

### **Reviewed May 2022**

#### ASSESSMENT POLICY

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The ongoing, backward and forward-looking assessment process of gathering, analyzing, reflecting and acting on evidence of student learning at Modern is based on the premise of informing and supporting every learner, the learning and teaching community. It supports the students through the facilitation of subject specific knowledge and skills acquisition, the understanding of concepts and the development of approaches to learning in addition to assisting the school's decision-making, policy development and implementation processes.

There is equal emphasis on both the learning goal and the learning process.

At Modern, teachers, students and parents collaborate to monitor, document, measure, report and adjust learning with the aim of developing assessment capability among all members of the school community. Students engage in active assessment and reflection of their own learning, act on feedback from peers and teachers to feed forward to next steps by developing and working towards their SMART goals.

### The Learner Profile

The Learner Profile describes learner characteristics that are considered necessary for a learner to become a competent learner and internationally minded. The school develops the learner profile attributes in a variety of unique contexts in collaborative planning, written curriculum, teaching, and learning and assessments. The assessment of these characteristics is mainly achieved in all subjects and elements of the program through self-reflection and goal setting to become aware and demonstrate the development of the attributes.

- Student self-reflections of the learner profile will be recorded in their portfolios, assessments, classroom and hallway displays and other student materials.
- All units of inquiry/ unit plans have identified Learner Profile attributes that are promoted and developed through the engagements
- The core components of the three IB programs formalizes the students' documentation of the development of the learner profile attributes by involving allowing them to reflect on attributes of



their choice implicitly or explicitly. For example, students in Grade 5 will reflect on their personal growth and journey through demonstration in the exhibition. Students in MYP will reflect on development of different aspects of the learner profile in service as action and in the MYP projects. Students in DP engage in extended essay and Creativity, activity, service (CAS) reflections that allow them to demonstrate the progression of the learner profile development.

### PRIMARY YEAR'S PROGRAMME

For KG to Grade 5 there is only continuous assessment throughout the academic year.

All teaching faculty is involved in the assessing learners who are directly involved in evaluating their own work and using the information provided in formative assessments to improve their learning and deepen their understanding. Parents can use descriptors to assess the work of their children and stay well-informed about their progress by reading reports and attending conferences.

### **Assessment in the Primary Years Programme**

### Assessment Types

*Table 1: How do we discover what the students know and what they have learned?* 

	Assessment for	Assessment of	Assessment as
	Learning	Learning	Learning
What?	Formative assessment is	Summative assessment	As part of the
	interwoven with daily	takes place at the end	formative process, its
	learning and helps	of the teaching and	goal is to support
	teachers and students	learning process and	students in learning
	find out what students	gives the students the	how to become a
	already know in order to	opportunity to	self-regulated
	plan the next stage of	demonstrate what has	lifelong learner.
	learning.	been learned.	
When?	Assessment for learning	Assessment of learning	It is conducted
	takes place during the	generally takes place at	throughout the
	teaching and learning	the end of the teaching	learning process. It is
	process.	and learning process.	iterative and
			interactive.



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It helps teachers modify	It provides judgement	Students are active
their planning and	in relation to set of	agents in their own
teaching accordingly. It	objectives and learning	learning by
helps students reflect on	outcomes. It offers	developing and using
their own learning.	opportunities for	metacognitive
	students to show what	strategies to: plan
	they have learned and	learning goals.
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		learning helps
		learners to reflect in
		order to modify
		learning and to adjust
		it according to their
		needs.
Student involvement	Limited student	students are active
Quantitative and	involvement	agents in their own
qualitative data	Quantitative data Tests,	learning by
Written and oral	exams, standardized	developing and using
artifacts Observations	tests Indication of skills	meta-cognitive
and feedback	and knowledge	strategies to:
Questionnaires	acquisition or mastery	• plan learning goals
Teacher/student	Based on teacher	• monitor goals
dialogues/ conferences	judgment Norm- or	• reflect in order to
Context-based Informal	criteria-referenced	modify learning and
Indication of process		to adjust learning.
Indication of		
knowledge/skill		
application		
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### **Characteristics of effective assessment**

- Authentic: It supports making connections to the real world to promote student engagement.
- Clear and specific: This includes desired learning goals, success criteria and the process students use to learn.
- Varied: It uses a wider range of tools and strategies that are fit for purpose in order to build a
  well-rounded picture of student learning.
- Developmental: It focuses on an individual student's progress rather than their performance in relation to others.
- Collaborative: It engages both teachers and students in the assessment development and evaluation process.
- Interactive: Assessment encompasses ongoing and iterative dialogues about learning.
- Feedback to feedforward: It provides feedback on current learning to inform what is needed to support future learning (Hattie, Timperley 2007) and raises students' motivation

### The Four Dimensions of Assessment

The assessment component in the school's curriculum can itself be subdivided into four closely related areas; namely monitoring, documenting, measuring, and reporting.

