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**Language Choices and
Diploma Programme
at Léman International
School
2017-2020**

The unique benefits of the DP

Today's Presentation

- What is the IB Diploma?
- Language Pathways: mother tongue Korean Language and Literature (A) and English Language Acquisition (B) option in gr 6-8
- University application process explained

Korean Language Options gr 6-8

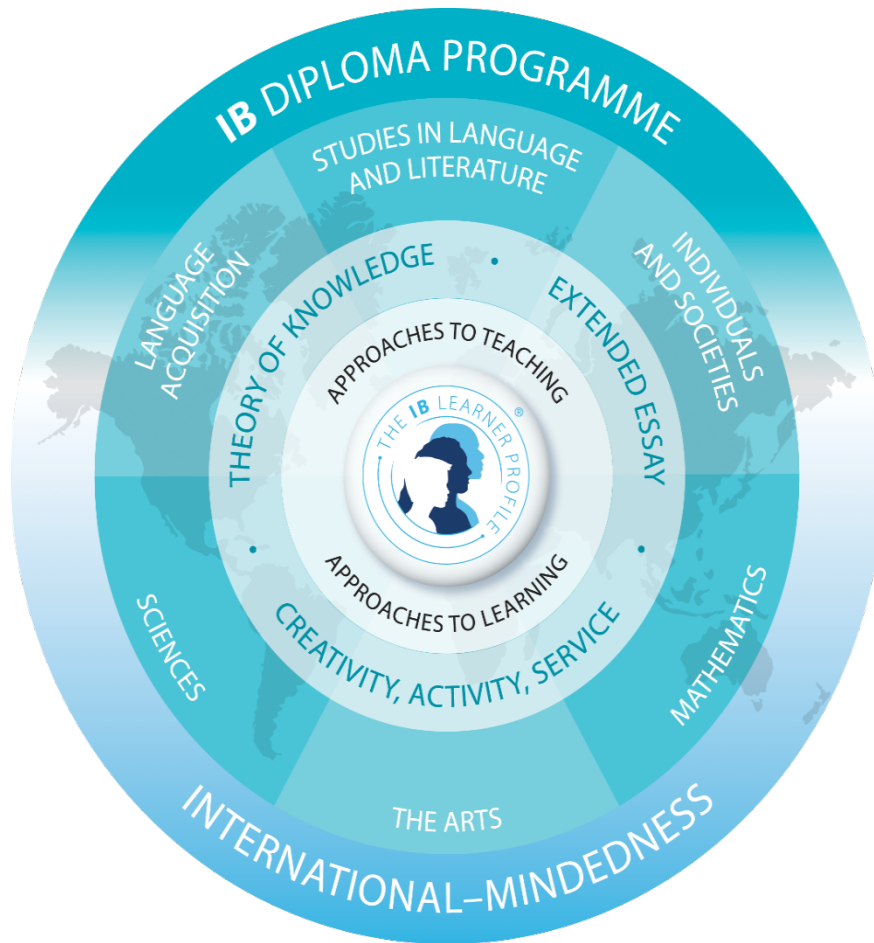
- We are ready to offer Korean Language and Literature in gr 6-8
- Students who are in EAL currently must remain in the modified programme until they exit
- If a student is exited from EAL, he/she may consider taking Korean or Chinese
- Grade 8 excepted as the EAL support will take place during Enrichment

Language Options

- Language are offered as either Language and Literature or as Language Acquisition
- All students must study at least one Language and Literature course and be strong in this language
- All students must study English either as a Language and Literature course or as a Language Acquisition course
- LIS is now offering a Korean Language and Literature course
- Your choice as parents is between Korean Language and Literature, Chinese Acquisition or French Acquisition

Contents: What does the Diploma Programme curriculum contain?

The curriculum contains six subject groups and a core of three parts.



Students study concurrently:

- three subjects at higher level
- three subjects at standard level
- all three parts of the core:
Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay, CAS

Standard Level or Higher Level

- Standard Level courses and Higher Level courses
- Same core content and assessment
- Difference in hours and depth of content
- Standard Level=150 hours
- Higher Level= 240 hours
- Higher Level should be your stronger courses

Subjects offered: What subjects are offered within the six groups?

