

## IST IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME ELIGIBILITY POLICY

(Effective April 12, 2013 – Beginning with the Class of 2016)

The **International Baccalaureate Diploma** is considered to be an advanced placement diploma made available by IST to its most outstanding students.

IST students can be admitted to the school's **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme**, which follows the **Pre-IB Programme** in Grade 10, if they have met the following minimum requirements during their Grade 9 Year:

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1. Obtained a minimum of 32 points on the final Grade 9 report card.
2. Not obtained a grade 2 in two or more subjects.
3. Obtained grades of 5 or better in the subject areas in which will eventually become the student's higher level subjects in the Diploma Programme.

### ENTERING GRADE 10 ON PROBATION:

Students who do not meet the requirements to enter the **Pre-IB Programme** in Grade 10 based on their Grade 9 academic performance, can apply after the first semester of Grade 10, if they have met the same requirements.

### OPTIONS FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT MEET THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRANCE TO THE FULL INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Students who do not meet the academic requirements to join the **International Baccalaureate Programme** at the conclusion of Grade 10, have the options of:

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1. Repeating Grade 10 so as to be able to meet the established criterion required of the full IB Diploma Programme;
2. Opting for the **American High School Diploma**, which allows students to enter American universities located in the United States, Europe and elsewhere, but does not allow access to Italian universities. Students who opt for the **American High School Diploma** can still join the **IB Certificate Programme** in Grade 11, working towards certificates in areas of their strength and interest.

Students who have met the entry requirements at the end of Grade 9 will be required to maintain the requirements as stipulated in Section A above during Grade 10. Grade 10 students who do not improve their grades after one semester of Academic Probation status will not be allowed entry to the IB DP. Students who have met the requirements as stipulated in Section A through (i.e. including) the first semester of Grade 10, but fail to meet the requirements at the end of Grade 10, will only be allowed to enter the DP on Academic Probation. Earning 12 points or more in higher-level subjects at the end of the first semester of Grade 11, the student may continue in the IB DP. If the point total is less than 12, then the student may opt to repeat Grade 11 or continue at IST working towards graduation in the **American High School Diploma Program**.

IST feels that both the **American High School Diploma Programme** as well as the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme** are strong and viable options for its students and that the option of either, or a combination of the two, depends on the individual needs, interests and strengths of each student.