How to earn the IB Diploma
Assessment

- Two kinds:
  - External
  - Internal

- All assessment is criterion-referenced.
External Assessment

- Graded by examiners throughout the world
- Examiners’ work is “checked” for consistency
- Examples of external assessment:
  - Written Examination “papers”
  - World Literature Papers
  - Musical Links Investigation
  - Extended Essays
Internal Assessment

- Scored by your teacher according to IB’s criteria.
- Subject to “external moderation”
- Examples of internal assessment:
  - Presentation and Oral Commentary in Language A1
  - Individual Oral in Languages B and ab initio
  - Historical Investigation in History
  - Labs in Sciences
  - Commentaries in Economics
IA + EA = Score

- All courses are scored from 1-7 (except Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge)
- EA > IA
- Scale:
  - 7—Excellent performance
  - 6—Very good performance
  - 5—Good performance
  - 4—Satisfactory performance
  - 3—Mediocre performance
  - 2—Poor performance
  - 1—Very poor performance
24 points needed to earn diploma (average of 4 for 6 scores)
Extra IB classes are excluded from calculation
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<th>If your total score is 24-27:</th>
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<td>No grade of 1 in any subject</td>
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<td>At least 12 points in HL subjects if you registered for 3 HL</td>
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<td>A minimum score of D is earned for both Theory of Knowledge and</td>
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EE and TOK

- Scored on a scale of A through E:
  - A—Excellent performance
  - B—Good performance
  - C—Satisfactory performance
  - D—Mediocre performance
  - E—Elementary performance
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- Required
- No impact on diploma score
**Bonus Points!**

### The diploma points matrix

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**F* From 2010 onwards 28 points overall will be required to be eligible for the diploma if a student attains an ‘E’ grade in either the extended essay or theory of knowledge.**

As previously, a grade ‘A’ in one of the requirements earns an extra point even if the other is a grade ‘E’.

Attaining a grade ‘E’ in both the extended essay and theory of knowledge continues to represent an automatic failure.

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**0-23 points*: No diploma**

**24-27 points*: Must not earn an E in either EE or TOK**

**28-45 points*: Must not earn an E in both EE or TOK**

*All point distribution requirements must be met as well.*