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RE: Recommended Changes to awarding Truman credit for students taking IB exams and earning IB diplomas

Current Truman Policy

Truman only awards credit for higher level exams (4 or higher) and doesn't consider the IB diploma in awarding credit.

Recommended Policy Change

Truman will grant a minimum of 30 hours of credit to students earning an IB diploma with a score of 30 or above. They would receive elective hours for standard level exams that do not have Truman equivalencies. Students would continue to receive credit for specific courses for their higher level exams. We would ask departments to evaluate the standard level exams to see if we should establish Truman equivalencies.

Rationale

IB programs are growing and produce excellent students. These students have done well at Truman and we'd like to see more of them. By awarding credit for the diploma, we will be more attractive to these students. We will effectively enable them to graduate Truman in 3 years if they so desire.

Background Information on the IB

The IB diploma is a demanding two-year curriculum overseen by a nonprofit educational organization based in Switzerland leading to final examinations designed by the organization and the awarding of a diploma. The organization provides the curriculum for each IB course of study. To earn a diploma, students

- Pursue six different subjects (literature, second language, individuals and societies, Experimental Sciences, Mathematics and computer science, and Arts) and take a higher or standard exam worth up to 7 diploma points each in each subject area.
- Study 3 subjects at the higher level (240 hours of instruction) and 3 at the standard level (150 hours of instruction)
- Students complete the Theory of Knowledge Course, a 4000-word extended essay, and 150 hours of service worth 1 diploma point each.
- Must earn a minimum of 24 points out of a possible 45 points.

The exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 7.

High Schools offering the IB diploma:

1892 world wide
654 United States
17 Illinois (13)
11 Missouri (5)

- 5 Kansas (2)
- 2 Nebraska (2)
- 1 Iowa (1)

The number in parentheses is the number of high schools accepted into the program during the last ten years.

How do other schools handle the IB diploma?

Looking at COPLAC and public schools in Missouri, Truman’s policy is not inconsistent. A few COPLAC schools (College of Charleston, Fort Lewis College, and Midwestern State University) award credit for standard level exams. Northwest, University of Central Missouri, Missouri State, and Southeast award credit for some standard level exams.

Drury and University of Minnesota, Morris both award credits for the IB diploma based on the IB diploma score. Based on state law, all public institutions in Colorado award a minimum of 24 college credits to IB diploma recipients.

How have Truman students with IB credit done?

During the last 10 years, we have granted credit to 180 students who submitted an IB transcript. We have not tracked whether these students received diplomas. On the whole these students have done well at Truman and persisted to graduation.

Year	Number	% Still Enrolled*	% Graduated*	% Still Enrolled or Graduated*
Fall 2008	23	100%	0%	100%
Fall 2007	27	86%	0%	86.2%
Fall 2006	24	88%	0%	88%
Fall 2005	21	81%	0%	81%
Fall 2004	19	5%	74%	79%
Fall 2003	7		86%	86%
Fall 2002	14		57%	57%
Fall 2001	10		100%	100%
Fall 2000	17		76%	76%
Fall 1999	18		83%	83%

*As of Spring 2009

High Schools participating in IB in Missouri and the surrounding states

Missouri

- [Camdenton High School](#), 119 Service Road, Camdenton
- [Central High School](#), 2602 Edmond Street, St. Joseph
- [Central High School, Springfield](#), 423 East Central Street, Springfield
- [Lee's Summit High School](#), 400 Blue Parkway, Lee's Summit
- [Lee's Summit North High School](#), 901 NE Douglas, Lee's Summit
- [Lee's Summit West High School](#), 2600 SW Ward Road, Lee's Summit
- [Lincoln College Preparatory Academy](#), 2111 Woodland Avenue, KCMSD, Kansas City
- [Lindbergh High School](#), 4900 South Lindbergh, St Louis

[Metro Academic & Classical High School](#), 4015 McPherson Avenue, St
Louis

[North Kansas City High School](#), 620 East 23rd Avenue, North Kansas
City School Distr, North Kansas City

Iowa

[Des Moines Public Schools: Central Academy](#), 1800 Grand Avenue, Des
Moines

Kansas

[Hutchinson High School](#), 1401 North Severance, Hutchinson
Shawnee Mission East High School, 7500 Mission Road, Shawnee
Mission

[Shawnee Mission Northwest High School](#), 12701 West 67th St, Shawnee

[Sumner Academy of Arts and Science](#), 1610 N. 8th Street, Kansas City

[Wichita High School East](#), 2301 East Douglas, Wichita

Illinois

[Curie Metropolitan High School](#), 4959 South Archer Avenue, Chicago

[George Washington High School](#), 3535 East 114th Street, Chicago

[Hubbard High School](#), 6200 South Hamlin Avenue, Chicago

[United States Hyde Park Academy](#), 6220 South Stony Island Ave,
Chicago

[Lincoln Park High School](#), 2001 North Orchard Street Mall, Chicago

[Michele Clark Academic Preparatory Magnet High School](#), 5101 West
Harrison Street, Chicago

[Morgan Park High School](#), 1744 West Pryor Avenue, 299, Chicago

[Nicholas Senn High School](#), 5900 Glenwood Avenue, Chicago

[Prosser Career Academy](#), 2148 North Long Avenue, Chicago

[Richwoods High School](#), 6301 North University, Peoria

[Rold Amundsen High School](#), 5110 North Damen Avenue, Chicago

[St. Scholastica Academy](#), 7416 North Ridge Boulevard, Chicago

[Steinmetz Academic Centre](#), 3030 North Mobile Avenue, Chicago

[Thomas Kelly High School](#), 4136 South California Avenue, Chicago

[Trinity College Preparatory High School](#), 7574 West Division Street,
River Forest

[William Howard Taft High School](#), 6530 West Bryn Mawr Avenue,
Region 1 Area 19, Chicago

[William J. Bogan Computer Technical High School](#), 3939 West 79th
Street, Chicago

Nebraska

[Lincoln High School](#), 2229 J Street, Lincoln

[Millard North High School](#), 1010 S. 144th St., Omaha