



International Baccalaureate Policy Approval

1. A minimum score of 5 on an International Baccalaureate (IB) standard level exam and a minimum score of 4 on an IB higher-level exam will provide credit at any PIOHE in Ohio. The credit must count towards graduation and will meet a general education requirement if the course to which the IB credit is equivalent fulfills a general education requirement at the receiving institution.

a. Where appropriate, after faculty review, courses could be aligned with Ohio Transfer 36 courses. It's important to note that if the course doesn't align to a general education course, it could be aligned with another statewide guarantee.

b. If an equivalent course is not available for the IB exam area completed, elective or area credit will be awarded in the appropriate academic discipline and will be applied towards graduation where such elective credit options exist within the academic major.

c. When a student achieves a score above the minimum required score, additional courses or credits may be awarded. Award of credit for higher score values will vary depending on the institution and academic discipline.

2. When it clearly enhances the opportunity for student success, an institution should strongly advise students that a higher than minimum IB score is typically needed to ensure they have the appropriate foundation to be successful in advanced coursework in sequenced coursework (e.g., STEM: Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; World Languages).

3. A score of 5 or higher on a standard level IB exam or a score of 4 or higher on a higher level IB exam in a foreign language area will provide credit for at least the first year sequence of the foreign language at any PIOHE. Additional courses or credits may be awarded for higher scores on the IB exam depending on the institution.

4. Each PIOHE in Ohio will provide information on awarding IB credits, which should include the number of credits awarded and the course equivalents earned for a score of 5 on a standard level exam and a score of a 4 on a higher level exam. This information should be available on the institution's public website and sent to ODHE as well.

5. Credits earned via IB exams are transferable within PIOHE in Ohio according to the state's transfer policy. This credit should be applied and used in a similar manner in which it was used at the sending institutions (e.g. fulfilling a general education course, major course, etc.)

Approved by:

Chancellor Michael Duffey

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