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 2009			Li Po Chun UWC 2008			Li Po Chun UWC 2009			Li Po Chun UWC 2010		
	Cand	Cum	Top %	Cand	Cum	Top %	Cand	Cum	Top %	Cand	Cum	Top %
45	86	86	0.2	3	3	2.4	1	1	0.8	0	0	0.0
44	169	255	0.6	3	6	4.8	6	7	5.8	5	5	4.1
43	328	583	1.5	9	15	12.1	6	13	10.7	7	12	9.9
42	464	1047	2.6	6	21	16.9	8	21	17.4	7	19	15.7
41	600	1647	4.2	5	26	21.0	7	28	23.1	6	25	20.7
40	805	2452	6.2	4	30	24.2	9	37	30.6	7	32	26.4
39	1002	3454	8.7	8	38	30.6	18	55	45.5	13	45	37.2
38	1201	4655	11.8	13	51	41.1	6	61	50.4	16	61	50.4
37	1448	6103	15.4	13	64	51.6	14	75	62.0	14	75	62.0
36	1707	7810	19.8	8	72	58.1	8	83	68.6	10	85	70.2
35	1890	9700	24.5	10	82	66.1	5	88	72.7	8	93	76.9
34	2184	11884	30.1	6	88	71.0	10	98	81.0	9	102	84.3
33	2423	14307	36.2	12	100	80.6	5	103	85.1	4	106	87.6
32	2624	16931	42.8	8	108	87.1	7	110	90.9	7	113	93.4
31	2658	19589	49.6	2	110	88.7	1	111	91.7	2	115	95.0
30	2818	22407	56.7	3	113	91.1	1	112	92.6	2	117	96.7
29	2813	25220	63.8	2	115	92.7	4	116	95.9	3	120	99.2
28	2834	28054	71.0	4	119	96.0	1	117	96.7	2	122	100.8
27	2668	30722	77.7	1	120	96.8	0	117	96.7	2	124	102.5
26	2435	33157	83.9	0	120	96.8	2	119	98.3	1	125	103.3
25	2264	35421	89.6	1	121	97.6	1	120	99.2	1	126	104.1
24	2102	37523	95.0	0	121	97.6	1	121	100.0	1	127	105.0
23	1637	39160	99.1	1	122	98.4				0	127	105.0
22	1343	40503	102.5	0	122	98.4				1	128	105.8
21	1080	41583	105.2	0	122	98.4						
20	819	42402	107.3	0	122	98.4						
19	618	43020	108.9	2	124	100.0						
18	462	43482	110.0									
17	304	43786	110.8									
16	240	44026	111.4									
15	171	44197	111.9									
14	106	44303	112.1									
13	80	44383	112.3									
12	63	44446	112.5									
11	53	44499	112.6									
10	36	44535	112.7									
<10	164	44699	113.1									