

R.E. Mountain Secondary International Bacculaureate Programme

Grades: 11 & 12 **Current Enrolment:** 113 Diploma; 48 Certificate

Program: Two Year

The R.E. Mountain Secondary International Bacculaureate Program is a two-year program of rigorous academic study that prepares students for university, often providing students with entry into second year directly from high school. Students in grades 11 and 12 participate in a globalized education that helps them develop intellectually, emotionally, physically and socially.

The program was initially founded in 1968 to help private international schools establish a recognized standard for articulation into university. Since then, the program has grown to include over 3500 schools in over 140 countries with over 1,000,000 students enrolled from ages 3-19 and is highly regarded by many universities including UBC.

Students are immersed in courses divided into six groups: Studies in Language and Literature; Individuals and Society; Mathematics; The Arts; Sciences; and Language Acquisition. These are woven together through a philosophical foundations course called Theory of Knowledge, an Extended Essay and opportunities to involve one's self in activities that promote creativity, physical activity and service. A student, who wishes, may take only one or more of the courses offered if there is space once diploma enrolment is complete.

To complete a course or the program, students must be enrolled for grades 11 and 12 as each course lasts for two years. Examinations are required in May of the grade 12 year and are marked externally to ensure world-wide validity and reliability in the grades produced. The program must be supported by a coordinator and requires that teachers receive training every five years in their discipline or when the curriculum changes. Often training is only offered in the southern United States.

Fees Charged:

The International Bacculaureate Organization charges member schools fees for registration of the program and for student exams.

R.E. Mountain Secondary currently charges \$400 per year in each of the grade 11 and 12 years of the Diploma program totalling \$800. Certificate students taking individual courses are charged \$200 for the first course and \$130 for each additional course to the maximum of \$800 split over the two years towards the cost of exams.

These charges mitigate the cost of the International Bacculaureate program, but are not full cost recovery.
