

MYP, DP and CPAssessment Policy

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1.Introduction to Assessment at ISAlmere

In the first part of this assessment policy you will find an overview of general policies for assessement, which apply, to the Middle Years Programme(MYP), the Diploma Programme (DP), and the Career-related Programme (CP). In the second part you will find a detailed overview of assessment in the MYP/DP/CP. Assessment at International School Almere is part of the teaching and learning process. The aim is to support students to improve their learning. The focus is on assessment for learning. Teachers use assessment tasks to give feedback to the learning of the students but also to inform further development of the subject curriculum.

Formative and summative assessment opportunities offer feedback on student's strengths and points that need improvement.

The formative assessment monitors the student's progress. It gives the opportunity for reflection and gives information to students about the areas that need improvement and for teachers to reflect on teaching methods and to adapt the instruction to the student's need. Small tasks in class like questions or small quizzes can be examples of formative assessment, which can be given without prior notice.

The summative assessment in the MYP is aimed to determine the level of achievement of a student at the end of a unit of work or stage of the course. Examples: essays, lab reports, presentations, debates, tests, blogs, performance etc. These levels are converted into grades (1-7) using the grade boundaries specific to each subject group. For DP summative assessment is aimed to determine a final grade. For the DP the feedback is given as grades (1-7) using percentages or the grade boundaries specific to each subject.

For CP summative assessments are divided among the DP subjects and their Career-related Studies (CRS). The criteria and type of assessments for the DP subjects are the same as for DP students. For their CRS they will have summative assessments at the end of every unit which will receive one of three criteria: insufficient, pass, or distinction. Should a CP student have an insufficient for a CRS summative, they are allowed one repeat. If they still receive an insufficient, they officially fail that unit.

All students in the IB programmes are assessed with grades from 1 to 7 for their MYP and DP subjects, with 7 representing the highest grade, the exception being the CRS component of CP.

2.Reporting assessment

Report cards are handed out at the end of each of the three terms of the school year. All assessments and reporting are documented on ManageBac.

MYP: The first report cards include the criteria levels and subject teacher comments whereas the following report cards will also state the students' projected Final Grade in the subject. In the first report card it is possible that not all criteria for all subjects are assessed. There is an



exception made for MYP5 where all criteria will be assessed by the first report for the onscreen exam subjects.

The second report card includes the subject comments and achievement levels, final grades and feedback on service in action.

The third report card includes mentor comments, subject teacher comments, achievement levels, final grades and feedback on service in action. For **MYP5** personal project feedback is also included. The onscreen mock exam results will be included in the second report card.

For students who are in phase 1 or 2 in English language acquisition, only a subject comment is provided in the report card if the levels achieved are below 3 for all subjects for the first 6 months of the school year.

DP: The report cards include final grades and subject teacher comments for each subject, including the progress on Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay and Creativity, Activity and Service. For the students of the first year of the programme, Report cards or Progress reports are published in December, April and July. For the students of the second year in DP, Report cards are generated in December and March. For the DP2 students, the Mock exam grades are published in report 2, in March.

CP: The report cards include final grades and subject teacher comments for each subject, including the progress on Personal and Professional Skills (PPS), Reflective Project, Community Engagement, and Language Development. For the students of the first year of CP, report cards are published in December, April and July. For the students of the second year of CP, report cards are generated in December and March. For the CP2 students, the Mock exam grades are published in report 2, in March.

For all IB programmes, the Final Grade earned at the end of Term 3 represents an overall judgment of the students' work throughout the entire school year, and the Final Grade, in conjunction with other requirements, is used to determine whether or not a student is promoted to the next year group. (please refer to the Promotion Policy MYP/DP/CP).

5.Deadline for summative assessment tasks

There is a clear policy for students not submitting summative assessment tasks in MYP/DP/CP according to the deadline. (Please refer to the **Deadline Procedure**).

4.Academic integrity

At ISAlmere academic integrity is emphasized with authentic formative as well as summative assessment tasks. Students are taught the importance of academic integrity through workshops and subject specific guidance. There are clear referencing and citing expectations for each year level. At the school the Modern Language Association (MLA) referencing convention is used. If a student is plagiarising within a summative assessment task, depending on the year level the



student will have a conversation with the teacher and be asked to redo the assignment without using any research tools. (Please refer to the **Academic Integrity Policy**).

