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# **Approaches to teaching and learning in the DP**

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Approaches to teaching and learning now appear at the centre of the programme model





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# Approaches to teaching and learning

## Inspired by best practice in our schools

Approaches to teaching and learning are deliberate strategies, skills and attitudes that permeate the teaching and learning environment. These approaches and tools, intrinsically linked with the IB learner profile attributes, enhance student learning and assist student preparation for DP assessment and beyond.



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## 5 Categories of ATL Skills:

Thinking Skills

Communication  
Skills

Self  
Management  
Skills

Research Skills

Social Skills



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## 6 Approaches to Teaching:

Based on inquiry

Focused on  
conceptual  
understanding

Developed in  
local and global  
contexts

Focused on  
effective  
teamwork and  
collaboration

Differentiated to  
meet the needs  
of all learners

Informed by  
assessment  
(formative and  
summative)



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# Research and Pilot

ATL guide/ summary  
document

First draft completed  
September 2013

Piloted by 142 DP  
schools



## Approaches to teaching and learning in the Diploma Programme

Pilot: 2013–2014

Pilot

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# What did the pilot schools do?

- They provided feedback on the draft ATL document and example unit planners
- They completed a questionnaire on teaching and learning in DP classrooms
- They planned and implemented a small scale ATL initiative in their school, and then provided feedback on their initiative
- A small selection of pilot schools were visited and filmed to create a series of short videos featuring classroom lessons, as well as interviews with teachers, students, and school leaders
- A small group of teachers took part in a user test of the wireframe for the online version of the materials





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# Outputs of the project

- A summary document *Approaches to teaching and learning in the Diploma Programme*
- 26 short (5 minute) videos
- Unit planner and examples of completed unit plans
- 6 interviews with experts in the field, e.g. Grant Wiggins
- 12 mini 2 page “case studies” of pilot school initiatives
- A “self reflection tool” for teachers
- A more detailed section in the next *DP Principles into Practice* document



# Approaches to Teaching and Learning

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## Guide



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Pedagogical leadership

## In practice



Videos



Case studies



Interviews

## Tools



Self reflection test



Unit planners

## What's new

**New research on developing and assessing thinking skills**

July 2, 2014



# Important dates to note

- The planned publication date for all DP ATL materials is January 2015
- First official use by schools is envisioned in September 2015
- Category 3 workshops specifically on DP ATL will be running in early 2015
- New subjects for first teaching in 2015 (history, global politics and ESS) will include explicit guidance on ATL in their subject