Application for candidacy: Diploma Programme

For use from January 2016

Beginning in 2016, the Application for candidacy will be completed online at http://myschool.ibo.org.

This document reflects the content of the online application; interested schools will also be asked to provide information on personnel who will be involved with the programme, a projected budget for the first 5 years of programme implementation, and information on proposed subjects and sequencing.

This document is provided only as a reference.
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.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These 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 learner profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

As IB learners we strive to be:

INQUIRINGERS
We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

KNOWLEDGEABLE
We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

THINKERS
We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

COMMUNICATORS
We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

PRINCIPLED
We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

OPEN-MINDED
We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

CARING
We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

RISK-TAKERS
We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

BALANCED
We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

REFLECTIVE
We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.
Standard A. Philosophy: The school's educational beliefs and values reflect IB philosophy

Practice A1. The school’s published statements of mission and philosophy align with those of the IB.

1. Please provide the school’s current mission statement.

2. To what extent does the school mission statement currently align with the IB mission statement?
   - □ Completely
   - □ Partially
   - □ Needs Revision

3. What process did or will the school use to refine the mission statement to further align it with that of the IB? [500 words]

4. To what extent does your school’s educational philosophy align with that of the IB?
   - □ Completely
   - □ Partially
   - □ Needs Revision

5. What process did or will the school use to refine its philosophy to further align it with that of the IB? [500 words]

   Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.
   - □ In progress
   - □ In place
   - □ Not in place

Practice A2. The governing body, administrative and pedagogical leadership and staff demonstrate understanding of IB philosophy.

   The IB will evaluate this practice by reviewing information gathered under Practice A.3, Action plan, and during the Verification visit.

   Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.
   - □ In progress
   - □ In place
   - □ Not in place

Practice A3. The school community demonstrates an understanding of, and commitment to, the programmes(s).

   During the consideration phase, before submitting this Application for candidacy, the school must have conducted a feasibility study, comparing its current practices and policies to those required by the IB for the successful implementation of the Diploma Programme.

   1. Indicate who led and who was involved in the feasibility study process. [selections to be made from staff/faculty list associated with the school account]
2. Indicate what additional stakeholder groups were involved in the feasibility study. Select all that apply:

- [ ] Parents
- [ ] Students
- [ ] Governing Body
- [ ] Community members
- [ ] Local education authority
- [ ] Ministry of Education
- [ ] Other (please describe):

3. Briefly describe the feasibility study process the school undertook. [500 words]

4. During the Consideration phase, the school will also have begun its efforts to inform its community about the programme and gain the support of key stakeholders. Please use the chart below to provide information on the efforts the school has made to date and the outcomes of those efforts.

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<td>Others (indicate group)</td>
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5. Provide any additional information on the school’s efforts to inform its community and gain support for the programme. [250 words]

Upload Feasibility study (if available)

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

- [ ] In progress
- [ ] In place
- [ ] Not in place

**Practice A4.** The school develops and promotes international-mindedness and all attributes of the IB learner profile across the school community.

1. Describe how international-mindedness, as embodied in the IB learner profile, will be promoted and developed in the entire school community.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

- [ ] In progress
- [ ] In place
- [ ] Not in place

**Practice A5.** The school promotes responsible action within and beyond the school community.

1. Indicate interactions the school and its students currently have with the surrounding community. (choose all that apply)
School facilities/resources available for community use
Direct community financial support for school (e.g. school fundraising, grants, donation, not including taxes or standard fees)
Community facilities support school activities
School has cooperative relationships with community businesses, clubs or other educational institutions
The school community participates in service efforts
The school community participates in local community events
The school invites community members to volunteer at the school
The school and community have no interaction
Other (please describe)

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress  ☐ In place  ☐ Not in place

**Practice A6.** The school promotes open communication based on understanding and respect.

IB does not require evidence of this practice at candidacy. This practice must be in place at authorization at which time the IB will review the Application for authorization and information gathered during the Verification visit. Please include the work that you plan to undertake to meet this practice in the Action plan.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress  ☐ In place  ☐ Not in place

**Practice A7.** The school places importance on language learning, including mother tongue, host country language and other languages.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at Authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

