

The Fairhope High School IB Programme

2010 - 2011

This presentation is designed to. . .

- Explain the curriculum of the IB programme
- Explain typical 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade schedules
- Explain the logistics and benefits of being an IB student
- Explain the application process

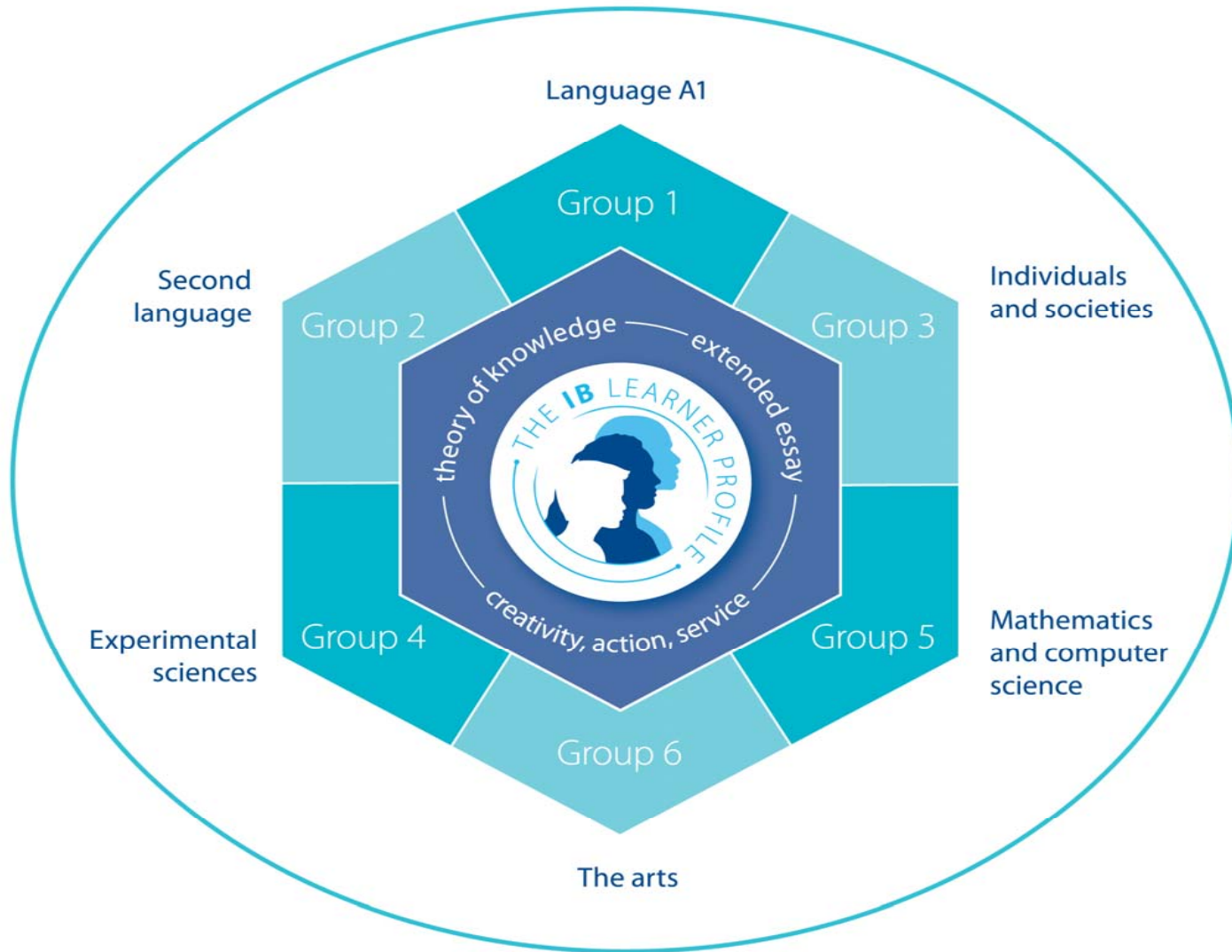
What are the characteristics of an IB student?

