



The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

The Music School of Thessaloniki hopes to launch the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP) in September 2026. It will be a new chapter of academic excellence, innovation and service to the community. The Music School of Thessaloniki in addition to skills in music, cultivates skills in teamwork, self-discipline, critical thinking, self-expression and respect for others. It has always aimed to cultivate people with curiosity, responsibility, open-mindedness and empathy. The introduction of the IB Diploma Programme reinforces this mission, offering our students a globally recognized programme that focuses on critical thinking, encourages intercultural understanding and cultivates a genuine passion for learning.

We are committed to creating an environment where students are empowered to challenge themselves, engage with the world around them and develop into compassionate, knowledgeable individuals ready to make meaningful contributions to a rapidly changing world.

The IB Diploma Programme is a two-year internationally-recognized, pre-university programme taught in English. At the end of the academic year of grade 10 (1st Lykeio), a student can enrol in the IB Diploma Programme which corresponds to grades 11 and 12 (2nd and 3rd Lykeio).

The IB Diploma Programme is based on a comprehensive and balanced curriculum that has the flexibility to meet the needs of a wide range of learners with various interests. It has been designed to address the intellectual, social and emotional well-being of students, with a particular emphasis on encouraging students to develop critical thinking, to inquire, to respect and evaluate different perspectives and to manage their time effectively. Not only does it prepare students for studies at the world's leading universities without the need to take further examinations, but it also for life after university.

Students from both state and private schools in Greece can apply for admission to the Music School of Thessaloniki IB DP, after successfully passing the placement examinations for grade 2nd Lykeio.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum consists of six subject groups:

1. Studies in Language and Literature,
2. Language Acquisition,
3. Individuals and Societies,
4. Sciences,
5. Mathematics
6. Arts

Students take 6 subjects – one from each subject group (3 subjects at higher level and 3 at standard level). Students may opt to study an additional Sciences, Individuals and Societies, or Languages course, instead of a course in the arts.

In addition students must engage in three core components that deepen their learning:

- Extended Essay (EE): a research project of 4000-word paper that develops academic writing, inquiry skills and intellectual discipline.
- Theory of Knowledge (TOC): an inquiry into the nature of Knowledge that strengthens critical thinking and philosophical reflection.
- Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS): students undertake and engage in the arts, activities and community services.

The programme focuses on fostering inquiry, deepening conceptual understanding, and promoting intercultural awareness, while equipping students with rigorous academic skills.

At the end of the two-year programme, students are assessed through a combination of internal evaluations with externally moderated examinations.

ASSESSMENT

- ✓ Each DP subject is graded from 1 to 7.
- ✓ TOK and EE can add up to 3 bonus points
- ✓ CAS is not graded but required
- ✓ Maximum Diploma Score: 45 (42 + 3)
- ✓ A score of 24+, with certain distribution rules met, earns the diploma.

THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME AT MUSIC SCHOOL OF THESSALONIKI

The Music School of Thessaloniki will offer the following courses:

- **Modern Greek Language & Literature HL**
- **English B SL/HL**
- **Environmental Systems and Societies SL/HL**
- **Computer Science SL/HL**
- **Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL/HL**

- **Music SL/HL**



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Music School of Thessaloniki is a candidate School* for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme and pursuing authorization as an IB World School.

IB World Schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to improve the teaching and learning of a diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high quality programmes of international education that share a powerful vision.**

*Only schools authorized by the International Baccalaureate can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme or the IB Career-related Certificate (IBCC). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.

For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit <http://www.ibo.org>

**Mission Statement from the IB