

## Passing Conditions for Earning an IB Diploma

For the International Baccalaureate, there isn't just a minimum total score needed for passing the Diploma Programme; there is also a set of criteria which you have to pass in order to obtain your diploma.

It is entirely possible to get something like 40 points out of 45 and still fail the diploma because you did not pass one of the criterion, so pay close attention! However, as long as you see **Diploma awarded** on your IB results screen, then you do not need to worry.

The following is an excerpt from *General Regulations: Diploma Programme* which explains all the requirements for getting the diploma:

### Article 15: Award of the IB diploma

**5.1** All assessment components for each of the six subjects and the additional IB diploma requirements must be completed in order to qualify for the award of the IB diploma, except under the conditions stipulated in section VII "Special cases C: Incomplete assessment" of these general regulations.

**5.2** The IB diploma will be awarded to a candidate whose total score is **24, 25, 26 or 27 points, provided all the following requirements have been met.**

Numeric grades have been awarded in all six subjects registered for the IB diploma.

All CAS requirements have been met.

Grades A (highest) to E (lowest) have been awarded for both theory of knowledge and an extended essay, with a grade of at least D in one of them.

There is **no grade 1 in any subject.**

There is **no grade 2 at higher level.**

There is **no more than one grade 2 at standard level.**

Overall, there are **no more than three grades 3 or below.**

**At least 12 points have been gained on higher level subjects (candidates who register for four higher level subjects must gain at least 16 points at higher level).**

1. At least 9 points have been gained on standard level subjects (candidates who register for two standard level subjects must gain at least 6 points at standard level).
2. The final award committee has not judged the candidate to be guilty of malpractice.

**5.3** The IB diploma will be awarded to a candidate whose total score is 28 points or above, provided all the following requirements have been met.

1. Numeric grades have been awarded in all six subjects registered for the IB diploma.
2. All CAS requirements have been met.
3. Grades A (highest) to E (lowest) have been awarded for both theory of knowledge and an extended essay, with a grade of at least D in one of them.
4. There is no grade 1 in any subject.
5. There is no more than one grade 2 at higher level.
6. There are no more than two grades 2 at standard level.
7. Overall, there are no more than three grades 3 or below.
8. At least 11 points have been gained on higher level subjects (candidates who register for four higher level subjects must gain at least 14 points at higher level).
9. At least 8 points have been gained on standard level subjects (candidates who register for two standard level subjects must gain at least 5 points at standard level).
10. The final award committee has not judged the candidate to be guilty of malpractice.

**5.4** A maximum of three examination sessions is allowed in which to satisfy the requirements for the award of the IB diploma.