Although the four dimensions of assessment are not weighted the same; each dimension has its own importance and value. The PYP chooses to put emphasis on monitoring and documenting learning as these dimensions are critical in providing actionable feedback for the learner.

<b>Monitoring Learning</b>	<b>Documenting Learning</b>
It targets the evaluation of the progress of	It is evidence of the student's learning journey.
learning with reference to the success	It should be clear and visible to the whole school
criteria.	community. It can take the form of portfolios,
It happens constantly and regularly via a	learning journals/logs, or learning stories.
variety of strategies such as observation,	
posing, questions ongoing reflection and	
learning with peers and teachers to form	



meaningful feedback and feedforward for
next steps in learning.

# **Measuring Learning**

It captures what a student has learned at a particular "point in time". Not all learning can be, or needs to be, measured.

Measurement tools can be school-designed or commercial, but each measurement tool used provides further data to support a larger picture of student achievement and progress in learning.

# **Reporting on Learning**

Reporting on learning informs the learning community and reflects the question "How well are we doing?" It describes the progress and achievement of the students' learning, identifies areas for growth and contributes to the efficacy of the programme.

The following ways have been used for reporting:

- PTMs/3-way conferences (once a term): Parent teacher meetings provide an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers in person and review student goals. This may also take the form of a 3-way conference, involving student, teacher and parent.
- Student-led conferences/Gallery Walks where students showcase their learning to parents reflecting out their experiences, growth, successes, and challenges
  Reports The report card will provide details of each unit of inquiry completed during the term and subject areas such as English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, PSPE (Personal, Social and Physical Education), Visual Arts, Music, ICT along with Languages and Arabic. Wherever possible, assessments of these subjects will also take place within the Units of Inquiry.
- Learning progressions



#### Reflections

Student generated reflections will take place within and at the end of each unit. Reflections may be any of the following:

- A general reflection on the unit of inquiry, including knowledge and understanding gained about the central idea and possible future investigations.
- A response to a piece of work from the unit of inquiry.
- Each student will maintain self-reflections taken from each unit IN THEIR PORFOLIOS so students/parents will have cumulative student generated assessment from their PYP experience.

# **Self and peer evaluation:**

Besides Teacher evaluation, there is a practice of Peer Evaluation and Self Evaluation. Students are given a probing questionnaire which makes them introspect and assess themselves. This is done in each term. Learners are encouraged to apply scoring tools for self and peer evaluation as this enables learners to internalize the elements of quality embedded in the scoring criteria. Peer evaluation not only helps the person receiving the feedback, but also moves the learning of the assessing student to a higher level.

### MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

MYP follows the IB criterion-related model of assessment. Students are continuously evaluated through a wide range of formative and summative assessments. Thus, the level of achievement awarded at each reporting period are based upon a range of evidence, including, but not limited to, students' performance assignments, assessments, investigations, tests etc.

These grades are not based on a single 'test' or assessment, rather they are based on a range of formative and summative assessments. As a result, the grades reported to parents will reflect students' performance as a whole and support teachers, students and parents to respond to student learning needs in order to ensure all students achieve their full potential.

Formative assessments are used to help students develop the required ATL skills, subject specific skills, application, knowledge and understanding needed for the summative assessments. Summative assessments are based on the objectives outlined at the beginning of the unit and closely linked to the assessment criteria and relate to the statement of inquiry. Teachers plan assessments such that all strands of all four objectives are assessed at least twice in each year of the MYP.

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Assessment is an ongoing process of gathering, analyzing, reflecting and acting on evidence of student learning to inform teaching. It involves teachers and students collaborating to monitor, document, measure, report and adjust learning. Highly effective assessment shares some key characteristics:

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- Clear and specific this includes desired learning goals, success criteria and the process students use to learn.
- Varied it uses a wide range of tools and strategies that are fit for purpose in order to build a well-rounded picture of student learning.
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Effective assessment strategies provide teachers and students with a way to explore individual student strengths, challenges and preferences that can inform meaningful differentiation of learning. Assessment strategies can include:

- Observing
- Questioning
- Discussing
- Informal tests and quizzes
- Peer- and self-evaluation
- Open-ended tasks
- Performances
- Process journals

Teachers set tasks that provide learners with the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned by applying their knowledge, skill and understanding within an authentic context. Effective assessment tasks ensure that students are supported, challenged and able to achieve more than they ever thought possible.