For Language subjects, the following is also construed as plagiarism: memorizing text and then reproducing it in written or oral examinations.

When components are submitted to the IB for assessment, the subject teacher/supervisor must authenticate the student's work. This can be done ONLY if the teacher sees development of the work in lessons during the two school years. Therefore, it is crucial that students show stages of their work during the school year and does not show only the final product. In case of nonauthentication, the work will not be submitted to IB. As a consequence, a grade will not be awarded for that component and therefore, the DP diploma, CP Diploma, or MYP certificate will be not awarded.

5.Standardization

In both programmes all assessments are standardized within the subject group. Standardization helps teachers to increase the reliability and consistency of the assessment information that they gather so that it can be used to guide and improve teaching practices and enhance student learning.

6.Test weeks

In addition to continuous formative and summative assessment, test weeks are conducted two times in the year. In November, MYP5, DP1 and CP1 students have a test week and in June MYP4, DP1 and CP1 students have a test week. MYP5, DP2 and CP2 students have mock exams in January/February. This way students get used to exam conditions and a wider range of topics that will be assessed. For MYP4 and 5 the students are exposed to digital assessment using AssessPrep in order to prepare them for the e-Assessment (onscreen tests) at the end of MYP5.

7.Catch up tests

If a student is not there for a test on the day the test is scheduled, then parents need to inform the school beforehand. If no e-mail has been received from parents, then the student will receive a 0. If a student is excused for the test date, then the student has one week to make up the test. This is the only opportunity for the student. If the student does not take the opportunity, then this will result in a 0 for the test, unless of course there is a very valid reason. The teacher must inform the student via ManageBac regarding the time, date and study topics of the test. (Please refer to the **Catch-up test Guideline**).

8.SEN students

Students with special educational needs are given extra time or a computer to do the test depending on their diagnoses. In order for students to receive extra time an official document



needs to be presented to our school psychologist. For MYP5/DP2/CP2 exams the IB needs to approve the documentation of the students to receive extra time.

For students who are not proficient in English:

The students placed in an English language acquisition class in phase 1 or 2 do not get awarded an achievement level (especially if it is below 3) in subjects where the performance in various subjects is inhibited by the language barrier. The students instead receive subjective comments on where they have improved and what they should focus on next time. The subject teachers are supportive, give them time to acclimatize with the subject requirements and then after 6 months achievement levels are awarded. Parents are also kept informed of the progress of their child in the English language acquisition skills.

9.MYP Assessment

At the International School Almere, the IB Middle Years Programme system of assessment is followed. The MYP format of assessment is known as a "criterion related". This means that the students are evaluated against subject-specific criteria and are not evaluated against their peers. Each subject group is assessed across four criteria. Students can receive a maximum achievement level of 8 in each criterion. A brief description of the criteria can be found in each of the reports published. The criteria are the same amongst all MYP schools worldwide. Students are assessed at least twice per strand within each subject group during the school year. In order to determine a final grade all criteria need to be assessed. Teachers use the best-fit approach to determine a final grade. In order to determine the best -fit a teacher reviews all of the work a student has completed throughout the year for a given criterion and determines the level of achievement that most accurately represents the student's ability. Additionally, if a student receives more than two levels of achievement per criteria, teachers can use the highest sustained level approach to determine the final level of achievement for that criterion. This represents the level that the student was able to reach the most throughout the year.



