

**EXTENDED ESSAY REQUIREMENTS/TIMELINE – SCIENCES
CLASS OF 2014**

Membership in the International Baccalaureate Program is a privilege. In order to continue in the IB Program, a student must, at all times, be a full IB Diploma Candidate. In order to be a full diploma candidate, the candidate must not fail to complete any assessment required by the IBO for diploma candidate. One of these requirements is the extended essay.

The extended essay is an in-depth study of a focused topic chosen from the list of approved Diploma Program subjects. It is externally assessed and, in combination with the grade for theory of knowledge, contributes up to three points to the total score for the IB diploma. The extended essay is presented as a formal piece of scholarship containing no more than 4,000 words and is the result of approximately 40 hours of work by the student.

In the Diploma Program, the extended essay is the prime example of a piece of work where the student has the opportunity to show knowledge, understanding and enthusiasm about a topic of his or her choice. The extended essay has often proved to be a valuable stimulus for discussion at college interviews and/or applications.

Following is the timeline for the extended essay.

JUNIOR YEAR

First semester Research Class: Introduction to extended essay requirements and orientation to college library. Students submit top three choices for EE to Research teachers.

February 8th – IB teachers select students they will advise

February 22nd (or earlier) – Student’s initial meeting with advisor. Meetings will be held at various locations per department decision and advisor discretion.

April 19th – Complete Research Background and Design due to Mrs. Farias in IB Office. This includes complete background research. Design is the IB Criterion for Design.

SUMMER BETWEEN JUNIOR SENIOR YEAR

July 13th – Complete rough draft due to advisor. Must be no more than 4000 words and include a bibliography which meets the EE criteria. Partial/incomplete rough drafts will not be accepted.

SENIOR YEAR

Second Monday after Labor Day (**September 16th**) – Extended Essay Celebration! EE’s are turned in to Mrs. Farias, refreshments are provided.

Advisors will provide a timeline for individual deadlines and meetings.

Consequences for missing deadlines:

Students who do not submit a complete rough draft by the last day of junior year will be removed from the IB Program. A discipline referral will be written if the April 19th deadline is not met. Parents will be notified that the student has missed the deadline.

Students who do not submit a final copy on the first Monday of senior year will receive a discipline referral and will be suspended from school until they complete the essay.

I have read the requirements and timeline for extended essay and agree to the terms.

Student signature

Parent signature

Phone number