

## GENERAL GRADES ADVICE for IB students

1. Please note that IB grades are NOT directly comparable with Polish grades and also that grade translations probably vary from subject to subject. Two levels that you need to be interested in are:

- (A) THE AVERAGE LEVEL NEEDED TO PASS THE DIPLOMA: ON AVERAGE YOU NEED IB GRADES 4 - but please note that this could possibly correspond to polish grades 2 or 3.  
IT IS BEST TO AIM FOR GRADE 5 IN THE HIGHER LEVELS.

(b) The minimum for one subject at Standard level is IB grade 2 and at Higher level is grade 3. Note this possibly corresponds to Polish grade 1. If you are getting grades 2 IB you are in danger of failing the IB Diploma - but there are exceptions where a grade 2 IB in one subject is a possibility (please see the next section).

For **SCIENCE GRADES** the correspondence to be used is possibly given in the table below. Please note that Mock and End of year exams will use IB Grades - but these can also contribute to the SIS end of Semester Grades - and for Biology at least will usually contribute 33% of the SIS internal grade.

**Percentages given in the table below are VERY approximate and vary from year to year and subject to subject:** (IB data taken from Subject Report May 2006; Polish % are ones I use)

<i>Polish Grading system</i>	<i>IB Grades</i> Standard level	<i>IB Grades</i> Higher level	<i>Official IB Grade</i> <i>Descriptors</i>
<b><u>Grade 6 – Excellent</u></b> 90-100%	<b><u>7 IB</u></b> 82-100%	<b><u>7 IB</u></b> 78-100%	<b><u>7 IB</u></b> Excellent
<b><u>Grade 5 – Very Good</u></b> 80-89%			
<b><u>Grade 4 – Good</u></b> – 70-79%	<b><u>6 IB</u></b> 71-81%	<b><u>6 IB</u></b> 66-77%	<b><u>6 IB</u></b> Very Good
<b><u>Grade 3 – Satisfactory</u></b> 60-69%	<b><u>5 IB</u></b> 59-70%	<b><u>5 IB</u></b> 55-65%	<b><u>5 IB</u></b> Good
<b><u>Grade 2 – Pass</u></b> – 50-59%	<b><u>4 IB</u></b> - 48-58%	<b><u>4 IB</u></b> - 44-54%	<b><u>4 IB</u></b> Satisfactory
<b><u>Grade 1 – Unsatisfactory</u></b> 0-49%	<b><u>3 IB</u></b> 33-47%	<b><u>3 IB</u></b> 32-43%	<b><u>3 IB</u></b> Mediocre
	<b><u>2 IB</u></b> 18-32%	<b><u>2 IB</u></b> 18-31%	<b><u>2 IB</u></b> Poor
	<b><u>1 IB</u></b> - 0 –17%	<b><u>1 IB</u></b> - 0 –17%	<b><u>1 IB</u></b> Very Poor

2. The IB Pass Table below shows examples of how a student can pass the IB Diploma. The exact rules are complicated (and given in the Diploma Results Codes) but the Pass table shows most of the possibilities for passing the Diploma.

Important points to note when looking at the table are:

(a) These grades are IB grades - NOT Polish grades - so you might easily need less Polish grade equivalents than are shown here. For example if you were previously getting Polish grade 3's in all subjects this might easily be equivalent to getting all IB grade 4's - and therefore you might pass the IB Diploma.

(b) In some subjects you might be doing slightly worse. If this is the case then this could be counterbalanced by subjects in which you are doing slightly better - although note that in general there is a minimum achievement across the board.

The exact rules are given as an appendix, but

**IN GENERAL IT IS BEST TO AIM TO PASS ALL YOUR SUBJECTS WITH AN AVERAGE OF IB GRADE 4, PLUS CAS, TOK AND EE and try to aim for grade 5 in your Higher level subjects.**

## IB PASS TABLE.

All the combinations below are minimum passes. **S** = Standard level subject, **H** = Higher level subject. Note that it is also possible to get bonus points for TOK and EE if you have an average of grades C for these. Note also that the pass rules change if you get 28 or more points overall. This table applies to 3 Standard and 3 Higher subjects - if you are taking 4 Highers please refer to the Diploma Results Codes on the next page.