10. IB description of MYP final grades

Grade	Boundary guidelines	Descriptor
1	1–5	Produces work of very limited quality. Conveys many significant misunderstandings or lacks understanding of most concepts and contexts. Very rarely demonstrates critical or creative thinking. Very inflexible, rarely using knowledge or skills.
2	6–9	Produces work of limited quality. Expresses misunderstandings or significant gaps in understanding for many concepts and contexts. Infrequently demonstrates critical or creative thinking. Generally inflexible in the use of knowledge and skills, infrequently applying knowledge and skills.
3	10–14	Produces work of an acceptable quality. Communicates basic understanding of many concepts and contexts, with occasionally significant misunderstandings or gaps. Begins to demonstrate some basic critical and creative thinking. Is often inflexible in the use of knowledge and skills, requiring support even in familiar classroom situations.
4	15–18	Produces good-quality work. Communicates basic understanding of most concepts and contexts with few misunderstandings and minor gaps. Often demonstrates basic critical and creative thinking. Uses knowledge and skills with some flexibility in familiar classroom situations, but requires support in unfamiliar situations.
5	19–23	Produces generally high-quality work. Communicates secure understanding of concepts and contexts. Demonstrates critical and creative thinking, sometimes with sophistication. Uses knowledge and skills in familiar classroom and real-world situations and, with support, some unfamiliar real-world situations.
6	24–27	Produces high-quality, occasionally innovative work. Communicates extensive understanding of concepts and contexts. Demonstrates critical and creative thinking, frequently with sophistication. Uses knowledge and skills in familiar and unfamiliar classroom and real- world situations, often with independence.
7	28–32	Produces high-quality, frequently innovative work. Communicates comprehensive, nuanced understanding of concepts and contexts. Consistently demonstrates sophisticated critical and creative thinking. Frequently transfers knowledge and skills with independence and expertise in a variety of complex classroom and real-world situations.



11.Components of the assessment process:

Components	Short description
Final grades	The Final Grade is a score that ranges 1-7, where a 7 is the highest grade and a 1 is the lowest. The Final Grade is calculated by adding the students' level of achievement for each criterion in a subject and then applying the grade boundaries. At the end of term 2 and 3 students will be assessed for each assessment criteria in order to be awarded a final grade. See below a table with the descriptions of the final grades.
Service as Action	Participation in Service and Action projects is a requirement and expectation for all students at ISAlmere. Students must successfully complete the appropriate community and service requirements during each year of the MYP. (see SA booklet)
IDU (interdisciplinary understanding)	In each MYP year, students will have a IDU assessment combining two subjects. The assessment will appear on the final report for all year groups.
Mock Exams	At the end of January all students of MYP5 will have a mock exam for the following subject: Lang and Literature (Dutch, English), Individuals and Societies, Mathematics (core and extended), Science and IDU. A past exam will be used for each of the subject and with the help of the mark schemes provided the teachers will determine all levels of criteria for all subjects. The mock exam is used to have an additional grade on the report card but also for prediction of the subject for the May exam session.
e-Assessment	The school participates in the e-assessment as a final externally assessed tool for all MYP5 students, earning a formal, internationally-recognized certificate if the students meet the success criteria (see criteria below). The school offers the following subjects: Onscreen exams: Lang and Literature (English A, Dutch A), Individuals and Societies, Integrated Science, Mathematics (Math and Math Extended), Interdisciplinary learning E-portfolio: Language acquisition: English B, French B, Spanish B, Dutch B Students choose one subject out of: Product Design, Drama, Music, Visual Arts
Predicted grade	Predicted grades are given to the IB for the onscreen examination subjects. The predicted grade is the teacher's prediction of the grade the candidate is expected to achieve in the subject in the onscreen exam, based on all the evidence of the candidate's work, the mock exams and the teacher's knowledge of IB standards.



12.MYP certificate

Candidates for the internationally-recognized IB MYP certificate must complete eight eAssessments components. There are:

• on-screen examinations in:

- Mathematics
- Language and literature
- Sciences
- Individuals and societies
- Interdisciplinary learning
- Language acquisition

• ePortfolios (coursework) in:

• Arts, or design

• MYP Personal project.

The maximum total score for the IB MYP certificate is 56, with a grade from 1-7 assigned to each required eAssessment. Students must achieve a total of at least 28 points, with a grade of '3' or higher in each eAssessment component, to be eligible to receive the IB certificate.

13.DP Assessment

In the table below are the components used in the assessment process at International School Almere. The abbreviations used are Diploma Programme (DP), Community, Activity and Service (CAS), Extended Essay (EE), Theory of knowledge (TOK).