Assessment tasks are broadly represented by the following:

- Compositions musical, physical, artistic
- Creation of solutions or products in response to problems
- Essays
- Examinations/tests
- Ouestionnaires



- Investigations
- Research
- Performances
- Presentations
- Portfolios
- Exhibitions

# The MYP assessment criteria for each subject group are:

Subject group	A	В	C	D
Language and literature	Analyzing	Organizing	Producing text	Using language
Language acquisition	Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Individuals and societies	Knowing and understanding	d Investigating	Communicating	Thinking critically
Sciences	Knowing and understanding	d Inquiring and designing	Processing and evaluating	Reflecting on the impacts of science
Mathematics	Knowing and understanding	d Investigating patterns	Communicating	Applying mathematics in reallife contexts
Arts	Investigating	Developing	Creating/Performing	Evaluating
Physical and health education	1 , 1'	l Planning for performance	Applying and performing	Reflecting and improving performance
Design	Inquiring analyzing and	d Developing ideas	Creating the solution	Evaluating
Interdisciplinary	Evaluating	Synthesizing	Reflecting	



Community	Investigating	Planning	Taking action	Reflection
Project				
Personal Project	Planning	Applying skills	Reflecting	

The IB published assessment criteria for years 1,3 and 5 provided in MYP subject-group guide is used for all assessments. Objectives and criteria for MYP years 3 and 5 are used in the previous year so that students in MYP years 2 and 4 become familiar with, and begin working towards, stated requirements, adapting, and interpreting them in ways that are developmentally appropriate. The table below summarizes the use of the IB published criteria in the 5 years of the MYP.

IB published objectives and criteria	Grade
Year 1	6
Year 3	7 and 8
Year 5	9 and 10

#### **Attainment Grades**

In the MYP students' complete units of work that evaluate one or more of four assessment criteria for that subject. Each of these four assessment criteria is graded from 1-8.

Teachers judge where students are performing, measured against the descriptors for each assessment criteria, based on what standard the student has been working at.

A guide to what each grade means in terms of a student's performance is:

Assessment Criteria Grade		
Level Achievement is		
1-2	Limited	
3-4	Moderate	
5-6	Substantial	
7-8	Excellent	•

To arrive at a criterion level total for each student, teachers add together the student's final achievement levels in the 4 criteria (A, B, C and D) of the subject and get a total score (criterion levels total) out of 32.



The table below provides a means of converting the criterion levels total into a grade based on a scale of 1–7. The table also provides a generic descriptor of the overall quality of work and development of skills that corresponds to the various grades.

# Reporting

1. The school regularly reports student progress towards the MYP objectives using the prescribed subject-group assessment criteria. The level attained in each criterion as well as the final grade is communicated in the report card based on the information provided in the 'Attainment grade' section of this document.

The following table describes the MYP termly reporting cycle adapted by the school:

Term	Assessment details	Parents reporting
1	Ongoing formative and summative assessments.	<ul> <li>Report card published end of June.</li> <li>Criteria A-D for English, Sciences, Math, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, select criteria reported for Design, Arts and PHE.</li> <li>ATL skills and effort reported for all subjects.</li> </ul>
2	<ul> <li>Ongoing formative and summative assessments.</li> <li>Mid-year exams in Math, Science I&amp;S, English and Language Acquisition concepts assessed by one or more criteria.</li> <li>November during zero period</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Criteria A-D for all subjects.</li> <li>ATL skills and effort reported for all subjects</li> </ul>



3	•	Ongoing formative and summative	•	Report card published in March.
		assessments.	•	Criteria A-D for all subjects.
	•	End of year exams in Math,		ATL skills and effort reported for all
		Sciences, I&S, English and		subjects.
		Language Acquisition concepts		Subject comments included for the following:
		assessed by one or more criteria.		students achieving level 3 and below
	•	March during zero period		students whose difference between the achieved grade and the target grade is 2
				levels or more.

# 2. Reporting on Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills

Reporting of ATL skills allows parents to understand more about their children's learning. Since these skills apply across curriculum requirements, they provide a common language for teachers and students to use when reflecting and building on the process of learning.

The ATL grade is quantitative and follows a four-level scale as shown in the table below:

Grade	Descriptor
EE	Exceeding Expectations
ME	Meeting Expectations
AE	Approaching Expectations
BE	Below Expectations

Teachers report on the ATL skills that are of greatest relevance to the unit/s of study in that term. The table below shows a brief descriptor of each of the ATL clusters and the ATL grades that could possibly be awarded.

