



Associations of IB World Schools: Criteria for Recognition

The IB has developed the following criteria by which it evaluates the appropriateness of recognizing a particular group of IB World Schools that form themselves into a formal or legal entity, known by the IB as an “Association of IB World Schools,” that may be recognized by the IB. These criteria may be modified, amended and updated from time to time by the IB in its sole discretion. In addition, the IB’s decision to recognize an Association is in its sole discretion, and the IB may decline to recognize any Association for any reason. In order to be recognized by the IB, an Association shall:

1. submit information about the reason for forming the Association and whether, to its knowledge, there are other Associations existing in the same geographic region as the proposed Association;
2. have a constitution or similar document establishing a purpose for the Association that is appropriately aligned with the mission statement and learner profile of the IB and shows equal support for each of the four (4) IB Programmes, while also describing its structure, membership and financial responsibilities in order to demonstrate a sustainable and viable organization;
3. submit a detailed written description of its proposed activities to ensure there is no conflict or competition with, or duplication of, the IB or the IB’s services and activities, as may be determined by the IB in its sole discretion;
4. submit indications of support from heads, principals, and coordinators of IB World Schools that are seeking to become members of the Association;
5. make membership available to all IB World Schools within the geographic region served by the Association, regardless of which, or the number of, IB Programmes any such individual IB World School may offer;
6. have a public profile (including websites and stationery) which does not infringe the IB’s registered trademarks and creates a distinct and separate identity to avoid the impression that the Association is part of the IB or vice versa;
7. where necessary, in order to avoid the possible confusion in criterion 6 above, and at the request of the IB, adopt and use a new public name that preserves the distinct and separate identity and avoids the impression that the Association is part of the IB or vice versa. This public name may contain the letters ‘IB’ (or ‘BI’), but not the words ‘International Baccalaureate’ (in any language) in full. The Association is not required to change its official, legal or registered name, but should use the public name for all communications and activities;
8. execute and abide by the terms of the standard “Cooperation and Licence Agreement” developed by the IB for recognized Associations; and
9. maintain a professional address (i.e. either a registered address or c/o a member school) with contact details for the chair, president, or other officers of the Association, and will notify the IB of changes to such address and contact information.