

The intent of this Policy is to ensure students who are considering pursuing the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) at Leamington District Secondary School (LDSS) have a clear understanding of conditions necessary to successfully earn an IB Diploma.

At Leamington District Secondary School, we believe it is essential to provide as many opportunities as possible to prepare students for success in the IB Diploma Programme. We offer a two-year LDSS Pre-IB Program that creates intentional links between what students learn in Grades 9 and 10 and what they will learn in Grades 11 and 12, when they will be engaged in the IB Diploma Programme.

As part of the Greater Essex County District School Board (GECDSB), LDSS supports equity and inclusion when considering which students should pursue the Diploma Programme. To that end, the school board will cover the fees and resource costs associated with the implementation of this internationally recognized program. We believe it is important to remove economic barriers so that all students, regardless of socio-economic standing, can be successful.

Prior to Grade 9, all Grade 8 students in our catchment area are introduced to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. There are no pre-determined number of spots for each year of both the LDSS Pre-IB Program and the IB Diploma Programmes. Students may enter the LDSS Pre-IB program in Grade 9 or 10. Classes will be adjusted according to the number of students enrolled. Students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to pursue the

The most traditional route of entry will be through the LDSS Pre-IB Program, which has been specifically designed to prepare students for success in the IB Diploma Program. Each November, the