

**Start-Up Cost Estimate - Diploma Programme (DP)**

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| **Year of consideration** | [Application for Candidacy fee](https://www.ibo.org/become-an-ib-school/fees-and-services/fees-for-candidate-schools/)\* (and required *Professional Development (PD) for the Head of School)* | ***$4,000\****  *(+$450-$1600 for initial PD)* | Copy of check, or purchase order and workshop completion certificate are uploaded into documents section of the application. |
| **Year 1** | [Candidacy and consultation services Y1 fee](https://www.ibo.org/become-an-ib-school/fees-and-services/fees-for-candidate-schools/)  Includes remote consultation, 2-day on-site visit, consultant visit report, end of consultancy report, access to the IB's Programme Resource Center, direct support from the authorization department via programme relationship manager | ***$9,500\**** | Once a school has been awarded candidacy, a non-refundable candidacy and consultation services fee will be charged to the school on the 1st of the month following the granting of their candidacy. |
| *All teaching DP courses must be trained, including TOK and CAS*    *See p.8 of* [*Guide to school authorization: Diploma Programme*](https://ibo.org/contentassets/4217cb074d5f4a77947207a4a0993c8f/dp/dp-guide-school-authorization-en.pdf) | **Training Costs per participant**  **Option 1:** [**Online**](https://www.ibo.org/professional-development/find-events-and-workshops/) **-** *approx****. $450\****  **Option 2:** [**Face-to-face**](https://www.ibo.org/professional-development/find-events-and-workshops/) **-** *starting at* ***$744\****(Travel and accommodation are additional expenses)  **Other Options**:Refer to PD Offerings PDF and/or https://www.ibo.org/professional-development/find-events-and-workshops/  **NOTE:***Some schools choose to spread training costs across both years of candidacy. Training requirements must be met for authorization.* | | |
| **Year 2** | [Candidacy and application for authorization services Y2 fee](https://www.ibo.org/become-an-ib-school/fees-and-services/fees-for-candidate-schools/)  Candidacy and consultation services fee will no longer be charged. This service fee will be billed yearly from this point until the school is authorized: covers cost of assessing and processing the application for authorization, a 2-day verification visit to the school (only one visit per candidacy is covered), a verification visit report, final authorization of the school, access to the IB's Programme Resource Center, direct support from the authorization department via your programme relationship manager. | ***$9,500\**** | Once a school notifies the IB that it would like to apply for authorization, a non-refundable candidacy and application for authorization services fee will be charged to the school on the 1st of the month following this request. |
| **Year 3** | [Annual school fee](https://www.ibo.org/become-an-ib-school/fees-and-services/fees-for-authorized-schools/) (Post authorization) | ***$11,650\**** | July (Invoiced in June, US schools) |
| **Year 8** | Evaluation visit (Every 5 years) | ***Apprx. $4000*** |  |

**Summary of Estimated Start-up Costs for DP per school**

**from Application to First Year of Authorization**

**Fees:** Application, Candidacy fees (per year), Annual school fee, Evaluation visit

**Minimum Training Costs:** Head of School + DP Coordinator + 6 Subjects + Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Teacher + Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

PLEASE NOTE: *Head of School must be trained or registered for training before application can be submitted.*

**Additional costs for consideration:**

* IB Coordinator release time to oversee the programme
* Student fees for authorized schools, visit our website <http://www.ibo.org/become-an-ib-school/fees-and-services/>

***\*All fees on this document are in $USD and are subject to change.***

*Please refer to the School Guide to Authorization for requirement details. This document is to be used as a guide. The IB is not responsible for budgetary items unaccounted for beyond the information provided to outline core fees related to application, candidacy, professional development and authorization.*