Components	Short description				
Grades	The progress is assessed with grades between 1 and 7.				
	The grades are calculated based on percentages or				
	overall grade boundaries from the IB last subject report. When percentages are used, the grades are as following:				
	0-14% 1				
		2			
	15-29%				
	30-43%	3			
	44-57%	4			
	58-71%	5			
	72-86%	6			
	87-100%	7			
Progress comments for EE and TOK	The EE and TOK works are divided throughout the two years according to the school calendar. The progress is commented by the supervisor/teacher in the report cards. The final EE and TOK are externally assessed using the IB assessment criteria. They contribute to the final number of points.				
Final grades	A final grade is given at the end of each term, representing the best fit of the grades obtained by the students from the beginning of DP1.				
End of year Exams	At the end of DP1, the students sit an exam for each chosen subject. The exams includes questions from all the topics studied in year 1. The main role of these exams is to expose students to exam conditions, as practice for the May examination session at the end of year 2.				
Mock Exams	In January of the second year of the programme, the students sit a mock exam for each chosen subjects. The results are given as a grade on the scale 1 to 7, with 7 being the highest grade, using the grade boundaries specific to each subject. The exams include questions from all the topics studied from the beginning of the programme. The subject teacher marks the exams according to the IB official mark schemes A mock exams report card is produced by the school, in order to				



Components	Short description			
	give student and parents an accurate overview of the preparation stage of the exams and information on the topics and skills which still need to be developed.			
Two-years calendar	The school sets internal deadlines for different stages of the internally and externally assessed components of each subject (internal assessments, written tasks and assignments, TOK presentations and essay, CAS, EE), which are mentioned in the school calendar. In order to spread the deadlines and give students an opportunity to deliver quality work the school has organised a deadline calendar that is distributed across the year. It is important for students (and parents) to be aware as it is crucial to meet all the deadlines mentioned in the calendar. The school deadlines policy is applicable for Internal			
Predicted grade	 Assessments, Written assignments, Written tasks, Extended essay, TOK essay. Predicted grades are given to the IB for all subjects in the month of March of the second year of Diploma Programme. The predicted grade is the teacher's prediction of the grade the candidate is expected to achieve in the subject in the exam, based on all the evidence of the candidate's work, the mock exams and the teacher's knowledge of IB standards. 			
	During the two years programme, the student can request predicted grades for the further studies admission process. For all subjects, predicted grades might be subject of change depending on the quality of completion of IB examination components and student achievements of skills and knowledge in preparation for the IB exams.			



The internal assessments are completed by the student during the course, assigned by the teacher and moderated by the IB. There are internal deadlines mentioned in the two-year calendar.

In the May session, the students sit external examinations, which are externally assessed. The school offers a November session for the school retake students only.

CAS, TOK and EE are at the core of the DP programme. The specific tasks will be described briefly in this booklet.

In the table below there is a short description of the internal and external assessment and their weightage to the final grade of each subject.





14.Short description of CAS, EE and TOK and their specific assessment details

Component	Short description	Requirements	Assessment
Creativity,	Creativity can be defined	Students will reflect on	Students are expected
Activity and	as arts, and other	their CAS experiences	to complete a CAS
Service (CAS)	experiences that involve	before, during and after	portfolio as evidence
	student's creative thinking,	an activity. (With	of their CAS
	experimenting and	evidence of the	engagement and
	expression.	achievement of the eight	achievement of the
	Activity can be defined as	CAS learning outcomes)	learning outcomes.
	physical exertion		
	contributing to a healthy	Students will receive their	
	lifestyle, that is new and	DP diploma <u>only</u> if the	
	challenging for the student.	CAS is completed, as it is	
	Service can be defined as	compulsory and at the	
	an unpaid and voluntary	core of the DP.	
	exchange that has a		
	learning benefit for the		
	student, while maintaining		
	the rights, dignity and		
	autonomy of all those		
	involved.		
Extended	The EE is an in-depth	A 4,000 word study of a	Essays are externally
Essay	study of a focused topic	topic of special interest	assessed against five
	chosen from the list of	Independent research	general assessment
	approved DP	while having a teacher as	criteria and the
	Subjects — normally one	an advisor	maximum score
	of the student's six chosen	It is a mandatory	possible is 34.
	subjects for the IB	component of the IB	
	diploma. It is intended to	diploma.	
	promote high-level research and writing skills,	Essays will be assessed externally	
	intellectual discovery and	externally	
	creativity.		
Theory of	The TOK course, a	The TOK course takes	TOK and EE
Knowledge	flagship element in the	about 100 hours over	combined can add up
	Diploma Programme,	two years and is a	to three points extra
	encourages critical thinking	mandatory component of	to the total IB
	about knowledge itself, to	the IB Diploma.	Diploma result.
	try to help young people		I
	make sense of what they		
	encounter. Its core content		
	is questions like: What		
	counts as knowledge? How		
	does it grow? What are its		
	limits? Who owns		
	knowledge? What is the		
	value of knowledge? What		
	are the implications of		
	1 1 1 1 1 1		
	having, or not having,		



