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He believes that each student is a unique individual with his or her own strengths and weaknesses. Each student also comes with differing expectations and interest of the subject. He believes that if students see relevance to their lives and futures, they will take ownership of the learning process. He says that IB provides students a chance to intensely study subject matter that they find interesting in greater depth than most high school courses allow. It also provides an opportunity for students to be exposed to areas unlike that found in most curricula. Students taking an IB science receive many times more lab experience than they would from an equal number of credit hours of high school science courses. These courses also give the students a real taste of how science classes will be in college.