

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

IB Course Content

Includes French/Spanish IV, V. Chinese III/IV. (See instructor for Chinese I-III option.)

The principal aim is to enable students to use the language in a range of contexts. The course focuses on written and spoken communication. The four language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing are developed in an integrated way. Competence in each skill involves the understanding of grammar, cultural interaction and message. Coursework includes writing essays of 250+ words, discussions, and reading literature. Cultural awareness and international mindedness are two themes that are presented throughout the year.

IB Course Assessments

Oral testing based on research of a cultural topic with reflection and analysis. Assessments include:

A recording of a group discussion (internally graded)

Various oral discussions and presentations (internally graded)

An individual recording, followed by a 7-minute discussion with teachers (internationally graded)

IB Examination

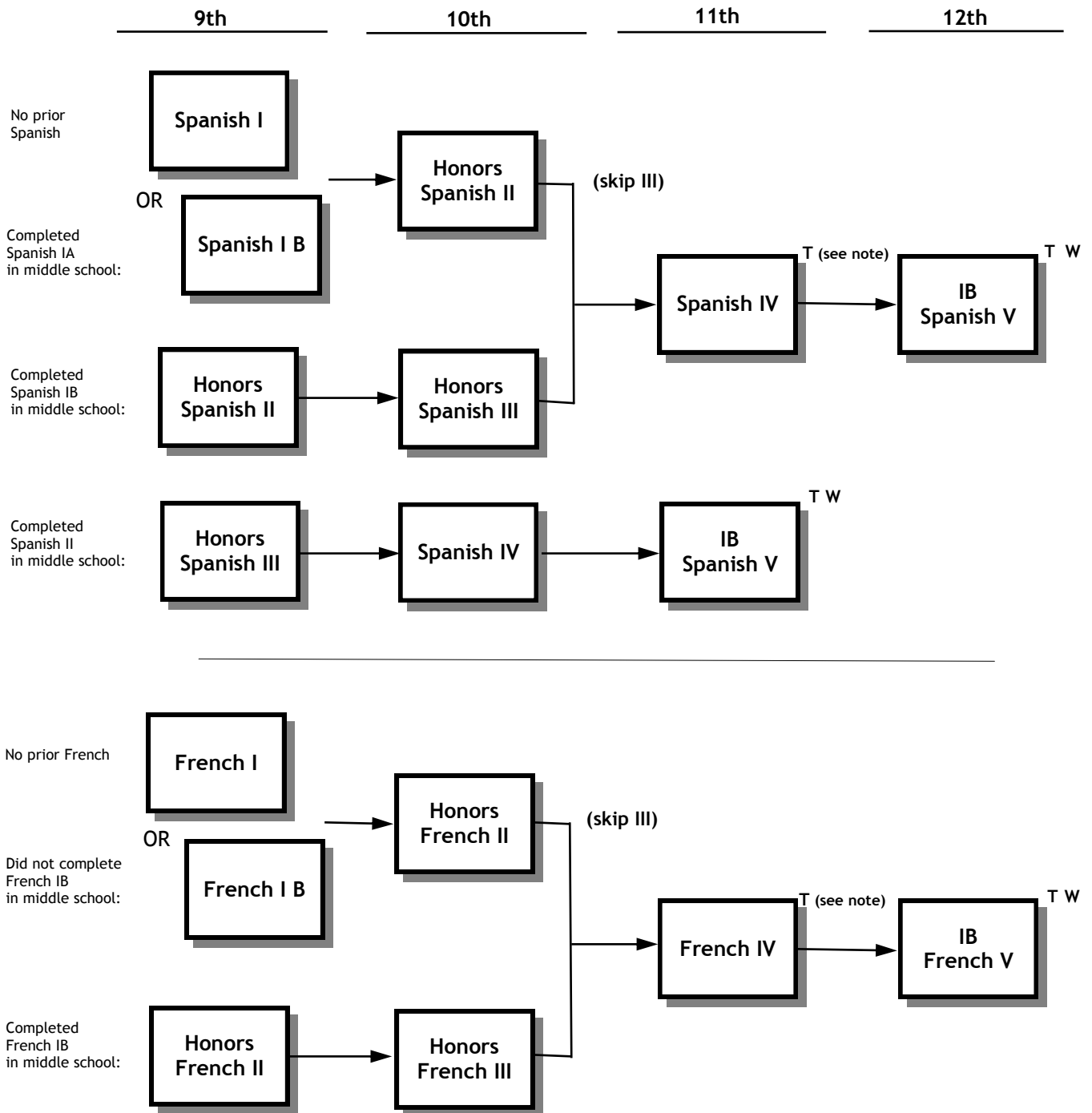
Exam is written:

90 minutes writing

90 minutes reading and answering questions that correspond to the reading material.

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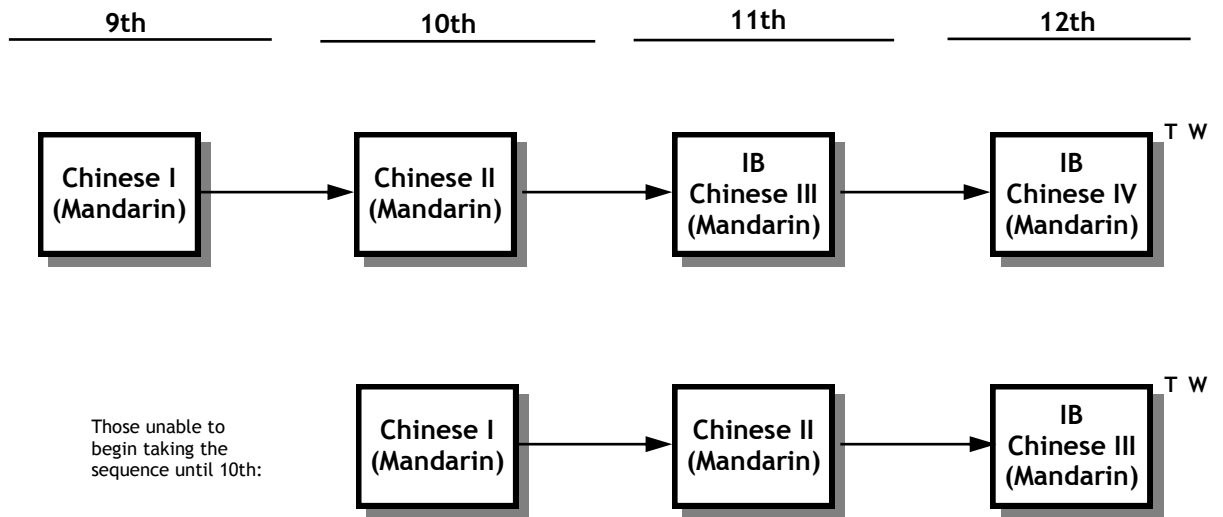
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 Year references at top show only typical years that courses are taken; this may vary by student.
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