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Luther College High School in Regina continues to offer IB program

Luther College High School in Regina has offered the International Baccalaureate program for 34 years and continues to do so, even after the loss of the program within other school divisions. In fact, Luther College is currently completing a five-year review and certification of the program so that we can continue to offer IB in the future.

As a historic, independent school, we are proud to offer this distinct, global program. Over 60 percent of our current grade eleven students are enrolled in at least one IB course of their own choosing. Our top graduating students are usually IB students. IB grades remain a robust measure of high school achievement, which leads universities to pursue IB students.

Research has also shown that IB students consistently achieve higher university grades, enrollment rates, retention rates and graduation rates than the rest of their national cohorts. As a university preparatory school, the IB diploma and courses are a critical element of our programming and its pedagogy is increasingly a part of our school's methods. Luther's IB teachers are specially trained and regularly attend IB professional development workshops.

But IB is about much more than mere academic prep for university. At Luther, our mission and vision are very closely aligned with the IB vision -- educating the whole person intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually. IB students are required to plan personal growth in creativity, physical activity and service. IB places an emphasis on understanding issues from the perspective of other cultures and worldviews. Students are encouraged to be critical thinkers, risk takers, open-minded inquirers, caring, reflective and principled. Luther College holds these values as well.

Luther College is a historical, independent high school offering grades 9-12 in Regina. Students do not have to be Lutheran or even Christian to attend. Though we receive some government funding, we must charge tuition in order to be viable; however, we also offer a robust financial aid program to those who want to attend Luther College.