



## **International Baccalaureate (IB) Fee Reduction Program 2011-2012**

### **Overview for IB Coordinators**

- Purpose:** This program is designed to increase the number of low-income Alaska students who participate in IB programs and receive college academic credit for their participation.
- Cost:** The registration fee for each student to participate in the IB program is \$141. The exam costs are \$96.00. The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (EED) will reimburse schools for fees paid to the IB program on behalf of students eligible for this fee reduction program. **The final cost to the student is \$0.** The department funds this program through a federal grant.
- Eligibility:** In order to be eligible for this program, students must meet at least one of the five criteria listed on the eligibility verification form. IB coordinators are responsible for determining student eligibility based on the listed criteria.
- Each fall:** IB coordinators should identify eligible students for this program. As a condition of the EED grant, participating schools are required to keep confidential documentation of student eligibility on file. To meet this requirement, EED provides this form. A form must be filled out for each student. This confidential documentation of program eligibility must be securely filed at your school and is subject to audit by EED.
- Billing:** Schools should pay for eligible students to register for the IB program and its related tests. After schools have paid registration and test fees to the IB program, schools should submit a signed to EED requesting reimbursement. The invoice should list the number of registration and test fees that qualify for reimbursement through this program. Do not identify eligible students by name on your invoice, but please include the date that your school paid the IB program for eligible students' registration and test taken. The IB coordinator's signature on the invoice constitutes the assurance all students in this fee reduction program was indeed eligible.
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### Student Eligibility Criteria

Students are eligible for the IB Fee Reduction Program if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. The student is eligible for free or reduced-price lunches under the National School Lunch Act. A student is eligible for free or reduced-price lunches if his or her family's income is at or below 185 percent of the poverty level issued annually by the U.S. Department of health and Human services. For income thresholds depending on family size, refer to the following table:

Family Unit Size	Annual Family Income*for Alaska
1	\$25,031
2	\$33,689
3	\$42,347
4	\$51,005
5	\$59,663
6	\$68,321
7	\$76,979
8	\$85,637
9+	add \$8.658 for each family member after the eighth member

The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 185 percent of the 2010 Federal Income poverty guidelines established by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

2. The student is eligible for Medicaid.
3. The school the student is enrolled is Provision 2 or Provision 3 according to the National School Lunch Act.
4. The student received Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP) services under the Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant.
5. The student has status as a legally emancipated minor or, in the best judgment of the AP coordinator, is entirely responsible for his or her own support.



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## Student Eligibility Verification Form

Complete a separate form for very eligible student that plans to participate in the IB program.  
***This confidential documentation of program eligibility must be securely filed at your school and is subject to audit by EED.***

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alaska Student ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School & District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Test(s) Taken:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility: Check all that apply.**

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