

**Comparison of AICE, AP and IB Programs**

<b>Advanced Placement (AP)</b>	<b>International Baccalaureate (IB)</b>	<b>Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)</b>
National Standard of Excellence	International Standard of Excellence	International Standard of Excellence
College level courses	Comprehensive curriculum of college-level work	Comprehensive curriculum of college-level work or individual college level courses
Encourages academically talented students	Encourages academically talented and highly motivated students	Encourages academically talented and highly motivated students
<b>AP</b>	<b>IB</b>	<b>AICE</b>
Students generally take AP exams in areas of strength.	Six exams in six subject areas are required for the IB Diploma. Students must prepare in all areas: strengths as well as weaknesses.	Seven exams in four content areas are required for the AICE Diploma. However, students can opt to also take just individual courses within AICE.
Students do not have to be enrolled in an authorized school.	Students must be enrolled in an authorized I.B. school.	Students must be enrolled in an authorized AICE school.
Exams are graded externally through ETS and student marks assigned.	Scores include teacher assessments as well as external assessments constructed and graded by educators from throughout the world.	Scores include teacher assessments as well as external assessments constructed and graded by educators from throughout the world.
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Exams based on specific content of courses. Emphasis is on multiple choice.	Exams based on broad, general understanding of concepts and fundamental themes. Exam questions emphasize essay writing.	Exams based on broad, general understanding of concepts and fundamental themes. Exam questions emphasize essay writing and critical thinking skills
Oral exam in foreign language.	Oral assessment in language A & B and other disciplines. Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, Creativity, Action and Service.	Oral Assessments in Foreign Languages, Lab Practical's in Sciences. All students must complete coursework and examination in Global Perspectives.
Policies are determined by national educators.	Policies are determined by international educators.	Policies are determined by University of Cambridge and the UK Examination Board which oversees all A-Level Examinations.