International Baccalaureate

**WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE?**

Established in the 1960’s, International Baccalaureate or IB is an internationally recognized High School diploma that philosophically centers on learners engaging with global challenges through inquiry, action and reflection. The Westwood School, as a Montessori and IB academic community, focuses on intellectual curiosity and personal responsibility.

**WHY USE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME?**

IB World Schools share a common philosophy – a commitment to high quality, challenging curriculum, and education for today’s international world. Several studies have indicated that the IB Diploma experience contributes to university success due to its integration of topics offering breadth and depth. Throughout high school, students acquire strong productivity/study skills, perseverance and balance while exposed to academic pressure, strong writing, research, and analytical thinking skills. For these reasons, universities often give special considerations to IB Diploma graduates. From college credit (24 hours in the state of Texas, for example) to scholarship money, students with IB diplomas are valued.

Since 2004, Westwood has been an authorized IB World School. Westwood is an international school maintaining the highest standards in the world; our Montessori-IB curriculum challenges students to reach beyond themselves and their communities to the world at large. Through these methodologies, The Westwood School gives students both a sense of place – the history, economy, social issues and culture of the local community and confidence to reach beyond themselves.

For more information visit the International Baccalaureate® (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) site.