Bishop Mackenzie International School

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(Graduation requirements for the class of 2023 onwards)

'We are a diverse and welcoming community in a joyful learning environment that promotes well-being, sustainability, and inclusivity and celebrates growth as success.'

The BMIS High School Diploma (HSD) is accredited by NEASC: New England Association of Schools and Colleges and recognized by North American universities.

The BMIS HSD is a four year pre-university qualification for all students in Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 (equivalent to US grades). BMIS students are able to graduate with the BMIS High School Diploma providing they meet the following graduation requirements:

- Maximum absence of 20 days in each of the four High School Diploma Grades (approximately equivalent to a minimum 90% attendance record in a normal school year).
- Successful completion of the community and service programme in Grades 9 and 10, and successful completion of the DP CAS programme in Grades 11 and 12.
- Minimum of 12 credits cumulative for Grades 9 and 10.
- Minimum of 10 credits cumulative for Grades 11 and 12.
- 22 Credits or higher. (Maximum credits available is 36.)

EARNING CREDITS: Subject credits are based on school report grades awarded at the end of the academic year

ІВ МҮР			Final report grade	Credits
Language A	English		3-7	1 credit
Language B	French/Spanish/English		3-7	1 credit
Mathematics	Standard or Extended		3-7	1 credit
Science	Biology/Chemistry/Physics		3-7	1 credit
Individuals & Societies	Integrated Humanities		3-7	1 credit
Physical & Health Education			3-7	1 credit
The Arts	Visual Art/Drama/Music		3-7	1 credit
Design			3-7	1 credit
		TOTAL		6-8 credits per year*
Core components				Additional credits
Personal Project (Credit available in Grade 10 only)			3-7	1 credit

* Grade 10 students may do an additional core science instead of Design for 1 credit.

** Credits are not awarded for our Educational Support programme (timetabled against Language B and Design)







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For Grades 11 and 12 students choose at least five HSD or IBDP courses, one of which may be the Career skills course. Full IB DP Students choose six courses, three higher level and three standard level, to be completed over two years, as well as the Core Components of the Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge. HSD & DCP students are expected to complete the Extended Project Qualification component. English is required; Maths may be required for university application.

IB Diploma Course Requirements		Final report grade	Credits	
Group 1	First Language	3-7	HSD = 1 / SL = 1 / HL = 1½	
Group 2	Second Language	3-7	HSD = 1 / SL = 1 / HL = 1½	
Group 3	Individuals and Societies	3-7	HSD = 1 / SL = 1 / HL = 1½	
Group 4	Experimental Sciences	3-7	HSD = 1 / SL = 1 / HL = 1½	
Group 5	Mathematics	3-7	HSD = 1 / SL = 1 / HL = 1½	
Group 6	Arts and Electives	3-7	HSD = 1 / SL = 1 / HL = 1½	
TOTAL			8 credits per year	
Core comp	onents		Additional credits	
DP: Theory of Knowledge		D-A	1 credit per year	
DP: Extended Essay (Credit available in Grade 12 only)		D-A	1 credit	
HSD: Career skills course		3-7	1 credit per year	
HSD: Extended Project Qualification (Credit available in Grade 12 only)		D-A	1 credit	

COMBINED Grade 11 & Grade 12 TOTAL

11-19 credits available

TRANSFER STUDENTS: Students transferring from other schools who wish to use prior earned high school credits, equivalent to BMIS credits, for admission to BMIS, may do so only on production of a transcript and school reports covering the period of high school study prior to enrolment. Students transferring from an MYP or IB Diploma programme may do so in any year of the high school diploma, usually without difficulty and provided they meet the BMIS high school diploma requirements up to the date of admission. Students wishing to transfer from other education systems will be considered on individual merit.



