

John Adams High School
IB Magnet Virtual Orientations
Tuesday, August 4 – Thursday, August 6, 2020



Questions from Parents

Question	Answer
How to sign up to get more information	Twitter: @JAHS_IBMagnet Facebook: John Adams High School International Baccalaureate Magnet John Adams Parent Group
If a student has a computer, do you need to get a chromebook?	According to Tech Services, when doing eLearning from home, the student may use whatever computer they have available as long as it has camera and microphone access; however, at school, in order to access the wifi, students will need a school-issued Chromebook.
Is there a way to get a student ID with no past experience of SBCSC?	Follow the instructions on this document .
How to find PowerSchool login with no past experience of SBCSC?	Follow the instructions on this document .
Do you need to do a sport to be in IB?	No, but if you are an IB Diploma candidate, you will need to have a physical outlet for Creativity, Activity, and Service. It could be an organized sport, dance, an exercise class, or something else. There will be more information about this in your junior year, and your CAS advisor will be able to help you.
Will clubs start now or when we go back physically to school?	Some clubs are starting up soon after school starts on August 12. Keep your ears open for announcements, and check your email daily.
What will the first day look like?	Watch for the John Adams Orientation on Monday evening,

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	August 10. You should receive an all-call with more information.
Is it really as much pressure as it sounds like?	Take on as much as you can - no need to do full IB Diploma. Also, many of our Diploma students are able to manage without overloading themselves.
How did you handle homework with sports?	Time management
Is there an advantage to do the IB Diploma over IB Course?	In general, highly-selective universities will look at the IB Diploma with a sharper eye than just a few courses, but for state universities in Indiana, there is no extrinsic benefit to completing the Diploma instead of Course certificates. As an IB Diploma student, you will be able to manage your time well and have very sharp study and research skills by the end of the two years.
Can you get college credit for IB scores?	Depends on the college and the score. Check with your university choices by googling "IB credit" and the name of your university. There are universities in Florida and Washington state that provide full tuition for IB Diploma earners.
Will students be expected to work in <i>both</i> Google Classroom <i>and</i> Canvas?	Students will be expected to work in whatever platform their teacher is using.
What if a schedule isn't complete?	Contact your counselor after Thursday, August 6.
Are there any supplies students should get?	Folders, chromebook, textbooks, writing utensils, and notebooks.
What happens if a teacher is bad?	Communicate with them and ask them for clarification. If the situation is not resolved, have your family communicate with the teacher. If the situation is still not resolved, talk to the counselor, department head, or the coordinator. Finally, if there is still an

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	issue, speak to the principal or assistant principal.
When do students figure out what IB courses they will take?	Start planning now; schedule January of 10th grade. Take a look at the Course Description Guide . Subject availability may change.
Is there a plan for AP/IB exams?	In the spring, AP exams were online. IB exams were cancelled and student scores were assessed based on an algorithm with information from the school, historical data, global data, and the student's internal assessment. At this point in time, IB exams will go ahead as normal in May.
How will we maintain the social aspect in the IB Program with ELearning/ How is the IB program prepared for the new learning environment?	Many teachers are looking into ways to create small groups within their classes, and we are required to meet synchronously with our students at least twice a week.
Should my schedule show Spanish 3 or Spanish 3 Honors if I am going down the IB Pathway?	Mrs. Hernández admits she misspoke because she did not have all of the information. The class is not indicated "honors," rather you have to have Ms. Caponigro as your Spanish III teacher.
How much is CAS autonomous? Is there an advisor?	Advisor guides student to develop and reflect upon their self-designed plans. Students pick things their interested in doing.
Does anything before junior year count for IB?	No. The IB Diploma Program is only junior and senior year.
If my student has 2 IB classes on her schedule, is she on track for the full diploma?	No. Please talk to your student's counselor.
How will E-learning keep students on track, as far as curriculum?	IB teachers will do everything in their power to keep the students on track for assessments in May.
Is there a big problem with academic integrity in the IB at Adams?	Not that we are aware of. The IBO developed new guidelines last year, so we thought it wise to adapt our previous document to

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	better reflect those guidelines.
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Questions from Students

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Will students be given assignment notebooks/planners?	No, you will need to purchase your own, or you can use the Google Classroom calendar.
How will science labs work?	We are working on ways to get materials to students, and we are looking at the feasibility of online labs.
Will students be tested for COVID before in person classes?	We don't know.
What was the most challenging thing freshman year?	Finding my friend group when coming from a smaller private school, but I reached out and quickly found friends (IB student answered)
How does the IB Film class work?	First semester will mostly be focused on the aspects of film, more of the "what" aspect of it, while the second semester is focused more on the actual making of films. There are many small projects that the students create, Mr. Nowicki tries to be more of an advisor to the projects, so the students have freedom to make creative choices. (IB Student answered)
Do many students drop from the diploma program during their junior/senior year?	It depends on the year. This year a few more than normal have chosen to drop due to the pandemic, but in general, maybe four or five students withdraw from IB Diploma candidacy in favor of IB Course candidacy between their junior and senior years.