- Inquirer
- Knowledgeable
- Thinker
- Communicator
- Principled
- Open-Minded
- Caring
- Risk-Taker
- Balanced
- Reflective

The Fairhope High School IB Programme

- FHS IB Preparatory Programme 9th-10th
Curriculum designed by FHS
- IB Diploma Programme 11th-12th
Curriculum based on the IB Hexagon

The IB Hexagon



The IB Hexagon

- Outside = 6 Subjects (Take one of each)
 - 2-3 Standard Level
 - 3-4 Higher Level
 - SL (One year course)
 - HL (Two year course)

The Six Subjects

- Group 1- Language A1 (Native Language)
English HL (Literature and Composition)
- Group 2- Second Language
Spanish SL
- Group 3- Individuals and Societies
History of the Americas HL
- Group 4- Experimental Sciences
Biology SL or HL
Chemistry SL or HL

The Six Subjects

- Group 5- Mathematics & Computer Science
 - Math Studies SL
 - Math SL
- Group 6- The Arts
 - Music SL (Independent Study Course)
 - Art SL or HL
 - Film SL or HL

Assessments

Internal Assessments

- Students complete assignments
- Teacher grades (marks) the assignments

External Assessments

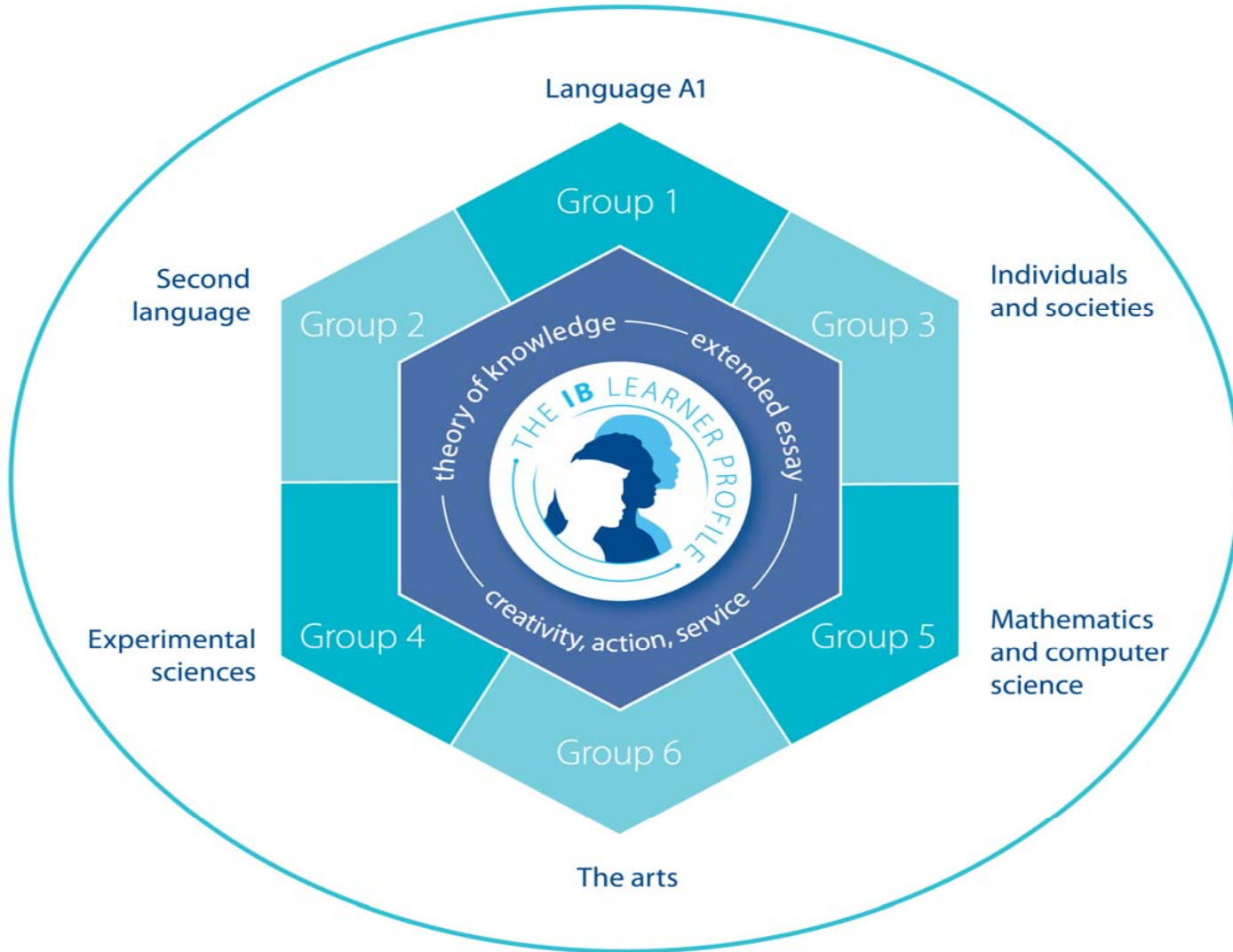
- Students take exams (papers)
- External examiner grades the exams

