5 or above/portfolio/RSM 5 and passion in Drama/VA/ Classroom Music</p>	<p>Music HL (completed RSM 5, intention to take RSM 8) Visual Arts HL Film HL</p>	<p>Music SL (intention to take RSM 5) Visual Arts SL Film SL MYP 4 and above in Arts (KIS FAPA not required)</p>