**Practice A8.** The school participates in the IB world community.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at Authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

**Practice A9.** The school supports access for students to the IB programme(s) and philosophy.

The IB will evaluate this practice by reviewing information gathered in Student Enrollment Projections chart in Programme Data and under Practice C2.1 and during the Verification visit.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.
Requirement A9.a. The school provides for the full DP and requires some of its student body to attempt the full diploma and not only individual diploma courses

1. Will students have to meet admissions or selection criteria to be enrolled in the programme?
   - Yes
   - No

   a. If yes, describe the admissions/selection policy that will determine enrollment in the programme.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.
   - In progress
   - In place
   - Not in place

Requirement A9.b. The school promotes access to the diploma and diploma courses for all students who can benefit from the educational experience they provide.

1. How will the school encourage students to take the Diploma Programme? [250 words]

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.
   - In progress
   - In place
   - Not in place

Requirement A9.c. The school has strategies in place to encourage students to attempt the full diploma.

The IB will evaluate this practice by reviewing information gathered for questions under practices A.9, A.9a and A.9b.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.
   - In progress
   - In place
   - Not in place

Standard B. Organization

Standard B1. Leadership and structure: The school’s leadership and administrative structures ensure the implementation of the IB programme(s).

Practice B1.1. The school has developed systems to keep the governing body informed about the ongoing implementation and development of the programme(s).

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at Authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.
Practice B1.2. The school has developed a governance and leadership structure that supports the implementation of the programme(s).

1. What type of governance body or educational authority has oversight for the school?
   - Governmental/State/Ministry of Education
   - Board of Directors/Trustees/Governors
   - School Board/Board of Education/Local Education Agency
   - Diocesan/Parish/Other Faith-based governance body
   - Owner-Defined Governance Body
   - Company/Corporation
   - School Council/Advisory Committee
   - None
   - Other (please describe):

2. Briefly describe the school's governance body or educational authority. [250 words]
   a. How is the school's governing body or educational authority formed?
      - Publicly elected
      - Appointed by elected official/body
      - Appointed by owner(s)
      - Comprised of owner(s)
      - Other (please describe):
   b. Briefly explain the areas over which the governing body or educational authority has direct authority at the school. [500 words]

3. Describe how the pedagogical leadership team will work together to lead the implementation of the programme. [500 words]

4. Who will be responsible for recruiting the programme staff at the school? [500 words]

5. Briefly describe any challenges the school faces in recruiting and/or retaining staff, including the plans in place to address these challenges. [500 words]

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.
   - In progress
   - In place
   - Not in place

Practice B1.3. The head of school/school principal and programme coordinator demonstrate pedagogical leadership aligned with the philosophy of the programme(s).

The IB will evaluate this practice by reviewing Action plan and school organization chart.

1. In the absence of a common language among staff, how will the pedagogical leadership team ensure consistent implementation and development of the programme? [500 words]
2. Based on the information provided about the school, at least one language of instruction in the school is different from the IB working languages. Given this, how will the pedagogical leadership team ensure consistent implementation and development of the programme? [500 words]

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress ☐ In place ☐ Not in place

**Practice B1.4.** The school has appointed a programme coordinator with a job description, release time, support and resources to carry out the responsibilities of the position.

1. What percentage of the programme coordinator's weekly schedule will be devoted to IB coordinator responsibilities?

2. Programme coordinator time allocation

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Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress ☐ In place ☐ Not in place

**Practice B1.5.** The school develops and implements policies and procedures that support the programme(s).

1. Describe the process by which the school will develop its policies (admissions, language, inclusion/learning support requirements, assessment and academic honesty) consistent with IB’s expectations. Indicate who will be involved in the process and how the school will ensure that each policy will be implemented and revised.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress ☐ In place ☐ Not in place

**Requirement B1.5.a.** The school has an admissions policy that clarifies conditions for admission to the school and the DP.

The IB will evaluate this requirement by reviewing responses to the questions in sections A.9a. As this requirement needs to be in place at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this, and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.
 Requirement B1.5.b. The school develops and implements a language policy that is consistent with IB expectations.

