

Diploma Points Matrix & Extended Essay Grade Boundaries

The diploma points matrix

		Theory of Knowledge					
		Excellent A	Good B	Satisfactory C	Mediocre D	Elementary E	Not Submitted
Extended Essay	Excellent A	3	3	2	2	1	N
	Good B	3	2	1	1	0	N
	Satisfactory C	2	1	1	0	0	N
	Mediocre D	2	1	0	0	0	N
	Elementary E	1	0	0	0	Failing condition	N
	Not submitted	N	N	N	N	N	N

TOK points

Points awarded for the externally assessed component, Part 1, The Essay on a Prescribed Title (40 points) and for the internally assessed component, Part 2, The Presentation (20 points), are combined to give a total out of 60. The grade boundaries are then applied, to determine the band (A to E) to which the candidate's performance in TOK belongs.

The band descriptors are:

- A** Work of an **excellent** standard
- B** Work of a **good** standard
- C** Work of a **satisfactory** standard
- D** Work of a **mediocre** standard
- E** Work of an **elementary** standard.

The band descriptor is used both to determine the contribution of TOK to the overall Diploma score and to provide the basis of reporting to schools on each candidate's TOK performance.

TOK and the Extended Essay

The performance of a candidate in both Diploma requirements, Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay, is determined according to the quality of the work, based on the application of the IB assessment criteria. It is described by one of the band descriptors A–E. Using the **two** performance levels and the Diploma Points Matrix, a maximum of **three** Diploma points can be awarded for a candidate's combined performance.

A candidate who, for example, writes a **satisfactory** Extended Essay and whose performance in Theory of Knowledge is judged to be **good** will be awarded 1 point, while a candidate who writes a **mediocre** Extended Essay and whose performance in Theory of Knowledge is judged to be **excellent** will be awarded 2 points.

A candidate who fails to submit a TOK essay, or who fails to make a presentation, will be awarded N for TOK, will score no points, and will not be awarded a Diploma.

Performance in both Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay of an **elementary** standard is a failing condition for the award of the Diploma.

Extended essay grade boundaries

E (Elementary)	0-8
D (Mediocre)	9-16
C (Satisfactory)	17-24
B (Good)	25-29
A (Excellent)	30-36