<u>Notes</u>	<u>Grades to PASS the Diploma with 24 TO 27 POINTS</u>						<u>Total points</u>	<u>Rules for 24 to 27 points.</u>
	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>H</u>		
Average of 4s	4	4	4	4	4	4	24	No grade 1s are allowed
Minimum H	4	4	4	3	4	5	24	No Higher grade 2s are allowed
Minimum H	4	4	4	3	3	6	24	Two Standard grade 2s are not allowed
Balanced	3	4	4	4	4	5	24	Less than 24 points is a fail
Balanced	3	3	4	4	5	5	24	Higher total less than 12 is a fail
Minimum S	3	3	3	5	5	5	24	Standard total less than 9 is a fail
note 3s	3	3	6	3	4	5	24	
note 3s	3	4	5	3	4	5	24	
one S2 allowed	2	3	4	5	5	5	24	
one S2 allowed	2	4	4	4	5	5	24	
S2 + minimum H	2	5	5	3	4	5	24	
S2 + minimum H	2	5	5	3	3	6	24	
note 2 and 3s	2	3	4	3	6	6	24	
note 2 and 3s	2	3	6	3	4	6	24	
note 2 and 3s	2	3	6	3	5	5	24	

	<u>GRADES to PASS the DIPLOMA with 28 or more POINTS</u>						<u>Total points</u>	<u>Rules for 28 or more points.</u>
	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>H</u>		
one H2 allowed	5	5	5	2	5	6	28	Two Higher grade 2s are not allowed
one H2 allowed	4	5	5	2	6	6	28	Higher total less than 11 is a fail
one H2 allowed	3	5	6	2	6	6	28	Standard total less than 8 is a fail
one H2 allowed	3	3	7	2	6	7	28	
one H2 allowed	4	4	4	2	7	7	28	
one H2 allowed	3	5	6	2	6	6	28	
Minimum H	6	6	5	3	4	4	28	
Minimum H	5	6	6	2	4	5	28	
Minimum H	5	6	6	3	3	5	28	
Minimum S	2	3	3	6	7	7	28	
two S2s allowed	2	2	7	3	7	7	28	
two S2s allowed	2	2	6	4	7	7	28	
two S2s allowed	2	2	5	5	7	7	28	
two S2s allowed	2	2	4	6	7	7	28	
Minimum H	6	6	5	3	4	4	28	
Minimum H	5	6	6	2	4	5	28	
Minimum H	5	6	6	3	3	5	28	
Minimum S	2	3	3	6	7	7	28	

## DIPLOMA RESULTS CODES.

A candidate will NOT qualify for the award of the diploma if certain requirements have not been met. (Refer to the Diploma Programme General Regulations.) The following codes indicate which requirements have not been met. This information is from the "Vade Mecum 2006" section B6.6. "Diploma results codes".

### THESE CODES APPLY TO ALL CANDIDATES.

- 01 Candidate's total points are less than 24.
- 02 A grade N has been awarded for one or more subjects, theory of knowledge or the extended essay.
- 03 A grade E has been awarded for both theory of knowledge and the extended essay.
- 04 There is a grade 1 awarded in any subject and level.
- 05 CAS requirements have not been completed.
- 06 Candidate is guilty of malpractice.
- 07 There are four or more grades 3 or below awarded.

### THESE CODES (BELOW) APPLY TO CANDIDATES WITH 24 TO 27 POINTS INCLUSIVE.

- 08 There is one or more grade 2 awarded at higher level.
- 09 There are two or more grades 2 awarded at standard level.
- 10 Candidate has registered for three higher level subjects, and gained fewer than 12 points on these.
- 11 Candidate has registered for three standard level subjects, and gained fewer than 9 points on these.
- 12 Candidate has registered for four higher level subjects, and gained fewer than 16 points on these.
- 13 Candidate has registered for two standard level subjects, and gained fewer than 6 points on these.

### THESE CODES (BELOW) APPLY TO CANDIDATES WITH 28 POINTS OR MORE.

- 14 There are two or more grades 2 awarded at higher level.
- 15 There are three grades 2 awarded at standard level.
- 16 Candidate has registered for three higher level subjects, and gained fewer than 11 points on these.
- 17 Candidate has registered for three standard level subjects, and gained fewer than 8 points on these.
- 18 Candidate has registered for four higher level subjects, and gained fewer than 14 points on these.
- 19 Candidate has registered for two standard level subjects, and gained fewer than 5 points on these.