Examples of Assessments

Vary across and within disciplines

- Project
- Performance
- Portfolio
- Paper
- Laboratory work
- Taped oral presentation
- Examinations- multiple choice, problem solving, case study analysis, essay

The Center of the IB Hexagon



What is TOK?

- One year course (11th grade)
- Exploration of how we gain knowledge across the six subject areas
- Not only reading and lecture, but also discussions, debates, and highly-interactive activities

TOK Assessments

- One Essay

Illustrates students' ability to relate the ways and areas of knowledge

- One Individual or Group Presentation

Based on identification and exploration of knowledge issues related to real-life situations

What is the extended essay?

- An independent research project that culminates in a 4,000 word essay
- Essay topic must relate to one of the 6 subjects
- Submitted in the fall of the 12th grade year
- The EE is supervised by teachers at Fairhope High School but is graded by IB examiners

What is CAS?

- CAS is a required component for all IB diploma students (11th & 12th grade)
- A minimum of 150 activity hours in **creativity, action, and service**
- 40-70 hours required in each area
- Like an independent study course

Why is CAS important?

- CAS emphasizes the importance of life beyond the world of scholarship
- The CAS component promotes personal growth through creative, physical, and social awareness projects

To earn the IBO diploma. . .

- Complete TOK, EE, and CAS
- Complete 6 courses from the IB hexagon
- Complete internal and external assessments
- Grading scale is 1-7 (combination of marks for internal and external assessments) for each of the 6 courses
- 3 points can be earned for TOK and EE combined
- A minimum of 24 points is required (with some conditions and exceptions)
- Diploma awarded in early July

Schedule

- Block system
- 4 blocks per day
- Alternating blocks (full year courses)
- Standard blocks (semester courses)

Ninth Grade Classes

- Advanced English 9
- Advanced Biology
- Geometry
- Advanced World History
- Spanish 1
- PE or Band
- Electives (Algebra 1 or BTA if not taken in 8th grade)

Tenth Grade Classes

- Algebra II with Trigonometry
- Spanish II
- Advanced English 10
- AP European History
- Chemistry
- IB Seminar
- Health/Driver's Ed. (Or by Correspondence)
- Electives (May need Art 1 and 2 for IB Art, Band for IB Music or Media/TV for IB Film)

Eleventh Grade Classes

- IB English HL
- IB History of the Americas HL
- IB Science (Biology or Chemistry)
- Theory of Knowledge
- IB Spanish III
- IB 6th Subject (IB Music, Art, or Film)
- IB Pre-Calculus
- Elective

Twelfth Grade Classes

- IB English HL
- IB History of the Americas HL
- IB Science (Biology or Chemistry)
- IB Math Studies or Math SL
- IB Spanish SL
- Three Electives

Cost

- Preparatory Programme is free!
- IB Diploma Programme costs \$800.00
- \$400 due prior to junior year, and \$400 due prior to senior year.

Transportation

- BCBE does NOT provide transportation for out of area students.
- Options

Benefits

- College preparatory education
- Advanced writing and critical thinking skills
- Time management skills
- Study skills
- Cohort learning environment

Postsecondary Benefits

- College admission
- College credit
- Scholarship opportunities

Application Process

- Applications available at www.fairhopehs.com
- Due February 5, 2010
- Interview and writing sample during late February or early March
- Notification letters will be mailed at the end of March

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