1. Describe the support the school will provide to students whose most proficient language is not the school’s language(s) of instruction. [500 words]

2. Indicate the provisions the school has or will have to support students’ best language, if different from the language(s) of instruction of the school. Indicate whether this support will take place during school time.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

☐ In progress ☐ In place ☐ Not in place

 Requirement B1.5.c. The school develops and implements an inclusion/learning support requirements policy that is consistent with IB expectations and with the school’s admissions policy.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this requirement. As this requirement needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet this requirement and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

 Requirement B1.5.d. The school develops and implements an assessment policy that is consistent with IB expectations.

1. Describe the school's current assessment system/policy and indicate any differences you have found when comparing it with the Diploma Programme perspective on assessment. [500 words]

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

☐ In progress ☐ In place ☐ Not in place

 Requirement B1.5.e. The school has developed and implements an academic honesty policy that is consistent with IB expectations.

IB does not require evidence of this requirement at candidacy. This requirement must be in place at authorization at which time the IB will review the Application for authorization and information gathered during the Verification visit. Please include the work that you plan to undertake to meet this requirement in the Action plan.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

☐ In progress ☐ In place ☐ Not in place
**Requirement B1.5.f.** The school complies with the IB regulations and procedures related to the conduct of all forms of assessment for the administration of examinations for the DP.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this requirement. As this requirement needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this, and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

**Practice B1.6.** The school has systems in place for the continuity and ongoing development of the programme(s).

The IB will consult the Action plan to confirm that the school has developed clear plans, accountabilities and timelines regarding the ongoing development of the programme.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

- [ ] In progress
- [ ] In place
- [ ] Not in place

**Practice B1.7.** The school carries out programme evaluation involving all stakeholders.

As this practice does not need to be in place or in progress at authorization, we have no specific questions on it at this time.

**Standard B2. Resources and support: The school’s resources and support structures ensure the implementation of the IB programme(s).**

**Practice B2.1.** The governing body allocates funding for the implementation and ongoing development of the programme(s).

The IB will evaluate this practice by reviewing the Budget Chart.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

- [ ] In progress
- [ ] In place
- [ ] Not in place

**Requirement B2.1.a.** The allocation of funds includes adequate resources and supervision for the creativity, activity, service (CAS) programme and the appointment of a CAS coordinator.

1. What percentage of the CAS coordinator's weekly schedule will be devoted to CAS responsibilities?

2. CAS coordinator time allocation

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The IB will evaluate this requirement by reviewing the Budget Chart.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

☐ In progress  ☐ In place  ☐ Not in place

**Requirement B2.1.b.** The allocation of funds includes adequate resources to implement the theory of knowledge course over two years.

The IB will evaluate this requirement by reviewing the Budget Chart.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

☐ In progress  ☐ In place  ☐ Not in place

**Practice B2.2.** The school provides qualified staff to implement the programme(s).

Below is the summary of the teaching and administrative staff information that you provided. You may choose to update it in the School Staff section.

1. Do all teachers who will be involved in the programme meet the applicable local/regional/national standards for instructional staff?

   ☐ Yes  ☐ No

2. Number of full-time teachers [calculated from information provided in Staff section of school profile]

3. Number of part time teachers [calculated from information provided in Staff section of school profile]

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress  ☐ In place  ☐ Not in place

**Practice B2.3.** The school ensures that teachers and administrators receive IB-recognized professional development.

The IB will evaluate this practice by reviewing information gathered under Practices B2.2, B2.3a, Action plan and Budget chart.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress  ☐ In place  ☐ Not in place
**Requirement B2.3.a.** The school complies with the IB professional development requirement for the DP at authorization and at evaluation.

1. Below is the summary of IB professional development the teaching and administrative staff information that you provided. If you have not entered professional development information regarding your teachers and administrative staff, please update it in the School Staff section. [chart will be provided, based on information provided in Staff section of school profile]

2. Briefly describe the school's plans to induct and provide training for new Programme staff hired after authorization. [500 words]

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

- [ ] In progress
- [ ] In place
- [ ] Not in place

**Practice B2.4.** The school provides dedicated time for teachers' collaborative planning and reflection.

1. Please describe the school's current collaborative planning practice. [250 words]

2. In the table below, describe the meetings that will support programme implementation, including participants and meeting types, objectives, and frequency.