The Diploma Programme has a large range of subjects and many more options

- **Group 1** – Language and Literature
 - Chinese HL or SL
 - English HL or SL
 - Korean HL or SL
- **Group 2** – Language acquisition
 - English HL or SL
 - Chinese HL or SL
 - French HL or SL
- **Group 3** – Humanities and Human Sciences
 - Economics HL or SL
 - History HL or SL
 - online courses(see group 6)

Group 5 Mathematics

Group 4 – Natural Sciences

- Biology HL or SL
- Chemistry HL or SL
- Physics HL or SL

Group 5 – Mathematics

- Mathematical studies SL
- Mathematics SL
 - Mathematics HL

Group 6 Electives

- **Group 6 – Elective**

Visual Arts HL or SL

Music SL (tentative)

Chemistry HL or SL

online courses (SL normally, HL with approval)

- Information technology in a global society
SL
- Psychology SL
- Business and management SL

MYP Language B_(acquisition) > DP Language B

- **Language B Standard Level:** achievement of 4+ or strong performance in the Intermediate or 3-4
- summer language work is recommended if a student is in Lower Intermediate
- **Diploma Language B Higher Level:** phase 3-4 with a strong performance
- See your language and literature teacher + acquisition teachers for guidance and Mr Saulnier, Languages Coordinator

Language A and B

Language A:

- Mother tongue
- The school's language of instruction (English)
- Proficient level

Language B:

- A second language not the student's mother tongue (English, Chinese (Chinese ab initio for students with limited experience of Chinese, French or an option for online Spanish ab initio
- Ab initio means from the beginning) Ab initio

- Phase 3-4 for SL; 4 is better

Full Diploma or Certificates?

- Full Diploma > 24/45 to be eligible
- 42 points from 6 courses out of graded out of 7 each
- 3 extra points can be earned for performance in the Core Components below (EE +TOK)
- Complete Extended Essay (EE)
- Theory of Knowledge (ToK) above an Elementary
- Complete Creativity, Activity and Service

DP Certificates/DP Course Options

- Certificates: sit exams in each subject and earn a 2
- Only SL courses required
- No Extended Essay or Theory of Knowledge
- CAS a LIS requirement so it IS required with certificates
- Still can gain good university entrance

Online Diploma Course?

- Provided by Pamoja Education Services
- Independent online learning

- Classmates from around the world
- Teacher can be in a different time zone
- Live sessions available

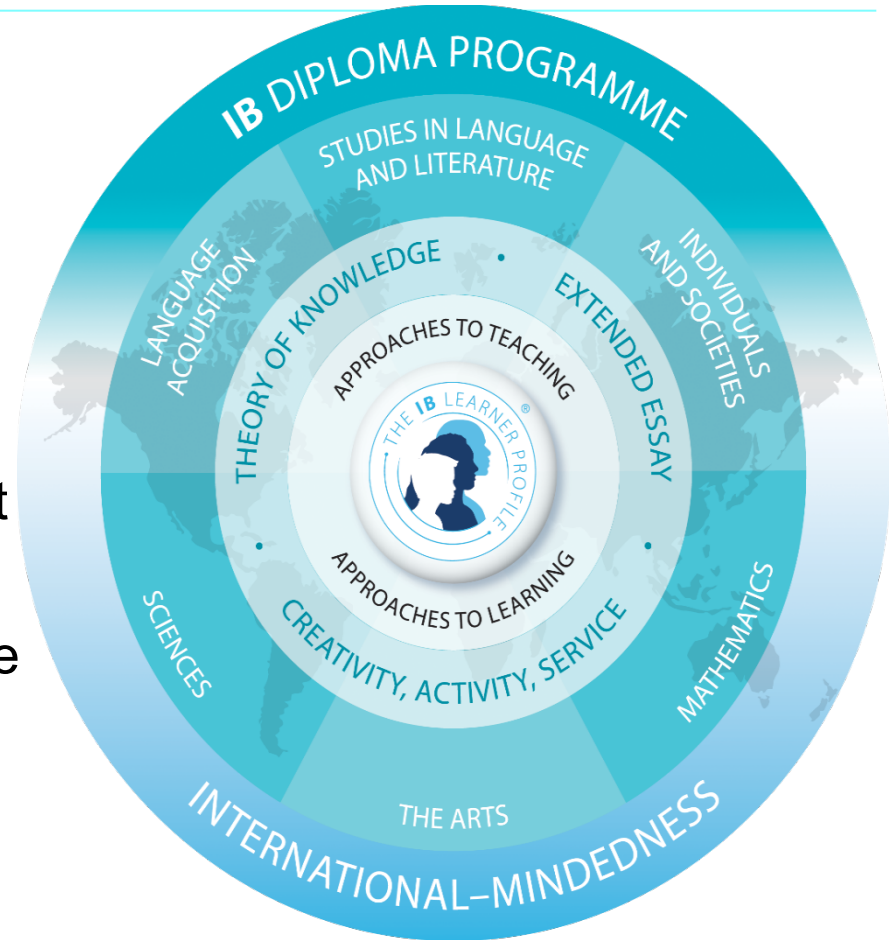
- Students must be good at time management
- Commit to being independent
- Commit to seek support from Coordinator