15. CP Assessment

Students in CP will take at least two DP classes and will be assessed according to the DP standards. There is no differentation for CP students regarding the DP assessments, except that they need to have at least a 3 for at least 2 DP courses if they want to achieve their CP certificate.

For the Career-related Studies (CRS) CP students follow an International BTEC Level 3 Diploma Course in Information Technology. The BTEC course is divided into several units spread over CP1 and CP2. At the end of each unit, CP students will be assessed in one or more assignments. A summative unit grade can be awared a pass, merit or distinction:

- To achieve a 'pass' a learner must have satisfied all the pass grading criteria.
- To achieve a 'merit' a learner must additionally satisfy all the merit grading criteria.
- To achieve a 'distinction' a learner must additionally satisfy all the distinction grading criteria.
- Students who complete the unit but who do not meet all the pass criteria are graded 'unclassified'.

The learner will be taught the background information by doing class activities and research tasks. Then they will be given an assignment to complete. The assignment will be a written or practical task(s) to give the student the opportunity to achieve the basic Pass level.

The more complex tasks that require more research and independence will allow the student to achieve Merit and Distinction grades. It is very important to meet deadlines so that they can get feedback and understand how to reach higher grades. Evidence of a student's coursework may be a written piece of work, an information poster, or presentation. Evidence may also be submitted by 'witness/observation statement records' where the assessor writes a short account of a practical activity the student has undertaken. They can include videos and photographs that show the skills they have learned.

If a student does not meet the Pass criteria on their first submission, the following procedure applies:

1. Resubmission Opportunity

The student will receive *formative feedback* (without detailed guidance on how to achieve higher grades) and be given one opportunity to resubmit the assignment. This resubmission must be completed within a clearly set deadline and must show genuine improvement.

2. Retake Opportunity (New Assignment)

If the student still fails to meet the Pass level after the resubmission, they may be allowed one final retake, which involves completing a new assignment that covers the same learning aims. This decision is made at the discretion of the CP Coordinator and subject teacher, based on the student's effort, attendance, and circumstances.

3. Final Grade

In the case of a retake, the maximum grade the student can achieve is a Pass, even if the work would otherwise meet Merit or Distinction criteria.



It is important for students to meet deadlines and engage seriously with each assignment from the beginning. Regular support is provided, and all students are encouraged to ask questions, attend feedback sessions, and make use of available resources to achieve their best.

The table below shows the number of points available for the BTEC units. For each unit, points are allocated depending on the grade awarded.

	Unit size					
	60 GLH 90 GLH 120 GLH					
U	0	0	0			
Pass	6	9	12			
Merit	10	15	20			
Distinction	16	24	32			

The total amount of points a student gets over the BTEC course determines their final qualification grade. If a student fails to meet the minimum number of points to Pass, they receive a U. For the BTEC Diploma, students can score from a PP all the way up to a D*D*. The table below shows how the final qualification grade can be calculated.

Certificate		Subsidiary Diploma		Foundation Diploma		Diploma		Extended Diploma	
180 GLH		360 GLH		510 GLH		720 GLH		1080 GLH	
Grade	Points threshold	Grade	Points threshold	Grade	Points threshold	Grade	Points threshold	Grade	Points threshold
U	0	U	0	U	0	U	0	U	0
Pass	18	Р	36	Р	54	PP	72	PPP	108
						MP	88	MPP	124
								MMP	140
Merit	26	М	52	М	78	MM	104	MMM	156
						DM	124	DMM	176
								DDM	196
Distinction	42	D	74	D	108	DD	144	DDD	216
						D*D	162	D*DD	234
								D*D*D	252
Distinction*	48	D*	90	D*	138	D*D*	180	D*D*D*	270



16.Short description of the CP Core and their specific assessment details

CP students will complete four core components next to their DP courses and their CRS. In the table underneath these are briefly explained and answered how these will be assessed.