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<th>Meeting Name</th>
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<th>Frequency (select one per meeting)</th>
<th>Objectives [100 words]</th>
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Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

- [ ] In progress
- [ ] In place
- [ ] Not in place

**Practice B2.5.** The physical and virtual learning environments, facilities, resources and specialized equipment support the implementation of the programme(s).
1. Please provide or update information on the school facilities and resources that support the implementation of the programme.

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<th>How this facility supports programme implementation</th>
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2. What community resources and expertise has the school identified to support the implementation of the programme? (Please include any local non-governmental organizations, charities, employers, or further/higher education institutions that you may have agreements with). [500 words]

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress ☐ In place ☐ Not in place

**Requirement B2.5.a.** The laboratories and studios needed for groups 4 and 6 subjects provide safe and effective learning environments.

The IB will evaluate this requirement by reviewing the information gathered under Practice B2.5 and during the Verification visit.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

☐ In progress ☐ In place ☐ Not in place

**Requirement B2.5.b.** There are appropriate information technology facilities to support the implementation of the programme.

Please describe the IT facilities the students and teachers will have access to and indicate where they are located.
1. Which of the following characteristics describe your school’s current approach to the use of technology for learning?

- One-to-one laptop/device for students
- Shared computers in classrooms throughout the school
- Centralized computer facility(ies)
- Shared computers in the library for student use
- One-to-one laptop/device for teachers
- Shared computers for teachers
- Interactive white boards in classrooms throughout the school
- Other (please describe):

2. Does the school have consistent access to the internet?

- Yes
- No

3. Does the school have WiFi?

- Yes
- No

4. Please describe any restrictions the school places on student or staff access to WiFi or the internet. [100 words]

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

- In progress
- In place
- Not in place

**Requirement B2.5.c.** The school provides a secure location for the storage of examination papers and examination stationery with controlled access restricted to senior staff.

1. Describe where the school plans to administer the examination session(s) to ensure that it will comply with all regulations and procedures related to the conduct of Diploma Programme examinations and thereby guarantee the integrity of the examination process. Information on the storing of exams in a safe and secured place should also be provided. [500 words]

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

- In progress
- In place
- Not in place

**Practice B2.6.** The library/multimedia/resources play a central role in the implementation of the programme(s).

Please describe the physical and/or virtual library and the print, electronic, and multimedia resources available at the school by providing the information requested in the following questions.

1. Can students access the library independently?
2. Can students freely browse and borrow library resources?
   □ Yes  □ No

3. During what hours can students access the library? [select hours]

4. Does the library have spaces for the students to study independently?
   □ Yes  □ No

5. Is the library designed specifically for the age group of the programme?
   □ Yes  □ No
   a. If no, who else uses the library? [250 words]

6. How is the library being used as a support for whole class learning? [250 words]

7. Describe how the library/multimedia centre is managed (include responsibilities of the person who is in charge of the library/multimedia centre, and agreements with other libraries, if applicable). [500 words]

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.
   □ In progress  □ In place  □ Not in place

**Requirement B2.6.a.** The library/media centre has enough appropriate materials to support the implementation of the DP.

1. Please describe the print, electronic, and multimedia resources that Diploma Programme students will be able to access, including the total number of each type of resource and the language(s) in which each type of resource is available.

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Total number of online journals or other virtual publications (per language)

Additional print, electronic, or multimedia resources

2. Indicate whether the library has enough resources to start implementing the programme, how this decision was made, and what plan the school has to address any needs. [500 words]

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

☐ In progress ☐ In place ☐ Not in place

**Practice B2.7.** The school ensures access to information on global issues and diverse perspectives.

The IB will evaluate this practice by reviewing information gathered under Practices B2.5, B2.6 and the Action plan.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress ☐ In place ☐ Not in place

**Practice B2.8.** The school provides support for its students with learning and/or learning support requirements and support for their teachers.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

**Practice B2.9.** The school has systems in place to guide and counsel students through the programme(s).

The IB will evaluate this practice by reviewing the information gathered under Practices B2.9a and B2.2.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress ☐ In place ☐ Not in place

**Requirement B2.9.a.** The school provides guidance to students on post-secondary educational options.

1. How will the school provide guidance for students on the Diploma Programme and post-secondary educational and career options? [500 words]

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.
Practice B2.10. The student schedule or timetable allows for the requirements of the programme(s) to be met.

