The International Baccalaureate Diploma at Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong

Students attend Li Po Chun United World College for the final two years of their secondary schooling and all students study for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, which requires that they study at least six, but no more than seven subjects chosen, as outlined in The Academic Programme, to cover a wide range of subject areas. A timetable is constructed that allows the maximum number of students to take their preferred combination of subjects. The students do not stay in the same class for all subjects, hence an individual student will have a variety of class companions in different subjects. The class sizes are small by Hong Kong standards, usually averaging about 16 and all classes are of mixed ability; there is no streaming.

In the IB system students can gain a maximum grade of 7 for each of their six Diploma subjects, giving a total of 42 points. On top of this, students can gain up to three extra points for their performance in the Theory of Knowledge course and their Extended Essay (see The Academic Programme), so that the maximum possible score for the IB diploma is 45 points. In order to be awarded the Diploma, students must achieve a total of at least 24 points with a good balance between their subjects. The results achieved by students at the College are amongst the best in the world and those achieved over recent years are summarised as follows:

Points	World results 2010			Li Po Chun UWC 2009			Li Po Chun UWC 2010			Li Po Chun UWC 2011		
	Cand	Cum	Top %	Cand	Cum	Top %	Cand	Cum	Top %	Cand	Cum	Top %
45	96	96	0.2	1	1	0.8	0	0	0.0	1	1	0.8
44	193	289	0.6	6	7	5.8	5	5	3.9	8	9	7.4
43	311	600	1.2	6	13	10.7	7	12	9.4	8	17	13.9
42	446	1046	2.2	8	21	17.4	7	19	14.8	4	21	17.2
41	669	1715	3.5	7	28	23.1	6	25	19.5	9	30	24.6
40	845	2560	5.3	9	37	30.6	7	32	25.0	11	41	33.6
39	1081	3641	7.5	18	55	45.5	13	45	35.2	18	59	48.4
38	1292	4933	10.2	6	61	50.4	16	61	47.7	5	64	52.5
37	1579	6512	13.4	14	75	62.0	14	75	58.6	4	68	55.7
36	1914	8426	17.4	8	83	68.6	10	85	66.4	6	74	60.7
35	2055	10481	21.6	5	88	72.7	8	93	72.7	6	80	65.6
34	2384	12865	26.5	10	98	81.0	9	102	79.7	5	85	69.7
33	2670	15535	32.0	5	103	85.1	4	106	82.8	7	92	75.4
32	2793	18328	37.8	7	110	90.9	7	113	88.3	2	94	77.0
31	3020	21348	44.0	1	111	91.7	2	115	89.8	5	99	81.1
30	3078	24426	50.3	1	112	92.6	2	117	91.4	6	105	86.1
29	3094	27520	56.7	4	116	95.9	3	120	93.8	3	108	88.5
28	3062	30582	63.0	1	117	96.7	2	122	95.3	3	111	91.0
27	2874	33456	69.0	0	117	96.7	2	124	96.9	4	115	94.3
26	2764	36220	74.6	2	119	98.3	1	125	97.7	2	117	95.9
25	2567	38787	79.9	1	120	99.2	1	126	98.4	3	120	98.4
24	2220	41007	84.5	1	121	100.0	1	127	99.2	0	120	98.4
23	1732	42739	88.1				0	127	99.2	1	121	99.2
22	1478	44217	91.1				1	128	100.0	0	121	99.2
21	1081	45298	93.4							1	122	100.0
20	836	46134	95.1									
19	633	46767	96.4									
18	483	47250	97.4									
17	325	47575	98.0									
16	245	47820	98.6									
15	178	47998	98.9									
14	116	48114	99.2									
13	106	48220	99.4									
12	68	48288	99.5									
11	59	48347	99.6									
10	34	48381	99.7									
<10	141	48522	100.0									