



ACS Athens
American Community Schools

Application Form



Academic Year: 2019-2020

To be submitted by: February 28, 2019

Student's Name: _____

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General Instructions:

- 1. SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE IB OFFICE, ACS ATHENS.**
- 2. ATTACH ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS NEEDED, INCLUDING THE PERSONAL LEARNING PORTFOLIO.**

The application that I am submitting is my own work and the information included herein is true to the best of my knowledge.

Further, I am aware that there are extra fees that apply to the IB program:

- 1. ACS Athens fees for the IB Program***
- 2. International Baccalaureate Organization: Final May examination registration fee to be paid in November of the second year***

By completing this form I understand I am applying for the IB Diploma Program and I will adhere to the General Terms and Regulations as determined by the IBO.

Student's Name (Print)

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date



Required documents to accompany IB application:

1. Personal Learning Portfolio (which must include 4 parts):

- a) Four pieces of your work or description of work which have been completed in four different areas of study during your high school career – these four pieces should reflect YOU and provide us with an overall picture of your strengths, interests, learning style, talents and work habits.
- b) A 500-750 word reflection on what each of the 4 pieces of work you have chosen says about you as a person and a learner.
- c) A 300-500 **Personal Statement** explaining why you believe the IB Program is a good choice for you considering your skills, talents and goals for the future (see instructions below for guidance)

Instructions for Personal Statement:

- Discuss your academic goals and professional aspirations
 - Explain how the IB Program can help you in achieving these goals
 - Reflect on your extracurricular activities and how they have helped you academically and personally
 - Illustrate your ethical values through examples and how these are reflected towards achieving your goals
- d) Any artifacts, photographs or descriptions that show personal growth such as: community service, summary report of awards, achievements (academic, sport, personal), activities and clubs. ***Please do not include any originals of: certificates/ diplomas, medals, drawings/artwork or any other piece you would not want to lose. Photocopies and or photos are sufficient.***
- 2. Teacher Reference Letter:** Give the recommendation letter to your teacher to complete and return to the IB office. **Write the name** of the teacher on **page 5** of this application.



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Criteria for Admission to the International Baccalaureate Program

To be eligible for admission to the IB Diploma Program, students must:

- have a good academic standing in all courses
- meet the prerequisites for at least 3 High Level courses and 3 Standard Level courses as per Program of Studies i.e. minimum grade
- pass an interview with the admissions committee

Interview: All potential candidates will take part in an interview with the admissions committee and/or the IB Diploma Coordinator.

Students should remember that no single qualification will be used to select IB Diploma students. The selection committee will consider grades, teacher recommendations, portfolios and writing samples.

IB Diploma and ACS Athens High School Diploma requirements

Please note that in order to receive the ACS Athens High School Diploma, students must meet certain course requirements. The following is a list of ACS Athens Graduation Requirements that may NOT be satisfied through the IB Diploma Program alone:

- a) one year of Music / Art
 - b) one year of Computers
 - c) one and a half years of Physical Education
 - d) one semester of Health
 - e) one year of American Studies
- *It is strongly advised that all IB students ensure they have completed all ACS diploma requirements prior to graduation and most importantly the above requirements prior to the first year of the IB Diploma Program.*



Diploma Application

Part I : References – Please print using block capital letters.

Name of Referee _____

Part II: Grades – Transcript(s)

For student: Please attach a transcript for grades 9 (final grades) and 10 (first semester)

Part III: Self Evaluation

Student's Full Name: _____
Last name First name Middle initial

Self-Evaluation:

Use the following scale to rate yourself in the areas below.

7= Outstanding ability
6= Very strong ability
5 = Above Average ability
4 = Average ability

3= Low average ability
2 = Well below average ability
1 = Poor ability

_____ Reading Comprehension

_____ Oral Expression of Ideas

_____ Written Expression of Ideas

_____ Fluency in Second Language

_____ Motivation

_____ Creativity/Non-routine problem solving skills

_____ Study Habits

_____ Maturity

_____ Community Service

_____ Breadth of outside
reading/knowledge

_____ Research Skills

_____ Critical Thinking Skills

_____ Abstract Reasoning

_____ Concrete Reasoning

_____ Problem Solving Skills

_____ Computational Accuracy

_____ Academic Achievement

_____ Academic Integrity



IB Course Selection Sheet - PRELIMINARY PROGRAM CHOICES

Select 6 courses, 3 HL and 3 SL based on your academic history and Program of Studies

IB subjects per group	Course selected	Level		Prerequisites Met
GROUP 1: (Studies in Language and Literature)				
English Literature		HL	SL	
English Language and Literature		HL	SL	
Greek Language and Literature		HL	SL	
Chinese Language and Literature		HL	SL	
Other: Self-Taught Language A			SL	
GROUP 2: (Language Acquisition)				
Arabic B		HL	SL	
Spanish AB			SL	
Spanish B		HL	SL	
Chinese B		HL	SL	
GROUP 3: (Individuals & Societies)				
History		HL	SL	
Economics		HL	SL	
Psychology		HL	SL	
Business Management		HL	SL	
Environmental Systems and Societies			SL	
GROUP 4: (Experimental Sciences)				
Chemistry		HL	SL	
Physics		HL	SL	
Biology		HL	SL	
Computer Science		HL	SL	
Environmental Systems & Societies			SL	
GROUP 5: (Mathematics)				
Math Application and Interpretation		HL	SL	
Math Analysis and Approaches		HL	SL	
GROUP 6: (The Arts) Choose one subject from here or another from Groups 1, 2,3, or 4				
Visual Arts		HL	SL	
Theatre Arts		HL	SL	



Part IV: Parental Statement

I hereby give permission to my child, _____, to apply for the International Baccalaureate Program at ACS Athens for the school year_____. I understand that acceptance into this program is based on the criteria/credentials outlined on page one of this application form.

I have read the completed application and concur with the information included in it.

Parents are invited to offer their own observations in the space below.

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Parental Signature

Date _____



Part V

For ACS Athens Students only: Give this form to one of your teachers

- Teachers: Please return this recommendation to the IB office in a confidential manner.

Student Name: _____

The scale used to rate students in accordance with IB grading is based on a 1-7 scheme

7= Outstanding ability
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Teacher Recommendation

Teacher's Name _____

_____ Reading Comprehension

_____ Oral Expression of Ideas

_____ Written Expression of Ideas

_____ Problem Solving Skills

_____ Creativity/Non-routine problem solving skills

_____ Study Habits

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Comments: _____

Please check one:

_____ I recommend this student for the IB Diploma Program

_____ I do NOT recommend this student for the IB Diploma Program

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____
