

Cambridge AICE

A guide for parents

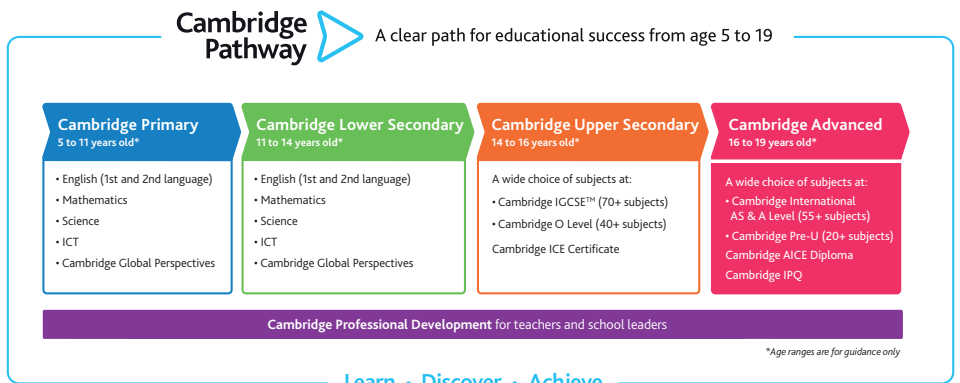
Cambridge International prepares school students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. We are part of the University of Cambridge. Cambridge Pathway gives students a clear path for educational success from age 5 to 19. Schools can shape the curriculum around how they want students to learn – with a wide range of subjects and flexible ways to offer them. It helps students discover new abilities and a wider world, and gives them the skills they need for life, so they can achieve at school, university and work.

Your child's needs as a learner are at the heart of our approach to education. Our Cambridge Pathway aims to give your child a love of learning that will stay with them through school, university and beyond. Our approach supports schools to develop learners who are:

- **confident** in working with information and ideas – their own and those of others
- **responsible** for themselves, responsive to and respectful of others
- **reflective** and developing their ability to learn
- **innovative** and equipped for new and future challenges
- **engaged** intellectually and socially, ready to make a difference.

What is Cambridge AICE?

Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (Cambridge AICE) is a group certificate which requires learners to study subjects drawn from three curriculum areas within Cambridge International AS & A Level: mathematics and science, languages, and arts and humanities. There is also a compulsory core subject, Cambridge International AS Level Global Perspectives & Research.



Cambridge International AS & A Level qualifications are taken by over 175 000 learners in nearly 130 countries every year. They are typically for learners aged 16 to 19 years who need advanced study to prepare for higher education.



Benefits for your child

With the Cambridge AICE Diploma, students choose Cambridge International AS & A Levels from three curriculum areas: mathematics and science, languages, and arts and humanities. We offer a wide range of subjects, meaning students can choose the ones they enjoy and are good at.

Students develop a deep understanding of the subjects they study, as well as independent learning and critical thinking skills. As part of the programme, students will also study Cambridge International AS Level Global Perspectives & Research, a unique transformational programme that helps students develop transferable skills including research and collaboration.

The Cambridge AICE Diploma is designed for students worldwide, including those whose first language is not English. Assessment takes place at the end of the course, and gives students a variety of ways to show their knowledge and skills.

Opening up opportunities worldwide

Thousands of learners use Cambridge International AS & A Levels every year to gain places at leading universities worldwide, including the UK, US, Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

All UK universities and over 600 US universities, including Harvard, MIT, Stanford and Yale, accept Cambridge International AS & A Level qualifications. In places such as the US and Canada, good grades in carefully chosen Cambridge International A Level subjects can result in up to one year of university course credit.



Learners can easily find out which universities worldwide accept Cambridge qualifications by searching our online database at www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognition

Employers worldwide also recognise Cambridge International AS & A Levels as a reliable record of academic achievement.

A global learning community

With the Cambridge Pathway, your child is joining a global community of learners from more than 10 000 schools in over 160 countries. By developing a global outlook in Cambridge learners, we aim to equip them for success in the fast-changing modern world.

Learn more! For more information on the Cambridge Pathway visit www.cambridgeinternational.org/aice or contact your school.