Contents: Core of the Diploma Programme

There are three core requirements

The Extended Essay:

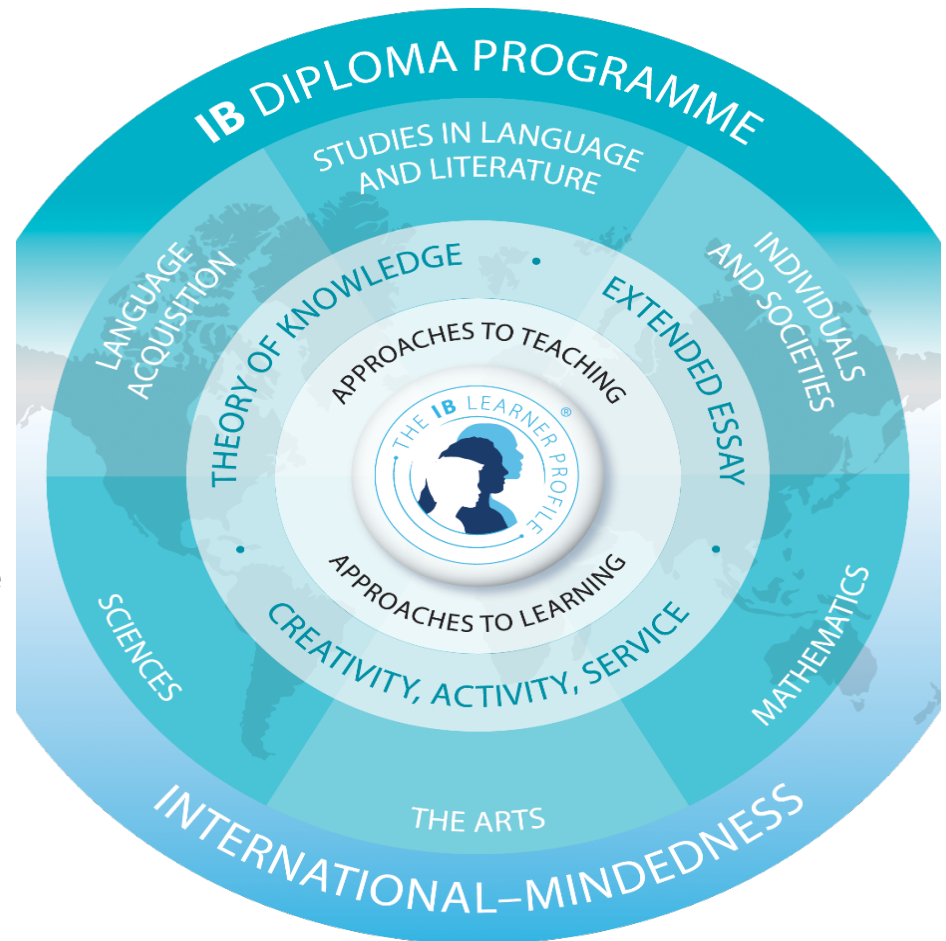
- 4,000 words
- Offers the opportunity to investigate a research question of individual interest
- Familiarises students with the independent research and writing skills expected at university