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### MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL (ICSE)

Modern uses a balance of formative and summative assessments to help identify students' depth of understanding of concepts and support in progression of skills. Teachers continue to use Assessment for Learning using various assessment tools including EdTech tools depending on the learning outcomes and Assessment of Learning at the end of a topic or unit to identify student strength and weakness and work on remediation/ next steps.

Assessment as Learning is where much of the student agency can be seen and encouraged through self-assessment, peer assessment, reflection and goal setting. The student will monitor their progress, question their understanding and reflect upon their next steps and goals for themselves. They rely on quality feedback from a variety of sources to add to the effectiveness of this assessment and use the assessment process as a learning experience.

The academic year is divided into three terms with an examination at the end of each term. They help teachers evaluate and monitor the achievement levels of the students periodically. For promotion to the



next grade the attainment of all the three examinations are considered. The weightage given for Term 1 and Term 2 is 25% whereas it is 50% for Term 3 examinations.

# **Records and Record Keeping:**

Marks are entered electronically for the IT Department to maintain the data in student records and to evaluate and analyze the results. Students' attainment for the last three years is available to track their progress. Their individual scores are also compared with the class average

# End of term report:

A consolidated report for each child is published to parents at the end of the Third Term which shows marks and grades for all three terms. These reports outline the child's progress within all areas of the curriculum, including their strengths and talents through class teacher comments.

**Skill Based Pupil Tracker**: Student progress is effectively tracked through a Skill Based Tracker. Teachers regularly make objective observations of children through regular assessments for learning (AfLs). Teachers use this to inform further planning for each child.

The student progress tracker maintained by teachers indicate the following levels:

Emerging (w1)	Basic concepts not clear, needs ongoing direct support. Evidence of some progress in learning.
Developing (w2)	Has basic concepts but needs guided support. Evidence of progress towards relevant learning outcome but is not consistent.
Achieved (m)	Is able to apply the concepts as relevant, minimal support needed. Visible evidence that learning outcome is met most of the time
Extending (e1)	Works independently to reach to the correct solution by recognizing existing connections in learning. Consistent evidence that learning outcome is met.
Excelling (e2)	Independently applies the concept to complex situations and connects ideas in novel ways. Consistent evidence of advanced understanding of learning observed.

### Common reporting in Middle and Senior (ICSE) and MYP Feedback:

On a continuous basis constructive feedback is provided to parents through notebook correction, continuous evaluation of assessments and 'PULSE' communications. If children are underperforming, teachers inform parents either by phone or through mail or a note in the diary. If a child is consistently



underperforming, the Supervisor calls the parents for a discussion and follow up action. In certain cases children may be advised to see the School Counselor for assistance.

**Mid Term Review**: A comprehensive academic review of each pupil is conducted and shared with parents and pupils towards the middle of the term in Term 1 and Term 2.

The review includes feedback on student's CAT4 performance, PASS data and performance in ASSET benchmarking tests in Term 1.

**Open House**: In addition to the Midterm reviews, parents attend formal Parent/Teacher meetings at the end of each term where they meet each subject teacher and discuss the child's progress and achievement. In addition, for students with SEN, Special Coffee mornings and Open Houses are arranged for teachers to have a more detailed discussion with the parents.

### **New Students (MYP and ICSE):**

School follows the social model which means admission is not incumbent on a medical or formal psychological diagnosis. By and large all students even those who have special needs are admitted if the school could support their special educational needs. All new students who are admitted from grade (3-12) may attempt CAT4 assessment at the time of admission. The inclusion team may meet with the student/parents if the child scores less than mean stanine 90, to carry out any informal assessment so an effective home plan/program and strategy for classroom support may be planned even before the student begins formal schooling. The same is applied for the student's seeking admission in KG-grade 2. Information from the previous school, if any, is sought if the special educator needs clarity on some matters related to the student's learning support plan.

### **Follow-up Action:**

Students who are found to be in need of extra support are required to go for remedial classes which are conducted in the afternoon and also in the morning before the first period begins. Here the teachers are able to give individual attention to the students and their progress is monitored closely. Letters are sent to parents informing them of the extra classes their children need to attend.

Assessment, recording and reporting procedures are reviewed annually to ensure that they evolve and incorporate the best practices.



#### IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Assessment is a judgment about how well a student has met the aims and objectives of a course. It is an integral part of the curriculum; it is derived from the course aims and assessment objectives. Assessment should account for a variety of learning styles. It should be differentiated to account for the diverse backgrounds of our learners. It should inform our teaching and enable us to guide our students in reference to their set targets.

#### Aims:

In our school the assessments that we set should:

- challenge all students.
- encourage students to discuss and review their progress with their teacher.
- involve parents in their children's learning.
- lead to more focused teaching and learning and inform the planning process.
- enable us to provide meaningful feedback to students.
- help us to make judgements about how well our school is doing when compared to all schools and to similar schools.

