

# What you need to know about the IB



"... The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a not-for-profit foundation, motivated by its mission to create a better world through education"





...The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect...



...Our programmes **encourage** students across the world to become **active**, **compassionate** and **lifelong learners** who **understand** that other people, with their differences, can also be right....





#### **IB History timeline**



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#### What is an IB education?



#### The IB learner profile

- The IB learner profile is the IB mission statement translated into a set of learning outcomes for the 21st century
- As IB learners we strive to be:
  - inquirers
  - knowledgeable
  - thinkers
  - communicators
  - principled
  - open-minded
  - caring
  - risk-takers
  - balanced
  - reflective

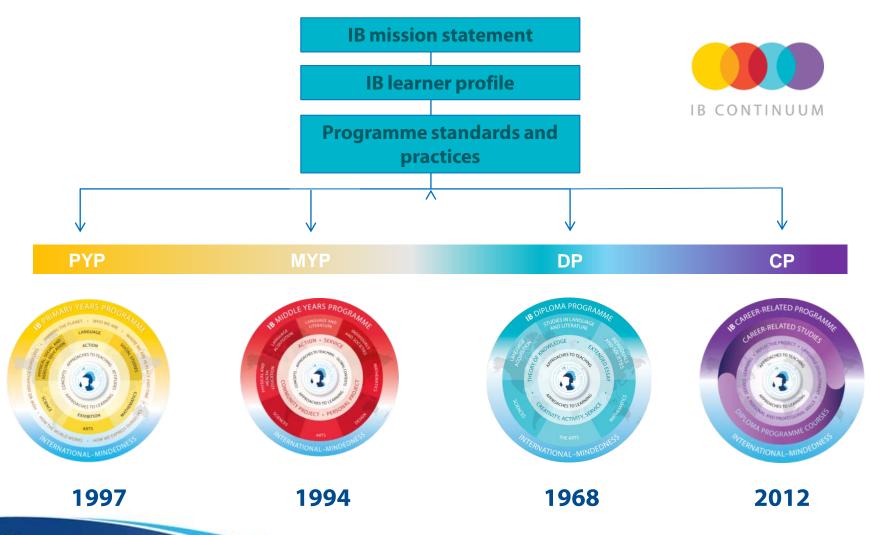




# The IB learner profile



#### The IB continuum of international education















#### **The Continuum Graphic**







### **Primary Years Programme**



#### What are people saying about the PYP?

".... By creating an environment where students make connections between what they are learning in the classroom and the world around them, we are creating global citizens who will be well prepared to take leading roles in the world..."

Head of School, Dr, Brooke Carroll, Seneca Academy, USA.

"In the PYP, I learned and practised essential skills in life. I learned how to manage my behaviour and control my temper; I learned how to cooperate and make friends wherever I go; I learned how to communicate, I learned how to think, I learned how to conduct research, I learned and learned, and I am still learning to be a better person in life."

Reem Zayter, student, Makassed Houssam Eddine High School Lebanon "I believe that the IB PYP is a superb curriculum for any school that wants to implement an inquiry-based model for young children. During my teaching career, I've seen that the IB programme imbues students with a real passion for learning that gives them a strong foundation for their academic future, their careers and their lives"

Angela Riggs, Assistant Lower School Principle, ACS International School.







#### **Programmes: Middle Years Programme**



#### What are people saying about the MYP?

".... It allows students to explore their passions and do something powerful with it. It involves third or fourth level thinking where students really have to go beyond the surface and dig deeper into more abstract and conceptual thinking. ..."

Dr Vincent Chian, Principle of Fairview International School, Malaysia

".... Our parents are excited because students are becoming well-rounded and they're getting that classic liberal arts-minded education..."

Dr. John Waller, director, secondary curriculum and special programs, Marietta City Schools, USA.







# **Programmes: Diploma Programme**



# What are people saying about the Diploma Programme?

- "...It not only gives children an international perspective to their education, but also focuses on how to be a learner. I am not just delivering them facts but how they will best learn what they want to know..."
- Sarah Pepper ISD Principal, Ireland.

- "...I have absolutely no doubt that the IB is better than the national curriculum. The breadth of subjects allows students to be much better prepared for life beyond school..."
- Paul Coates, CAS coordinator and House Master, Sidcot International School, UK.

- "...Skills I learned through IB will continue to put me in good stead for the rest of my life. IB gave me the peace of mind and confidence in my abilities. University is still a lot of work, but I know no matter how high the bar is set, I will be able to make the jump..."
  - Lindsey Fielding Croft, former student at Park View Education Centre, Canada.





Curriculum model for teaching from September 2016/January 2017

#### How is a school authorized and reviewed?

CANDIDATE PHASE Consideration Request for IB decision Consultation Request for Verification IB decision on Review authorization phase candidacy on candidacy authorization process visit The IB makes a School School submits The IB will visit The school will be Verification visit Possible After 3-4 years outcomes of the investigates the online application decision on the school for contacted by the takes place and the school does IB and its form with the consultation IB to either lasts for two days. verification visit: candidacy and self-study and is programmes and corresponding sends feedback purposes. schedule the (a) DG letter of then visited completes the verification visit or supporting on the Application authorization and every 5 years School documents to for candidacy to to address certain report, or (b) thereafter information form the school. formally apply for issues first before report and to express its candidate status. moving forward in request interest and to the process. to address certain request additional matters/issues. information.



#### How the IB develops its curriculum:



The process of review is ongoing. Each IB subject is at a particular point in the review cycle in order to balance the overall workload.

- The education committee of the Board of Governors manages overall academic policy across the four programmes
- Each programme has a programme committee, which is responsible for supervising the quality and development of the programme
- A published review cycle and timetable aims to ensure that the curriculum is relevant and up to date without the need for unexpected change
- Schools worldwide are encouraged to contribute by completing questionnaires and surveys, testing new materials, supplying experienced teachers to attend curriculum review meetings, and commenting on draft guides
- The IB also produces teacher support materials such as sample exam papers, lessons, projects and samples of assessed student work





#### What makes IB assessment special?

- The Diploma Programme is graded over 45 points giving ample scope to differentiate student ability
- Diploma Programme assessment includes both final examinations and internal assessment undertaken by the teacher to IB criteria and then externally moderated by the IB
- All examiners are 'quality checked' through a process of moderation.
- The IB undertakes random inspections of schools during exams
- Results are published on 5 July for May exams (predominantly northern hemisphere schools) and 5 January for November exams (predominantly southern hemisphere schools)

#### The move to E-marking

- Senior examiners set grade boundaries according to established criteria
- For transparency, observers are invited to meetings
- E-marking provides greater reliability
- Consistency of assessment outcome regardless of examiner, session, language, etc.
- Examiners 'qualify' to mark and are quality assured during marking

Examiners by region 2014 IBAP 26% IBA 29%







