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*To "my kids",
the remarkable minds who
always make it happen.*

MAKE THIS HANDBOOK YOUR OWN

This handbook was intentionally designed in black and white so you can interact with it throughout your whole IB Ready journey.

Grab highlighters, pens, sticky notes, and...

- ✎ HIGHLIGHT KEY IDEAS
- ✎ MARK YOUR SUBJECT CHOICES
- ✎ MAKE NOTES IN THE MARGINS
- ✎ HIGHLIGHT THE STUDY STRATEGY YOU WANT TO TRY FIRST
- ✎ CIRCLE THE TRAITS YOU ALREADY HAVE
- ✎ HIGHLIGHT THE TRAITS YOU WANT TO GAIN
- ✎ WRITE YOUR TARGET SCORE BESIDE EACH SUBJECT
- ✎ SET YOUR IB GOALS

Your most valuable handbook isn't the one that stays pristine, but the one that grows with you.

THIS IS YOUR SPACE TO THINK, PLAN, AND REFLECT WITHOUT JUDGMENT.

WELCOME TO THE SAPIENT

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INTRODUCTION

BE READY.

BE IN CONTROL.

Hi, and welcome to *IB Ready*, a compact guide specifically created for all students who are about to begin the IB diploma. In this guide, you will find all the information you need, summarized and organized in a way that is meant to help you improve your IB experience and maximize your academic abilities from the start. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) is a significant milestone in every student's life. It's challenging, filled with opportunities, dreams, and independence, so it is completely normal to feel both excited and daunted by it. That is why most students begin questioning their academic potential and whether they are suited for the IB when, in reality, the question you should be asking is whether the IB suits you and your goals. The definition of success is different for everyone, and the way I see it, your academic, professional, and personal success is not fixed. Success is a continuous action, an ongoing journey that sparks your growth, inspires your ambition, and encourages you to improve. Therefore, whether the IB is the right fit for you and whether you will succeed will depend on your interests, aspirations, learning style, motivation, and, above all, your determination and courage to make it happen. In this guide you will find greater clarity, practical tips, and a carefully selected list of actions to do. Why? Because, understanding the essentials of the IBDP is your first step to designing a strategy that actually aligns with your educational and personal needs. Once you know what to expect you'll feel in control of the years ahead, and being *IB Ready* is how I know you are on the path to success.

Let us begin.

CHAPTER I

MASTERING THE IB BASICS

The IB Program

The IB program is a globally recognized and respected educational curriculum designed to foster curiosity, critical thinking, and a sense of responsibility in students. It also encourages you to become an active, compassionate, and lifelong learner who is prepared to tackle the challenges of 21st century in our diverse, interconnected world. Implemented in schools across the globe, the IB is a valuable choice for students seeking an international, high-quality education. IBDP graduates are highly sought after by universities worldwide, as a result of the program's academic rigor and global perspective.

The Diploma Program (DP) is a two-year pre-university course of study. When you complete the DP you are well-prepared for college and have the opportunity to earn the IB diploma. But to make the best of it you need to master some basics first.

The Subjects

The availability of subjects varies from school to school, as some have the flexibility to offer additional subjects or tailor their IB programs to meet the needs and interests of their students. To learn about subject availability in your school you should address your IB councillor.

In the DP, subjects are also categorized into two levels: Standard Level (SL) and Higher Level (HL). Students typically study a combination of SL and HL subjects. Logically, HL subjects are more academically demanding and cover more content than SL subjects.

That being said, the DP subjects are divided into 6 groups plus core.*

Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature

- Language A: Literature (HL & SL)
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* Source: DP Curriculum available at IBO.org

IBDP BASICS

