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.
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.
5 Categories of ATL Skills:

- Thinking Skills
- Communication Skills
- Self Management Skills
- Research Skills
- Social Skills
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)
Research and Pilot

ATL guide/ summary document

First draft completed September 2013

Piloted by 142 DP schools
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.
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
What’s new

New research on developing and assessing thinking skills
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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