

International Baccalaureate May Exams Cancelled

The International Baccalaureate May 2020 examinations previously scheduled between April 30 and May 22 for Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme candidates have been canceled.

Depending on what they registered for, the student will be awarded a Diploma

or a Course Certificate which reflects their standard of work. This is based on student's coursework and the established assessment expertise, rigor, and quality control already built into the programs.

Full details and FAQs will be sent to schools by March 27. The IB has

posted initial FAQs on its COVID-19 (Coronavirus) update page. Next week, the IB will provide information about the Middle Years Programme eAssessment examinations that were due to be held May 11-22.

Coursework and Deadline Extensions
The IB has approved the following deadline extensions for schools currently closed due to COVID-19:

- eCoursework early component deadline

(March 15) extended to April 12.

- Internal assessment deadline (April 20) extended to May 20.

- MYP personal project and ePortfolio deadline (April 20) extended to May 20.

- CAS completion entry deadline (June 1) extended to July 3.

- Predicted grade entry for DP, CP and MYP is extended to June 1.

- Externally assessed components for film, dance,

music, theatre, and visual arts extended to May 30.

- CP service learning and language development components extended to June 1.

- Language A: literature school-supported, self-taught alternative oral extended to May 30.

It is important to note that while the IB will make every effort to ensure that student work is marked for issue of results, with the evolving nature of this situation and an increas-

ing number of students impacted, there may be a situation in which students will receive a pending grade for subjects where coursework was received too close to issue results.

As the situation is evolving, IB is asking that schools impacted by COVID-19 (Coronavirus) contact the IB's Adverse Circumstances team at support@ibo.org should they require additional support.

School District Office Closes

Fulton-Holland Educational Services Center (FHESC), the main administrative building of the School District of Palm Beach County closed as of Monday, Mar. 23.

All services offered at the building, including fingerprinting, student records, human resources, Choice and Career Options, and VPK will not be open to visitors.

The number of staff working in the building will be limited. Employees will be transitioned to work remotely to keep the functions of the School District in operation.

"It is imperative that we keep our employees safe while still working for our students, staff, and schools," said Superintendent Donald E. Fennoy II. "We appreciate our com-

munity's patience as we transition our operations to a more digital platform as we continue our commitment to academic excellence."

Schools in the state of Florida are closed through April 15. Schools will transition to online learning with lessons beginning on March 31, after the March 23-27 Spring Break. District employees are scheduled to be off from work on Friday, Mar. 27 in observance of Spring Break.

Continue to check the District's Coronavirus Information website: palmbeachschools.org/coronavirus.

For more information, contact the Office of Communications at 561-357-1114 or news@palmbeachschools.org.

Community Answers the Call to Donate Digital Devices

The call went out on March 20, asking the community to help students in need of digital devices to transition to distance learning. In just 48 hours, Palm Beach County answered the call to action.

Nearly \$22,000 has already been donated to the Device Drive, spearheaded by the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County.

In addition to the donations from individuals, local Wal-Mart stores have committed an additional \$3,300 for the cause.

Education Foundation CEO James Gavrilos says he has also been contacted by major foundations in the area about setting up grants to further support the efforts. This monetary support is in addition to the donations of gently-used devices being donated by the public at Office Depot stores across the county.

"We are still in the initial stage of this effort, but the response has been overwhelming," Gavrilos said. "Palm Beach County is a special place, and our community wants every child to have the opportunity for a world-class education. Yes, these are trying times, but when our backs are up against the wall, we show our true character."

The Education Foundation has now set up a text-to-donate option, for those interested in helping. Text DEVICEDRIVE to 41444, to submit a donation easily from your cell phone.

Donations can also be made online at Education-FoundationPBC.org or by check earmarked for "Device Drive" mailed to the Education Foundation, 505 S. Congress Ave, Boynton Beach, FL 33426. A \$275 donation will cover the cost of one device for a student.

Gently-used devices can be donated at any Palm Beach County Office Depot location. The public is asked to only donate devices that are on the approved list, indicated below:

- Dell Chromebook (4G memory/32 G hard drive minimum).

- Dell Windows Desktop/Laptop (4G memory/128G hard drive minimum).

- Microsoft Surface Pro (4G memory/128 G hard drive minimum).

- Apple Laptop (2013 or later with 4G/256G drive minimum).

- iPad (5th generation or higher, 32G and above).

For more information on the Education Foundation's Device Drive, contact James Gavrilos at 561-306-7762.

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Lessons Learned From Divorce (So You Don't Have To)

I should start off by clarifying that I am happily married. However, I have been helping good people navigate the difficult process of divorce for over eleven years in Palm Beach County.

During my career as a divorce attorney, I have learned some important lessons about divorce:

For starters, most people going through a divorce don't want to fight. Yes, that is the truth, they don't want to fight. Most people that we have helped over the years were seeking out professional help to amicably settle the many issues in their divorce. They wanted a professional that knows the rules and law of divorce. This expertise allowed them to avoid delays and properly address the financial and family issues of their divorce.

People want to know the cost. Fixed fee employment agreements are preferred by clients. This provides a clear schedule of services to be rendered by the attorney and the cost. Hourly fee agreements are much less transparent and can cause additional stress. We began offering fixed fee agreements in 2020 and have not looked back.

Controlling behavior is the number one reason I have seen for divorce. Money is the most common tool used to exert this control over the other spouse. Almost all couples have arguments over money and finances. This is normal. One spouse withholding funds from the other to gain control and dominance is not normal. One spouse acting as a gatekeeper for the money is not normal. Please don't do this. It will likely lead your spouse to my office.

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