1. Complete the Diploma Programme subjects proposal and sequencing chart.

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All HL courses and at least one SL course must be taught over the two years of the programme. It is permissible to teach up to two SL subjects over one year. It should be noted that this exception is designed to offer flexibility to schools where genuine need for this arrangement exists due to unavoidable scheduling constraints. This is not intended to be a routine aspect of Diploma Programme design; all courses are designed as two-year learning experiences (as seen in The Diploma Programme: From Principles into practice).

2. Will you be offering any standard level subjects in one year?

   □ Yes  □ No

3. If you answer yes to the question above, the system will display a list of the subjects you have entered as Standard level and ask you to indicate in which year each will be offered.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

   □ In progress  □ In place  □ Not in place

Requirement B2.10.a. The schedule provides for the recommended hours for each standard and higher level subject.

   The IB will evaluate this requirement by reviewing information under Practice B2.10.

   Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

   □ In progress  □ In place  □ Not in place

Requirement B2.10.b. The schedule provides for the development of the theory of knowledge course over two years.
The IB will evaluate this requirement by reviewing information under Practices B2.10 and B2.10c.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

☐ In progress  ☐ In place  ☐ Not in place

**Requirement B2.10.c.** The schedule respects concurrency of learning in the DP.

1. Teaching time
   a. Number of weeks of instruction in the school year
   b. Number of instructional periods students receive in a week
   c. Length, in minutes, of each instructional period

2. Will or did the school need to make adjustments to the students' weekly schedules to ensure that the recommended teaching hours for all elements of the DP, including standard, higher level subjects, and theory of knowledge (TOK), are included and allow for concurrency of learning?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

   a. If yes, please explain the present situation and the changes the school plans to make.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

☐ In progress  ☐ In place  ☐ Not in place

**Practice B2.11.** The school utilizes the resources and expertise of the community to enhance learning within the programme(s).

The IB will evaluate this practice by reviewing the information gathered under Practice B2.5 and during the Verification visit.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress  ☐ In place  ☐ Not in place

**Practice B2.12.** The school allocates resources to implement the PYP exhibition, the MYP personal project (or community project for programmes that end in MYP year 3 or 4), the DP extended essay and the CP reflective project for all students, depending on the programme(s) offered.

The IB will evaluate this practice by reviewing information gathered from the Budget Chart and during the Verification visit.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.
Standard C. Curriculum

Standard C1. Collaborative planning: Collaborative planning and reflection supports the implementation of the IB programme(s).

Practice C1.1. Collaborative planning and reflection addresses the requirements of the programme(s).

The IB will evaluate this practice by reviewing information gathered under Practice B2.4, course outlines and during the verification visit.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress  ☐ In place  ☐ Not in place

Requirement C1.1.a. Collaborative planning and reflection includes the integration of theory of knowledge in each subject.

The IB will evaluate this requirement by reviewing information provided under Practice B2.4.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

☐ In progress  ☐ In place  ☐ Not in place

Requirement C1.1.b. Collaborative planning and reflection explores connections and relations between subjects and reinforces knowledge, understanding and skills shared by the different disciplines.

The IB will evaluate this requirement by reviewing information provided under Practice B2.4.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

☐ In progress  ☐ In place  ☐ Not in place

Practice C1.2. Collaborative planning and reflection takes place regularly and systematically.

