The IB Journey: Becoming an IB World School

The IB journey is one of reflection, inquiry, and growth as a school. However, your school will not walk the journey alone. We work together throughout your school’s journey - with a shared vision and passion - to deliver our mission of creating a better world through education; to grow our diverse community of schools; to increase access to excellent education for students of all backgrounds, everywhere; and to have a positive impact on the lives of millions worldwide.

1. Consider the IB
   - Reach out to the IB in learning more about becoming an IB World School
   - Learn about IB programmes - the Primary Years (PYP), Middle Years (MYP), Diploma (DP), and the Career-related Programme (CP)
   - Learn about the IB and reflect on your school with a Feasibility Study and the Guide for Authorization for the PYP, MYP, DP, CP, or DP/CP

2. Apply to become an IB candidate school
   - Schools work with the IB Development Team to open an Application for Candidacy and project an authorization readiness timeline
   - School leadership registers for professional development*
   - Schools project a five-year budget, pay Application Fee, and submit an Application for Candidacy
   - IB works with the school to issue a decision on candidacy

*required for candidacy

3. Congratulations!
   - You are an IB candidate school

4. The pieces are in place: It is time to apply
   - School informs the IB to open the Application for authorization
   - School pays Candidacy/Application for Authorization Fee

5. Your school is an IB World School

6. Putting the pieces in place
   - Schools begin Category 1 trainings designed for inquiry-based teaching and learning experiences
   - IB assigns a consultant to guide school during candidacy while programme pieces are initiated
   - School pays Candidacy/Consultation Services Fee
   - The school and the IB schedule consultant visit
   - IB issues consultant visit report
   - School determines that it meets the requirements for authorization, including completion of professional development and receives end of consultancy report

7. Apply to become an IB World School
   - IB issues response to the Application for authorization and a verification visit is scheduled
   - School continues training, deepens teaching and learning, and refines programming
   - IB visits school and issues verification visit report
   - School resolves matters to be addressed, if any
   - IB issues decision on authorization
   - School submits signed authorization agreement
   - IB awards authorization!

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