Palm Beach Central High School's Cambridge International website:
www.palmbeachcentral.org

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PALM BEACH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Cambridge AICE Diploma Courses

AICE Courses at Palm Beach Central High School

Group 1: Math and Science	Group 2: Languages	Group 3: Arts and Humanities	Group 4: Interdisciplinary (Optional)
Marine Science AS Marine Science A Biology AS Chemistry AS	English Language AS English Language A	European History AS US History AS US History A Economics A	General Paper AS
Psychology AS Psychology A	Spanish Language AS Spanish A	English Literature AS English Literature A	Thinking Skills AS
Mathematics AS	French Language AS	Art & Design AS	Core Requirement
Physical Education AS		Media Studies AS Travel and Tourism AS Business AS	Global Perspectives and Research AS

Earning the AICE Diploma at PBCHS

- ❖ To earn the AICE Diploma, candidates must pass seven exams. Students are expected to take the year-long Cambridge course before sitting for the exam.
- ❖ Students must take at least one exam from each of the required groups 1-3. In addition, students must take:
 - Global Perspectives and Research AS
 - Three additional Cambridge courses of their choosing from any group. While Group 4 credits are not required for the AICE Diploma, they are highly recommended.
- ❖ All seven exams must be completed within three school years (a 25-month period). Students can count their freshman, sophomore, and junior exams OR their sophomore, junior, and senior exams. Students have the option of earning their AICE Diploma as seniors.
- ❖ A Level courses must be taken the next school year after the completion of an AS Level course. A Level exams may be taken no more than 13 months after an AS Level exam in the same subject area.

Examination Policies

- ❖ Students are expected to take the exam for each Cambridge (AICE) course in which they are enrolled.
- ❖ Cambridge AICE exams are administered in two series: The "June" series (late April to mid-June) and "November" series (late September to mid-November).
- ❖ Cambridge AS exams are graded on a scale of a-e and A Level exams A-E. A mark of "Ungraded" indicates that a student did not earn enough points to receive a grade. A "No Result" indicates that a student did not complete one or more components of the exam.
- ❖ **There are no make-up dates within a given exam series for any Cambridge AICE exam.**
- ❖ A student who does not pass an exam or misses one or more parts of the exam may pay for a retake in the next exam series.
 - PBCHS pays for each exam for a class in which a student is currently enrolled and for their first attempt at the AICE Diploma.
- ❖ Students who fail to sit for an exam, for any reason, will have their HPA credit dropped to Honors for the course. Students who drop an AICE course after February 21st will be responsible for the exam fee. The cost of an AS exam is \$99.81 and an A Level exam is \$161.39.
- ❖ AICE Diploma candidates who complete the entire seven-course curriculum and sit for all seven exams are exempt from the online course, Fine Arts, and P.E. requirements for graduation.



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Cambridge AICE Diploma Courses

Sample Course Progression 1

Will vary based on individual student goals

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
General Paper AS	English Language AS	English Language A	English Literature AS
	European History AS	US History AS	AICE Electives
	Psychology AS	Global Perspectives and Research AS	

Sample Course Progression 2

Will vary based on individual student goals

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
General Paper AS	English Language AS	English Language A or English Literature AS	English Literature AS or A
Marine Science AS	European History AS	US History AS	AICE Electives
	Thinking Skills AS or AICE Elective	Global Perspectives and Research AS	
		AICE Elective	

My Plan

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade

For More Information

Visit http://www.palmbeachcentral.org/school_info/cambridge_assessment_international_education
or contact Evana Tamayo at evana.tamayo@palmbeachschols.org

Student Name: _____

Candidate #: _____

Graduation Year _____



AICE Diploma Tracking Guide

Diploma Requirements: Achieve a minimum of seven (7) credits (including Global Perspectives and Research AS)*											
Earn at least one credit from Groups 1, 2 and 3									Optional (max of two credits)		
Mathematics & Science Group 1			Languages Group 2			Arts and Humanities Group 3			Interdisciplinary & Skill-Based Courses, Group 4		
Series Date	Grade	Course	Series Date	Grade	Course	Series Date	Grade	Course	Series Date	Grade	Course
		Marine Science AS			English Language AS			Business AS			General Paper AS
		Marine Science A			English Language A			English Literature AS			Thinking Skills AS
		Environmental Management AS**			Spanish Language AS			English Literature A	Required Core Course		
		Biology AS			Spanish A			Media Studies AS	Series Date	Grade	Course
		Biology A			French Language AS			European History AS			Global Perspectives and Research AS
		Chemistry AS						US History AS			
		Physics AS						US History A			
		Psychology AS**						Economics A			
		Psychology A**						Sociology AS			
		Physical Education AS**						Art and Design AS			
		Mathematics AS						Travel and Tourism AS			

*You may use up to five exam series to earn the equivalent of seven full credit examinations as long as exams are taken within a 25-month period.

**May be used to meet the requirement for Group 1 or 3, but not both.