



March 23, 2020

Dear IB Students and Families:

The International Baccalaureate Organization today announced that the May examinations for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme will not be held this year due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

As an organization, it is critical for the IB to ensure that the options it provides its global community of IB World Schools are based on compassion and fairness for the difficult circumstances that its students and educators are experiencing. As a result, based on considerable advice from stakeholders across the globe, including schools, students, universities and official bodies, the IB has determined what it believes to be the most responsible and ethical way forward.

The May 2020 examinations as scheduled between April 30 and May 22 for Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme candidates will no longer be held.

Depending on what they registered for, the student will be awarded a Diploma or a Course Certificate which reflects their standard of work. This is based on student's coursework and the established assessment expertise, rigor and quality control already built into the programmes.

We know parents and student will have many questions. The IB will share full details and FAQs with us and on their website by March 27, 2020.

For any other questions, please contact our IB District Coordinator, Mary Austin at maustin1@aacps.org.

Thank you and stay well.

Sincerely,

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