

Dear IB Diploma Program Applicants,

Please read all instructions carefully before completing your IB Application Portfolio in the Forms.

- Students can only submit one application – due December 18, 2025, 6:00 pm
 - Note: two proofs of residence & proof of citizenship are due as a hard copy to the Main Office by December 18, 2025, 3:15 pm
 - These documents can be submitted before the portfolio is completed
- This document contains 11 sections and up to 45 questions
- The IB Application process can take 1-3 hours
- We highly recommend interested candidates take time to consider responses before starting and reviewing any IB materials available online, including our website, scrolling all the way to the bottom to access various pieces of information about our IB Diploma Programme: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/sir-winston-churchill/page/3871/international-baccalaureate>

IB Diploma Program Application Portfolio

Thank you for your interest in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme at Churchill School. The IB is a challenging and rewarding academic journey designed to develop well-rounded, critical thinkers who are prepared to succeed in a globalized world. Our program values community building, intellectual curiosity, resilience, and a commitment to personal and academic growth.

This application is an opportunity for us to learn about you—your passions, experiences, and motivations for joining the IB community. We encourage you to respond thoughtfully and authentically, using your own words to share your unique perspective. Genuine, reflective answers help us better understand how you will engage with the program's opportunities and challenges.

Please note: Authenticity is an essential part of this process. We expect that all responses are entirely your own (or your parents for Section 8 and your referee in Section 10) and represent your honest thoughts and experiences. This is your (and their) chance to tell your story—so let your voice shine through! We look forward to reviewing your application and learning more about the qualities that make you a great fit for the IB Diploma Programme. Good luck!

Section 1: Administrative Information

Details for the office

☐ Check off the Program you are applying for 1. Legal Last Name 2. Legal First Name 3. Preferred/Usual First Name 4. Email 5. Phone 6. Student number 7. Personal Education Number 8. Birthdate	9. Current School 10. Parent name 11. Parent email 12. Parent phone 13. Home address – Number and Street 14. Home Address - Suite/Apt # 15. City 16. Postal Code
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Section 2: Declaration of intent

Some basic reminders and information.

17. You understand that you are completing this portfolio for the consideration of admission to Churchill's IB Diploma Programme, for intake in September 2026
 - a. Yes
18. You understand that you are applying for a program that will be completed in two years (i.e. Grad 2028).
 - a. Yes
19. Are you applying to another IB School? Please note: you are permitted to do so.
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
20. If you answered yes, please identify which school(s)/program(s). If you answered no, please write "N/A"

Section 3: Motivation and Goals

These questions gauge your commitment and alignment with the IB Diploma Programme's values.

21. Why are you interested in joining the IB Diploma Programme? What do you hope to gain from this experience?
Please note: you can have more than one motivation and goal.
22. What are your long-term academic and career aspirations, and how does the IB fit into those plans?

Section 4: Personal Qualities and Resilience

This question provides insight into your resilience, emotional maturity, and ability to handle the rigorous demands of IB.

23. Tell us about a time you faced a significant challenge or setback. How did you handle it, and what did you learn?

Section 5: Collaboration and Community Engagement

These questions highlight your interpersonal skills, sense of community, and extracurricular involvement.

24. How would you contribute to the IB school community? What qualities or skills would you bring?
25. Describe an experience with extracurricular activities or volunteer work? How did this experience shape who you are, and what did you learn?

Section 6: Curiosity and Global-Mindedness

These questions explore your intellectual curiosity and alignment with IB's mission to develop global thinkers.

26. How do you engage with different perspectives or cultures in your daily life?
27. The IB emphasizes being a global citizen. How do you embody this idea or how do you see yourself embodying this idea?

Section 7: Academic Preparedness

These questions assess your ability to succeed academically and your willingness to adapt and grow over the two-year program.

28. What are your strongest academic subjects, and why?
29. Describe a learning experience where you overcame a challenge. What did you learn about yourself?
30. What study habits or strategies do you use to stay on top of your academic responsibilities?

Section 8: Parent/Guardian Perspective

This adds depth to the application and helps us understand your support system.

31. Why do you think the IB Diploma Programme is a good fit for your child?
32. Describe a time your child showed resilience or overcame a challenge.
33. IB is challenging and your child will face many "ups" and "downs." They will want to give up at times. And so to that end, what support will you provide to help your child succeed in the IB Diploma Programme?
34. What excites you about your child joining our IB Diploma Programme?
35. What worries you about your child joining our IB Diploma Programme?

Section 9: Creative Prompt

*Answer any **one** of the following prompts:*

36. Which Creative Prompt will you be addressing?
Option 1-- *If you could create a course for the IB curriculum, what would it be about, and why?*
Option 2 -- *Imagine you're writing a letter to your future self upon completing the IB Diploma Programme. What advice or encouragement would you include?*
Option 3 -- *If you could invite any historical figure or fictional character to dinner, who would it be, and what would you discuss?*
37. Provide your answer to your selected prompt.

Section 10: Portfolio: Personal Statement & Evidence

Please submit the following. File limits are identified per question. Single file size limit is 10MB.

Note: *If you are a non-VSB student, you must email your answers for Questions 37–41 to nwaight@vsb.bc.ca.*

*Please use the subject line: **IB Application Portfolio Q37–41**. Ensure that you:*

- *Save your answers as a PDF*
- *Title the file: **Last name First name – IB Portfolio Q37–41***

38. A personal statement or essay: In 300-500 words, describe your intentions for joining the IB Diploma Programme. What motivates you to take on this challenge, and how do you see the program helping you achieve your personal, academic, or future goals? Additionally, how will you contribute to the IB community and embody its values?
39. A recommendation letter from a friend, family member, teacher, counsellor, coach, mentor, etc. that highlights your academic ability and character. This can be any trusted person in your life (i.e. does not have to be an adult)
40. Academic transcript: one to three files of academic transcripts can be uploaded. Your most recent Grade 10 and your June Grade 9 reports are helpful.

41. Evidence of extracurricular involvement, such as certificates, awards, or a brief activity log - in all, up to 5 files can be uploaded.
42. Optional creative work like a video, artwork, or writing sample, showcasing your interests and individuality - one file up to 10M.

Section 11: Administrative Details

For VSB Students or non-VSB students residing within the GVRD:

43. *Complete the form "IB Application Form: Administrative Data" available here: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/sir-winston-churchill/page/3871/international-baccalaureate> and upload the completed form. **Note:** If you are a non-VSB student, you don't have to upload the completed form.*
44. Submit by December 18, 2025, 3:15pm to the main office, a hard copy of the required documents:
 - the Form "IB Application Form: Administrative Data"
 - Proof of Vancouver residence showing parent/guardian name and home address: (current dated, any 2 of) Property tax document, Home Insurance Policy, Utility/Cable/Internet Bill, Cell Phone Bill, Vehicle Registration (pages 1 & 2), Credit Card Statement, or any Government/Legal Office issued document.
 - Proof of Canadian status: copy of Birth Cert. {born in Canada}, Canadian Passport or Permanent Resident card

If you live outside of the Greater Vancouver Lower Mainland area, please email all the documents to churchill@vsb.bc.ca. Document submission deadline is December 18, 2025, 3:15pm. Ensure you include:

- IB Application Form: Administrative Data
- Proofs of residence
- Proof of Canadian status