

IB, AICE, and AP Comparison Chart

PROGRAM	INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE	CAMBRIDGE PROGRAM (AICE) ADVANCED CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION	ADVANCED PLACEMENT
OVERVIEW	International diploma consisting of a two-year sequence of classes, projects, and other requirements; usually available only to students in 11 th and 12 th grades	International diploma developed by the University of Cambridge in England. The classes are difficult, and most are offered at two levels: the Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level, and the Advanced (A) Level. AS-Level classes are one year long and less demanding than their A-Level counterparts, which are two years in length.	Classes are a set of standardized college-level classes developed in the U.S. by the College Board
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS	Students <u>automatically qualify</u> for Bright Futures Scholarship program if they earn an IB diploma and complete 100 hours of community service. -test score requirement waived	In Florida, completing the diploma and 100 hours of community service <u>automatically nets</u> the student the Florida Academic Scholar award from the Bright Futures Scholarship program <u>regardless of their SAT or ACT scores (100% of tuition paid)</u> . Students who earn a minimum of 75 hours of Community Service <u>automatically</u> receive the Bright Futures Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) award regardless of their SAT or ACT scores (<u>75% of tuition paid</u>).	NONE
COLLEGE CREDIT	Prepares students with up to 30 hours of college credit; most colleges give credit for higher-level IB exams,	Prepares students with up to 30 hours of college credit; Florida's public colleges and universities	If a student passes the AP exam, they may earn college credit

	but not all give credit for standard-level IB exams.	provide college credit for successfully passed AICE exams, and students enrolled in Florida's public secondary schools' AICE courses don't have to pay to take the exam	and/or place out of entry-level college courses
FORMAT	Prescriptive; must adhere to program courses	Flexible based on student interests; they can create their own path/diploma option.	Requires pre-requisite courses/grades to be eligible for AP courses
FOCUS	Is focused on languages and research	Allows students opportunities for collaboration and projects.	Subject-based
CONTENT	Covers broad <i>range</i> of Courses	Covers <i>depth</i> of content to greater extent than IB courses	Courses can be taken online as can the exams; all taken in May.
EXAM STRUCTURE	Exams are mostly essay and focused on writing.	Exams are combination of written and project-based	Allows students to dig deeper into subjects they are passionate about.
DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS	<p>To earn IB diploma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take courses from each of 6 subject groups: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Language and literature 2. Language 3. Individuals and societies 4. Sciences 5. Mathematics 6. The Arts • Take 3-4 IB courses at the Higher Level and the rest at Standard Level • Write an extended essay • Take Theory of Knowledge course and give oral presentation on research. • Satisfy the extracurricular requirements 	<p>To earn AICE diploma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete minimum 14 AICE credits in Diploma Core and three academic areas as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <u>Group 1</u>: Mathematics and Sciences (2 credits required) ❖ <u>Group 2</u>: Languages (2 credits required) ❖ <u>Group 3</u>: Arts and Humanities (2 credits required) ❖ <u>Group 4</u>: Interdisciplinary Skills (Optional-four credits maximum). ❖ 6 additional credits required in any combination from the above four groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For AP Capstone Diploma: Take AP Seminar in grade 10 or 11, followed by AP Research. Each course is a year course and AP seminar is prerequisite for AP research. • Earn scores of "3" or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on 4 additional AP exams of choice

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Score 24 or more points by passing the final exam. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must pass 7 exams in 4 content areas within 2 years of passing the first exam. 	
COMMUNITY REQUIREMENTS	Requires volunteer work as part of program (100 hours of community service in FL)	Requires volunteer hours to earn diploma (100 hours of community service in FL)	NONE
ACCEPTANCE		One of 16 programs of study available to K-12 students as part of Florida School Choice Options. AICE is modeled on the British equivalent of our “college prep” curriculum and provides some distinct advantages for Florida students	
BENEFITS TO SCHOOL		School gets receives money for every exam that students pass.	

NOTES:

All programs enable students to study college-level material before they graduate high school.

All programs are recognized by Florida’s 12 public universities. All are recognized by most Colleges and Universities. The admissions process is changing, and they are looking at totality of academic record. Evaluating it holistically by looking at course choices, difficulty, number of courses per semester, combined with grade trend over time.

All programs set high expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, multiple perspectives, verbal communication skills, and more.