The IB will evaluate this practice by reviewing information provided under Practice B2.4 and during the Verification visit.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress  ☐ In place  ☐ Not in place

Practice C1.3. Collaborative planning and reflection addresses vertical and horizontal articulation.
At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

**Practice C1.4.** Collaborative planning and reflection ensures that all teachers have an overview of students’ learning experiences.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

**Practice C1.5.** Collaborative planning and reflection is based on agreed expectations for student learning.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

**Practice C1.6.** Collaborative planning and reflection incorporates differentiation for students’ learning needs and styles.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

**Practice C1.7.** Collaborative planning and reflection is informed by assessment of student work and learning.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

**Practice C1.8.** Collaborative planning and reflection recognizes that all teachers are responsible for language development of students.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

**Practice C1.9.** Collaborative planning and reflection addresses the IB learner profile attributes.

The IB will evaluate this practice by reviewing information gathered under Practice B2.4.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

- [ ] In progress
- [ ] In place
- [ ] Not in place

Practice C2.1. The written curriculum is comprehensive and aligns with the requirements of the programme(s).

1. Will students enrolled in the programme have to fulfill other mandatory requirements?
   - Yes
   - No

   a. If yes, indicate which requirements must be fulfilled in each year of the programme.

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   Additional Comment [100 words]

   b. Please identify Programme implementation challenges resulting from these requirements and explain how the school will address those challenges. [250 words]

   IB will also evaluate this practice by reviewing the information gathered under Practices B2.10 and B2.10c.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

   - In progress
   - In place
   - Not in place

Requirement C2.1.a. The curriculum fulfills the aims and objectives of each subject group and the core.

   The IB will evaluate this requirement by reviewing information gathered under B2.10.

   Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

   - In progress
   - In place
   - Not in place

Requirement C2.1.b. The curriculum facilitates concurrency of learning.

   The IB will evaluate this requirement by reviewing information gathered under practice B2.10c and during the Verification visit.

   Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

   - In progress
   - In place
   - Not in place
**Requirement C2.1.c.** The curriculum is balanced so that students are provided with a reasonable choice of subjects.

1. How have the Diploma Programme subjects and levels been chosen and what criteria were applied to the choice?

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

- [ ] In progress
- [x] In place
- [ ] Not in place

**Requirement C2.1.d.** The school develops its own courses of study for each subject on offer and for theory of knowledge.

The IB does not require evidence of this requirement at candidacy. This requirement must be in place at authorization and the IB will determine that by reviewing course outlines and information gathered during the Verification visit. Please include the work that you plan to undertake to meet this requirement in the Action plan.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.

- [ ] In progress
- [x] In place
- [ ] Not in place

**Practice C2.2.** The written curriculum is available to the school community.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

**Practice C2.3.** The written curriculum builds on students’ previous learning experiences.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

**Practice C2.4.** The written curriculum identifies the knowledge, concepts, skills and attitudes to be developed over time.

The IB does not require evidence of this practice at candidacy. This practice must be in place at authorization at which time the IB will review course outlines and information gathered during the Verification visit. Please include the work that you plan to undertake to meet this practice in the Action plan.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

- [ ] In progress
- [x] In place
- [ ] Not in place

**Practice C2.5.** The written curriculum allows for meaningful student action in response to students’ own needs and the needs of others.
At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

**Practice C2.6.** The written curriculum incorporates relevant experiences for students.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

**Practice C2.7.** The written curriculum promotes students’ awareness of individual, local, national and world issues.

The IB does not require evidence of this practice at candidacy. This practice must be in place at authorization, at which time the IB will review course outlines and information gathered during the Verification visit. Please include the work that you plan to undertake to meet this practice in the Action plan.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

- [ ] In progress
- [ ] In place
- [ ] Not in place

**Practice C2.8.** The written curriculum provides opportunities for reflection on human commonality, diversity and multiple perspectives.

IB does not require evidence of this practice at candidacy. This practice must be in place at authorization, at which time the IB will review course outlines and information gathered during the Verification visit. Please include the work that you plan to undertake to meet this practice in the Action plan.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

- [ ] In progress
- [ ] In place
- [ ] Not in place

**Practice C2.9.** The written curriculum is informed by current IB publications and is reviewed regularly to incorporate developments in the programme(s).

The IB does not require evidence of this practice at candidacy. This practice must be in place at authorization, at which time the IB will review course outlines, information gathered under Practice A.8 and during the Verification visit. Please include the work that you plan to undertake to meet this practice in the Action plan.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

- [ ] In progress
- [ ] In place
- [ ] Not in place
Practice C2.10. The written curriculum integrates the policies developed by the school to support the programme(s).

