

# International Baccalaureate (IB)

Talking points presented by  
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## The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme is a demanding pre-university course of study offered in 1,800 schools in 129 countries. It is designed for highly-motivated secondary school students and is internationally recognized as one of the most challenging college-preparatory curricula available. The curriculum is an integrated, hexagon model that has a high level of rigor. The program utilizes international standards and is an “international admissions credential.” Students who successfully complete the program have increased chances for selective college/university admission, advanced standing, and scholarships.

- The district has been investigating IB for five years. The high school Building Leadership Team has been supportive.
- It has been part of our CSIP / Strategic Plan during that time. The present Leadership and Governance Strategic Goal Planning Team discussed the importance of pursuing Excellence. IB is about excellence for our students who want to pursue this.
- The current Board of Education Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) has action steps listed.
- See timeline posted on website – an IB Coordinator is a next step in the process.
- IB answers PLC #4 – we have spent a great deal of time, energy, focus and money (as we should) on PLC #3. We have not (yet) done a good enough job answering PLC #4. Answering PLC #4 is also providing opportunities for our most motivated students while not being exclusive or limited in our thinking about who can access rigorous curriculum.
- IB will open up doors of opportunity for our PLC #4 students.
- IB has the potential to infuse the RP curriculum with an unprecedented level of rigor than can eventually permeate the entire K-12 system over time.
- IB connects in a positive way with the Common Core Standards college readiness path.
- Super Test book
- Dr. David Ulrich, Director of Student Services, came to Ray-Pec from Lee’s Summit North High School. He shared his experiences and what IB can bring to Ray-Pec.