

IBDP Subject Choice Guide

Your guide to specific admission details and suggested subject pathways

Don't know how to choose your subjects? We've made it easy.....

Fairview International School

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Welcome note

Fairview International School began on its Journey in 1978, set up by a group of parents. Aiming to provide children from the age of four to seventeen with the best in educational standards, Fairview has grown to a current combined total of more than 2500 students across 5 campuses in South East Asia.

Fairview's home campus nestled amidst the forest reserves of Wangsa Maju, Kuala Lumpur began on its IB journey in February of 2010 with its Authorization of its IB Diploma programme. Since then, 8 IB programmes have been authorized across its 5 campuses from the Primary Years Programme(PYP) to the Middle Years Programme(MYP) and of course, the Diploma Programme(DP). Being the first and only school in Malaysia to have 3 authorized MYP programmes, 4 PYP programmes and 2 DP programmes, Fairview International Schools has demonstrated a rare wholehearted commitment and understanding of the International Baccalaureate's educational philosophies.

Fairview International School's IB Diploma programme first opened its doors in September of 2010 with the welcoming of 8 IB diploma students, all scholars. From the beginning Fairview maintained its ethos of providing affordable education to all by setting up the largest private IB Diploma Scholarship programme in Malaysia. Over the last 6 years, over RM 2.5 Million has been dispensed to deserving Fairview International School students. Over the years, Fairview increased its batch size from 8 to 13 in 2011 and finally 33 in 2016. Welcoming learners from all walks of life, including deserving but underprivileged children with excellent academic and non-academic achievements, Fairview aims to provide the best quality education to all regardless of their financial situation. Unequal opportunities in education lead to unequal opportunities in life. Fairview believes that every child has the right to the best practices in education and to be taught to think critically and creatively in a competitive globalized environment.

By joining the Fairview IBDP family, you become part of a tradition of academic excellence and personal accomplishment. Our average scores for 2015 are 36.5 points out of 45 points. To put it simply, our average IBDP student scores at the top 75% of the world scores. Having accomplished scores of 36.8 and 37.3 in the 2 years prior, the consistency of excellence is well established. We encourage you to embrace the history of your seniors and do them proud when you graduate as an alumni.

Fairview International School is committed to this ideal and The Fairview Foundation was developed to offer just that. There is no need to think that the best institutions are out of reach. You do not need to be elite; the willingness to challenge yourself and succeeded is all that is needed. Opportunities like these are rare. When they avail themselves, SEIZE THEM!

Regards,

Dr Vincent Chian

Principal FISKL

Overview of the process:

Joining the DP Family is quite easy. We've outlined a set of steps to guide you through the process.

Step 1 Find out what you are interested in using this recommended [Career quiz from Princeton](#). Take note of the careers recommended and file away for safekeeping.

Step 2 Select which stream best fits your interests.

Step 3 Narrow down your subjects within the stream while looking at the full list of subjects offered.

Step 4 Check that you satisfy the pre-requisites of your subject choice while selecting. Read Scholarship details table.

Step 5 Research your potential university options and their entrance requirements to make sure your subjects match, and know what score your university requires.

Step 6 Fill in the Application form online [Subject selection& Student Details form](#)

Step 7 Ensure you have a copy sent to your email and have it printed.

Step 8 Have interview with IBDP Coordinator or representative about subjects and career decisions

Step 9 Sign Scholarship papers and Pay school fees

Step 10 WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Important notes

- Please choose ONLY 1 subject for each group and please select the level (Higher Level –HL /Standard Level - SL). In total, you must choose 3 HL & 3 SL subjects. You may choose an extra subject from group 3 or group 4 instead of choosing a group 6 subject.
- Your final subjects offered in the IBDP will be based on your academic achievement and may not match with your personal selection. A discussion is often needed to share thoughts and ideas about these issues.
- You will be offered advancement into the IBDP based on your MYP results. Scholarships will be offered based on the Final MYP results (referred to as the E assessment and E Portfolio results).
- Please note that the scholarship you've been awarded is not final, and it will undergo a revision once the final MYP results are released. It will also be revised on semester basis, based on the examination results.
- You may request to change your subjects and their levels within the first 1 month of your studies. These requests are subject to class availability and not all requests are possible.
- Please take note that the subjects offered depend on the availability and demand.