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan. We will also review responses to the questions under practice B1.5.

Practice C2.11. The written curriculum fosters development of the IB learner profile attributes.

The IB does not require evidence of this practice at candidacy. This practice must be in place at authorization, at which time the IB will review course outlines, information gathered under Practice C1.9 and during the Verification visit. Please include the work that you plan to undertake to meet this practice in the Action plan.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress ☐ In place ☐ Not in place


At this time, we have no specific questions on the following practices and requirements related to this standard. As they need to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet these practices and requirements and may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

Practice C3.1. Teaching and learning aligns with the requirements of the programme(s).

Requirement C3.1.a. Teaching and learning at the school addresses all of the aims and objectives of each subject.

Practice C3.2. Teaching and learning engages students as inquirers and thinkers.

Practice C3.3. Teaching and learning builds on what students know and can do.

Practice C3.4. Teaching and learning promotes the understanding and practice of academic honesty.

Practice C3.5. Teaching and learning supports students to become actively responsible for their own learning.

Practice C3.6. Teaching and learning addresses human commonality, diversity and multiple perspectives.

Practice C3.7. Teaching and learning addresses the diversity of student language needs, including those for students learning in a language(s) other than mother tongue.
Practice C3.8. Teaching and learning demonstrates that all teachers are responsible for language development of students.

Practice C3.9. Teaching and learning uses a range and variety of strategies.

Practice C3.10. Teaching and learning differentiates instruction to meet students’ learning needs and styles.

Practice C3.11. Teaching and learning incorporates a range of resources, including information technologies

Practice C3.12. Teaching and learning develops student attitudes and skills that allow for meaningful student action in response to students’ own needs and the needs of others.

Practice C3.13. Teaching and learning engages students in reflecting on how, what and why they are learning.

Practice C3.14. Teaching and learning fosters a stimulating learning environment based on understanding and respect.

Practice C3.15. Teaching and learning encourages students to demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways.

Practice C3.16. Teaching and learning develops the IB learner profile attributes.


Practice C4.1. Assessment at the school aligns with the requirements of the programme(s).

The IB will evaluate this practice by reviewing information gathered under Practice B1.5d.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress ☐ In place ☐ Not in place

Requirement C4.1.a. Assessment of student learning is based on the objectives and assessment criteria specific to each subject.

The IB does not require evidence of this requirement at candidacy. This requirement must be in place at authorization and the IB will determine that by reviewing course outlines, preliminary calendar of school deadlines for student submissions of internal and external assessment components and during the Verification visit. Please include the work that you plan to undertake to meet this requirement in the Action plan.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this requirement.
Practice C4.2. The school communicates its assessment philosophy, policy and procedures to the school community.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

Practice C4.3. The school uses a range of strategies and tools to assess student learning.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

Practice C4.4. The school provides students with feedback to inform and improve their learning.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

Practice C4.5. The school has systems for recording student progress aligned with the assessment philosophy of the programme(s).

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

Practice C4.6. The school has systems for reporting student progress aligned with the assessment philosophy of the programme(s).

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.

Practice C4.7. The school analyses assessment data to inform teaching and learning.

As this practice does not need to be in place or in progress at authorization, we have no specific questions on it at this time.

Practice C4.8. The school provides opportunities for students to participate in, and reflect on, the assessment of their work.

At this time, we have no specific questions on this practice. As this practice needs to be in progress at authorization, schools should be planning to meet the requirements related to this practice and you may wish to include relevant activities in the Action plan.
Practice C4.9. The school has systems in place to ensure that all students can demonstrate a consolidation of their learning through the completion of the PYP exhibition, the MYP personal project (or community project for programmes that end in MYP year 3 or 4), the DP extended essay and the CP reflective project, depending on the programme(s) offered.

IB does not require evidence of this practice at candidacy. This requirement must be in place at authorization, at which time the IB will review the description of the extended essay process and information gathered during the Verification visit. Please include the work that you plan to undertake to meet this practice in the Action plan.

Please indicate your current assessment of how your school meets this practice.

☐ In progress    ☐ In place    ☐ Not in place