

IB Glossary

Assessments:	
Internal Assessments (IA)	A piece of work that represents a student’s understanding in a class. These can be in the form of labs, papers, oral presentations or projects. Assessments are graded by a teacher and then sent outside of Sturgis for moderation.
Moderation	The process by which an examiner outside of Sturgis reviews a student’s assessment and teacher’s marks and might increase or decrease a student’s given grade depending on IB standards.
External Assessments	Work not graded by Sturgis teachers but sent to reviewers outside of Sturgis for evaluation. Includes World Literature essays, ToK (Theory of Knowledge) essays and Extended Essays, and written examination papers.
May Exams	IB assessments students take at the end of senior year and in some cases the end of junior year.
Certificate program	If student has chosen the Certificate Program instead of the IB Diploma Programme, students can take a variety of courses but not ToK or CAS. They will receive a Sturgis High School Diploma and an IB Certificate for each I B Certificate exam taken.
Certificates	Proof of completion of a course. Certificates may be recognized at colleges and may enable incoming students to take advanced level courses at participating colleges.
Course Levels:	
Higher Level Course (HL)	Same requirements as Standard Level (see next) however there are more frequent assessments and increased content.
Standard Level Course (SL)	Still an “honors” course with assessments and challenging content. Internal Assessments are required as well as IB exams in May of senior year.
Creativity, Action, Service (CAS)	A mandatory component of the Full Diploma Programme. Requirements are completed over a two-year period, beginning in junior year. Student must be involved in approved activities that meet specific IB learning outcomes. Student is responsible for documenting work regularly. Participation is open to all Juniors and Seniors.
Extended Essay (EE)	Essay (4000 word maximum) to be completed for students in the Full Diploma Programme. Student works with a faculty supervisor to research and answer a question of own design. Participation is open to all Juniors and Seniors.
Full Diploma Programme	Students must take 3 Higher Level classes, 3 Standard Level classes and also must complete the Extended Essay, ToK and CAS. Certificates of successful completion will be given for each course. In general, successful Diploma Programme candidates must earn 24 out of a possible 42 points on IB exams. There are also (Students in the Diploma Programme will also be awarded the Sturgis High School Diploma).
Theory of Knowledge (ToK)	Theory of Knowledge is a required course for those students in the full Diploma Programme. It is a critical-thinking course, where students investigate how we know what we know. It is a yearlong class in the junior year, and a semester class in the fall of senior year). Class is open to all Juniors and Seniors.