Step 2: SUGGESTED & COMMON SUBJECT PATHWAYS;

	BIOCHEMISTRY	ENGINEERING	SOCIAL SCIENCES	ARCHITECTURE	FINE ARTS
Group 1	English L&L SL/HL Or Mandarin A SL/HL	English L&L SL or Mandarin A SL/HL	English L&L SL or Mandarin A SL	English L&L SL or Mandarin A SL	English L&L HL or Mandarin A HL
Group 2	Spanish Ab in SL or Mandarin Ab In SL or Mandarin B SL/HL	Spanish Ab in SL or Mandarin Ab In SL or Mandarin B SL/HL	Spanish Ab in SL or Mandarin Ab In SL or Mandarin B SL/HL	Spanish Ab in SL or Mandarin Ab In SL or Mandarin B SL/HL	Spanish Ab in SL or Mandarin Ab In SL or Mandarin B SL/HL
Group 3	Psychology SL/HL and/or Business Management SL/HL	Economics SL or Business SL or ITGS SL	Economics HL and/or Psychology HL and/or Business Management HL and/or ITGS HL	Business Management SL or Economics SL or ITGS SL	Business HL or ITGS HL
Group 4	Biology HL and Chemistry HL	Chemistry HL and Physics HL	Biology or Chemistry or Physics SL	Physics HL	Biology or Chemistry or Physics SL
Group 5	Maths SL	Maths HL	Maths HL or SL or Maths Studies	Maths HL	Math Studies
Group 6				Visual Arts HL	Music HL or Visual Arts HL

Please note that the above is only a selection of suggested pathways and ones that have been popular with our students in the past. **You are not limited to this list.**

Step 3 :Narrow down your subjects within the stream while looking at the full list of subjects offered

Below is a brief outline of the subjects offered;

Grp 1 – English (Language and Literature), Mandarin A*

Grp 2 – Spanish, Mandarin (Ab initio and Lan B), English B*

Grp 3 – Business & Management, Economics, Psychology, ITGS*

Grp 4 – Physics, Chemistry, Biology

Grp 5 – Mathematical studies, Mathematics

Grp 6 – Visual Art*, Music*

Subjects with a * indicate new subjects. All classes are subject to availability and uptake.

Step 4: Check that you satisfy the pre-requisites of your subject choice while selecting

Additional entrance tests are required for specific HL subjects. See below for subject specific detail.

Subject	Standard Level	Higher Level	Entrance Test Requirement
English Lang & Lit	No prior knowledge required (Note: It's not possible to choose both English Language and Literature, and English B)	Level 5 or above in Language A English at MYP. Grade B or above in IGCSE English. (Note: It's not possible to choose both English Language and Literature, and English B) (or equivalent)	FOR HL ONLY
Mandarin Language A	Fluent in Mandarin (Note: You're required to choose English B if you choose this option)	Fluent in Mandarin (Note: You're required to choose English B if you choose this option)	Fluent in Mandarin
Spanish Ab Initio	MYP (or equivalent) Phase 1 is the upper limit for this subject	n/a	n/a
Mandarin Ab Initio	MYP Phase 1&2 is the upper limit for this subject. (Note: It's not possible to choose both Mandarin Language A, and Mandarin Ab Initio.)	n/a	n/a
Mandarin Language B	MYP Phase 3 and above (Note: It's not possible to choose both Mandarin Language A, and Mandarin B. In that case, please choose English B)	MYP Phase 5 and above. (Note: It's not possible to choose both Mandarin Language A, and Mandarin B. In that case, please choose English B)	n/a

English Language B	It's compulsory to take English B if you choose Mandarin A as a Group 1 subject.	It's compulsory to take English B if you choose Mandarin A as a Group 1 subject.	
Business Management	No prior knowledge required	No prior knowledge required	n/a
Economics	No prior knowledge required	No prior knowledge required	n/a
Psychology	No prior knowledge required	No prior knowledge required	n/a
ITGS	No prior knowledge required	No prior knowledge required	n/a
Biology	No prior knowledge required	Level 6 or above at MYP Biology. Grade B or above in IGCSE (or equivalent)	FOR HL ONLY
Chemistry	No prior knowledge required	Level 6 or above in Chemistry at MYP. Grade B or above in IGCSE (or equivalent)	FOR HL ONLY
Physics	No prior knowledge required	Level 6 or above in Physics at MYP. Grade B or above in IGCSE (or equivalent)	FOR HL ONLY
Mathematics	Core Maths (or equivalent) Grade C and above.	Level 6 or above in Extended Mathematics at MYP. Grade B or above in IGCSE (or equivalent)	FOR HL ONLY
Maths Studies	No prior knowledge	n/a	n/a

	required		
Visual Arts	No prior knowledge required	n/a	n/a
Music HL	Case by Case		Case by Case

Scholarship Details

Scholarship	Requirements
Fairview Foundation Scholarship	Obtain a score of 6 on MYP grades.
Fairview Incentive Scholarship	Obtain a score of 7 on a subject not previously recognized on the end of semester examination.

If you feel unsure about your subject choice, need advice or a shoulder to cry on, please feel free to contact one of the following people for further guidance:

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