



IB Diploma Provisional Results: May 2010 Examination Session School

This data is preliminary. A few results are missing and these data do not yet reflect the outcomes of appeal.

Table 1 - Overview

	Results in 2010
Number of candidates entered for the IB Diploma	115
Number of students entered for IB Certificates	9
Number of candidates achieving the IB Diploma	108
Number of students achieving IB Certificates	16
ESF % achieving the IB Diploma	93.9%
World (2009) ⁽¹⁾ % achieving the IB Diploma	78.7%
Average points score for IB Diploma candidates	33.0
Average grade for all subjects	5.3
Highest IB Diploma points awarded to a candidate	43

Observations:

We are very pleased to see numerical improvements in all the statistics that describe the IB cohort of 2010. The average point score and the percentage of students gaining a diploma have both gone up significantly. However the statistics hide many individual success stories and a few disappointments. Most importantly is that the vast majority of our graduates this year have achieved what they needed to get into their chosen places of Higher Education. 72% of those who have applied to universities and colleges have achieved their first choice with 90% into their first or second choices. The others will have to wait a while for places but we are confident that they will be able to find an appropriate path.

Table 2 - Distribution of Results

	N ^o awarded	School %	World % (2009) ⁽¹⁾
Number of Bilingual Diplomas	3	2.8%	31.1
Number of 40+ IB Diplomas	7	6.5%	5.5
Number of 35+ IB Diplomas	36	33.3%	21.7
Number of 30+ IB Diplomas	84	77.8%	50.0

Observations:

Again our results exceed the world levels for the three cutoffs that have been measured. Some of the most impressive successes are in the range below this table, where students have taken on a programme that they knew was going to be a

significant challenge for them. Several of these students who might have been considered borderline have achieved remarkable success and gained a qualification of which they can be extremely proud.

Our lower percentage of bilingual diplomas reflects our cultural background. In many countries students will be bilingual in the host language and English and can take their exams in these two languages. In Hong Kong the host language is Cantonese and the IB Chinese exams are in Mandarin. Therefore the advantage that many of our students have in speaking fluent Cantonese cannot be reflected in the Chinese literature exam.

⁽¹⁾ N.B. World % achieving the diploma are for 2009 as 2010 data is not available until November. Statistics show that these percentages vary very little year on year.

Table 3 - Core Points (Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge)

Score	School No. of Candidates	School %	World % (2009) ⁽¹⁾
3	5	4.7%	4.5
2	26	24.5%	17.0
1	56	52.8%	44.9
0	19	17.9%	28.6

Observations:

These results at Island School and also worldwide demonstrate the difficulty of obtaining core points in the IB diploma. Three quarters of the students worldwide get either 0 or 1 point and Island School results reflect this difficulty, although we do exceed the world averages.

NB - It is important to realise that a score of 0 is also a recognised score which qualifies a student for the IB Diploma, as you need to achieve at least 0 to pass the IB Diploma.

Table 4 - Subjects (which includes Higher and Standard Levels)

Number of subjects examined	39
Number of subjects with 6 or more candidates entered	30
Number of subjects more than 0.25 above world average grade ⁽¹⁾	20
Number of subjects in line with world average grade, within ± 0.25	8
Number of subjects more than 0.25 below world average grade	2

Observations:

This table looks at the individual subjects and shows that within a reasonable margin of error almost all subject grades were level with the IB world averages or above. More than half the subjects were significantly above the world average showing a general level of consistent quality rather than a few subjects compensating for others.

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