Component	Short description	Requirements	Assessment
Reflective Project	A sustained piece of academic work exploring an ethical dilemma associated with the student's career-related studies.	It can be structured as an essay, presentation, or even multimedia pieces, all with the goal of encouraging critical thinking and personal reflection.	Internally marked, externally moderated by the IB. Assessed against five criteria including ethical awareness, research, and critical reflection.
Community Engagement	A series of purposeful, authentic experiences that address identified needs in the community.	Minimum of 50 hours; includes planning, action, and reflection. Must involve interactions outside the student's immediate school environment.	Students maintain a learning journal to reflect on experiences and growth. Completion is internally determined based on consistent engagement and demonstrated achievement of Community Engagement learning outcomes over two years.
Personal and Professional Skills	A taught course that develops transferable skills such as communication, resilience, and ethical thinking.	Minimum of 100 contact hours. The curriculum covers five skill development areas aligned with lifelong learning.	Not assessed by the IB. Schools track participation and progress through portfolios and reflections.
Language and Cultural Studies	0	Minimum 70 hours. Involves language acquisition and cultural investigation tailored to the student's context and level.	Assessed internally through a learning journal that students keep for the duration of the program. Journal should show completion of progress in learning outcomes as well as sustained engagement.



17.Award of the IBDP Diploma

(Excerpt from IB Handbook of procedures for the Diploma Programme)

A candidate will not qualify for the award of the diploma if certain requirements have not been met. The following codes indicate which requirements have not been met.

- CAS requirements have not been met.
- Candidate's total points are fewer than 24.
- An "N" has been given for theory of knowledge, extended essay or for a contributing subject. 4. A grade E has been awarded for one or both of theory of knowledge and the extended essay. 5. There is a grade 1 awarded in a subject/level.
- Grade 2 has been awarded three or more times (SL or HL).

• Grade 3 or below has been awarded four or more times (SL or HL). 8. Candidate has gained fewer than 12 points on HL subjects.

• Candidate has gained fewer than 9 points on SL subjects.

18.Award of the IBCP Diploma

To achieve a CP certificate, a candidate must meet the following requirements.

- The school has confirmed that the candidate has completed the specified career-related study.
- The candidate has been awarded a grade 3 or more in at least two of the DP courses.
- The candidate has been awarded at least a D grade for the reflective project.
- The school has confirmed that all personal and professional skills, service learning and language development requirements have been met.
- The candidate has not received a penalty for academic misconduct from the Final Award Committee.

In addition to the usual certificate, a "bilingual certificate" can be awarded to a CP candidate who completes:

• two DP language courses selected from studies in language and literature with the award of a grade 3 or higher in both a DP language course from studies in language and literature and completes a DP course from individuals and societies or sciences in a response language that is not the same as that taken from studies in language and literature. The candidate must get a grade 3 or higher in both courses.

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19. Physical education assessment for DP and CP students

The school offers Physical Education to DP1/CP1 and DP2/CP2 students. The aim is to provide CAS opportunities for DP students, to enjoy high energy, relaxation and fun. This provides for holistic and balanced educational activities that the DP and CP students need. The students have 60 minutes of Physical Education lessons per week. All students are expected to join all activities and follow the program completely. In the report cards, each student will get an effort grade as well as a written comment from the subject teacher. The students do not have to prepare/study for lessons, but only to take part and enjoy having a balanced week.

If one of these activities is used as CAS experience, the student will show evidence and reflection on ManageBac as any other CAS activity. In this case, the Physical Education teacher is the CAS supervisor.

20.Review of this policy

This policy was reviewed in June 2025. This policy will be reviewed every 2 or 3 years. In case an urgent clarification is needed then the policy will be reviewed at the end of the school year during the end of year meetings.