Diploma Programme Creativity, Activity and Service

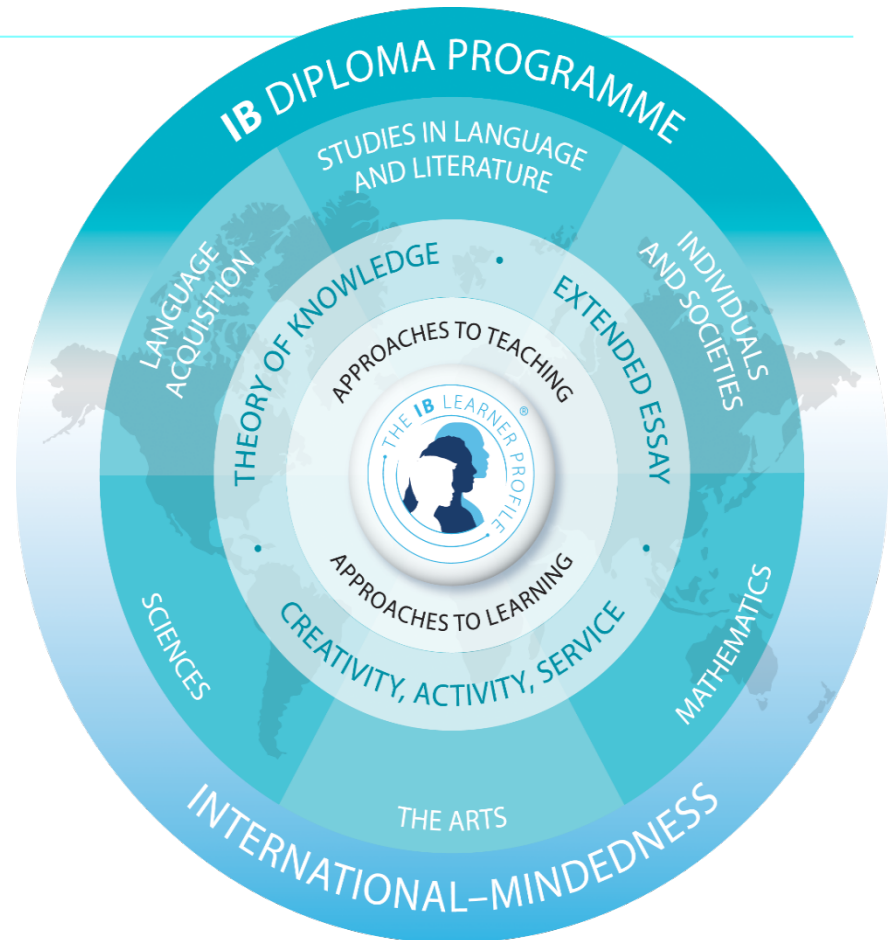
Creativity, activity and service
(CAS):

- Encourages students to be involved in artistic pursuits, sports and community service
- Education outside the classroom: gr 11 March CAS trip to Shangri-La
- Development of the IB learner profile
- Required to be eligible for the Diploma



Contents: Theory of Knowledge Course

- Interdisciplinary
- Explores the nature of knowledge across disciplines
- Encouraging an appreciation of other cultural perspectives
- Can lead to additional Diploma points
- EE and TOK can add up to 3 points



Next Steps and Questions

- Students will speak to their teacher to get recommendations for courses (HL or SL) Students will complete a formal course selection form
- Read in depth about the IB Diploma at the ibo.org site
- Mrs Mindorff will go over career options and university pathways via Naviance
- In January and you will be asked to sign up for a meeting with me to review course selection for grade 10's going into gr 11
- March-April gr 11's and parents will meet with me to begin university discussions
- Questions?

DP points and the Global Standard?

- 4+ from grade 10 to take higher level courses
- Straight 5's (29 points-over 30 to be safe) average conditional offer from UK (IB Schools and Colleges Associations of the UK)
- Competitive is 40-45
- 30 points University of Toronto –Arts Programme
- 34-36 points some engineering programmes
- 31- 33 points 10 year average to gain entrance to solid university programmes
- Korean Universities have a high standard 35-40
- Need to consider how long you have been out of Korea
- Do your own research per institution
- Speak to Mrs Mindorff; do own research

[Understanding the IB Diploma assessment](#)

University Applications

- Visit universities summer gr 10-11
- Non-English speakers should take IELTS(academic) or TOEFL
- Use Naviance (starting in January of gr 10)
- Best fit for you and your child
- Region, country, requirements, programme of study
- Korean Universities: very competitive 35-40's range depending on university
- SAT often required
- Authentication process
- Agents: we do not share school documents

Next Steps and Questions

- Complete the online survey about your wish for Korean language that Ms Yiyi will send out
- Grade 5 parents: you may complete the survey as well but this will be for next year when your child enters grade 6 in secondary school.
- Questions?