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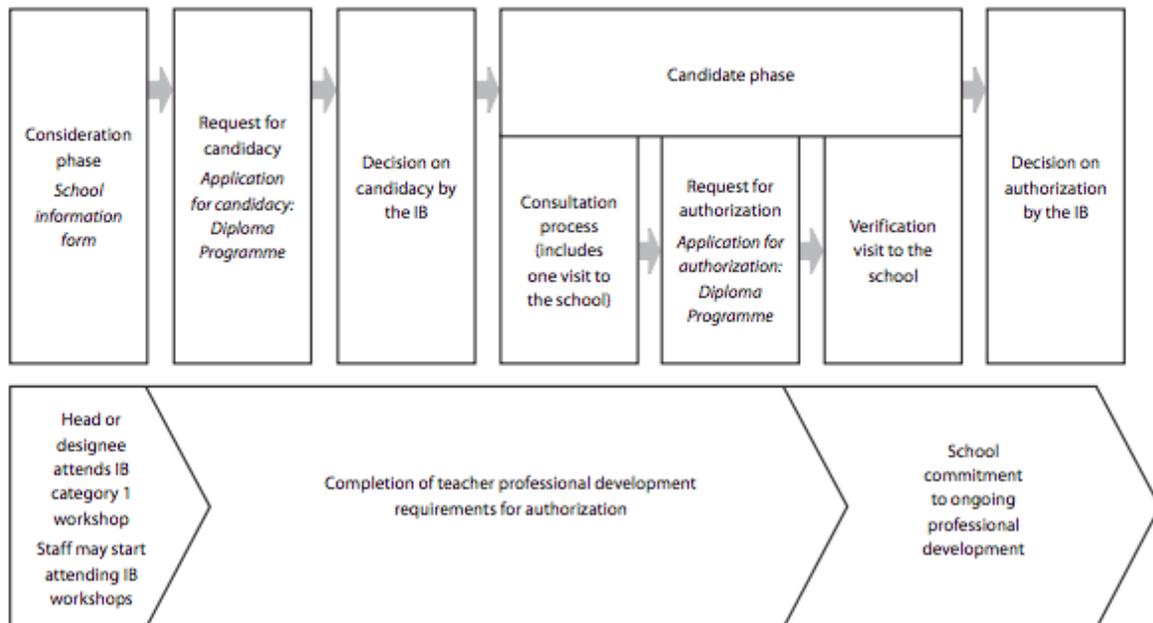
*IB (International Baccalaureate) Program*

[by Andy Descoteaux] Have the Superintendent work with the Lowell High School administration to look into adding the IB (International Baccalaureate) program to offer our advanced HS students another opportunity in addition to AP course work.

**International Baccalaureate:**

In order to offer one or more International Baccalaureate (IB) programmers of education, Lowell High School would have to complete an authorization process. The time needed to go through the process is variable but it usually takes between two and three years for a school to get through successfully. Once they have been authorized, they are known as IB World Schools. The process and related costs are outlined below:

## Overview of the authorization process



### Step 1: Consideration Phase

- School incurs costs of Head of School/Designee attending a Category 1 IB workshop
- School incurs costs of staff starting to attending IB workshops (to gather information and start training)

### Step 2: Request for Candidacy - \$4000 fee

### Step 3: Candidate Phase - \$9500 fee

**Step 4:** If school is authorized to offer the program, the school pays an annual fee of (currently) \$11,650.

These fees **do not** include:

- Staffing (IB Coordinator and teachers)
- Mandatory professional development workshops (and related costs) for the Head of School, IB Coordinator, and teachers
- Additional teachers certified to teach the IB courses.

More information about the process of becoming an IB school and details of these steps can be found in this document:

<http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/become-an-ib-school/dp-guide-school-authorization-en.pdf>