Assessment is a quality assurance measure that enables the school to ask some key questions about its performance. These are:

- How well are we doing in relation to our targets?
- How much added value do we make to the progress of students at each key stage?
- Can we identify trends in student attainment over time?
- What is the next phase in our development?
- What action should we take and how do we review progress?

Assessment should be both formative (to assist students in building understanding, skills, and knowledge) and summative (to assess students' acquired understanding, skills and knowledge).

### **Summative:**

- In DP1 Yearend exams: June
- IN DP2: Mock exams in January

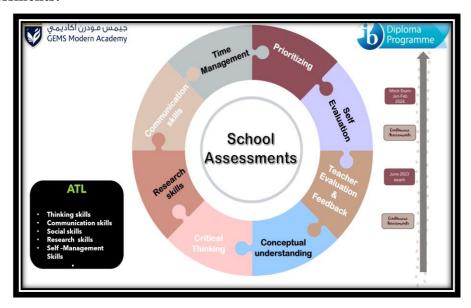
Both exams are conducted strictly following exam process for the students to be familiar with the final IBDP May exam



Formative: These are continuous assessments - AFL, AOL and AAL

Students should have a wide variety of different assessment opportunities (written assignments, oral presentations, field work, practical work, exhibitions, performance tasks, case studies, research papers, peer, and self-assessment) as part of their learning experience.

### **Continuous assessments:**



Students are evaluated every day. The daily activities in and outside the classrooms are not just assessments for learning but also designed as assessment as learning. Tasks, observations and conversations help teachers assess the ATL skills in students. Each department has their own design of assessments unique to their subject requirement which are designed to encourage curiosity and support to approach problems or questions in creative ways.

The formative assessments are continuous in nature and continue right till the last term of DP2. These assessments are co-owned both by the teacher as well as the student making it an interactive, dynamic process. Peer assessment and self-assessment activate students as instructional resource for one another as well as make students owners of their own learning:

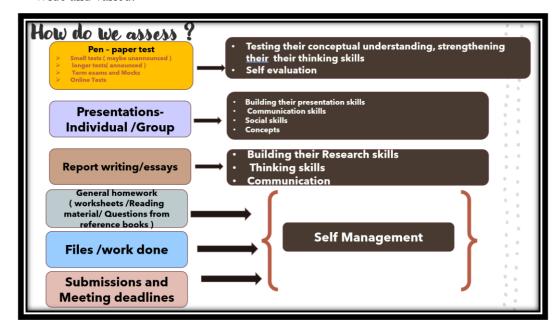
Student interaction during class, with teachers and peers, their problem-solving skills, presentations, quality of discussions, timely submissions, maintaining the academic integrity lends into the building Learner profile.



Assessment criteria should be clear to students, so they understand how to make and demonstrate progress. Assessment should measure what students understand, what they can do and what they know. Assessment should be on-going and reflective, which allows students to evaluate their progress and set targets for improvement.

Formative Assessments can be summarized as: These are

- Continuous assessments
- Subject specific integrating ATL skills
- Designed by the teachers that are wide ranged that will strengthen the conceptual understanding and help transfer their learning to unfamiliar and new situations
- Used as feedback tool for students to identify areas of improvement.
- Used for scaffolding for building skills and concepts.
- Help them to prepare and perform well in their summative assessments.
- Aimed at embedding the Learner profile
- Wide and varied:



# **Approaches to Assessments:**

- The philosophy and process of assessments are articulated and conveyed to the stakeholders in different ways handbook, subject guide documents, presentations, and orientations.
- Teachers often use formative assessments to elicit evidence of student growth in the ATL skills and to track progress.
- Teachers standardize their assessments to ensure reliable results in accordance with IB guidelines.



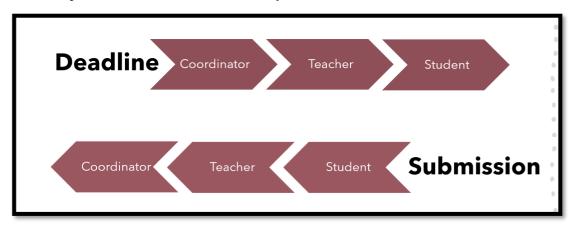
### Protocol for Internally Assessed IB course components (IAs)

#### **Timelines and Deadlines for Coursework Submissions:**

Timely submissions are a crucial factor in student progress and attainment. The timeline document is a two-year calendar having all the submission dates of all the six IA (Internal assessments), Extended Essay, TOK, and CAS.

The teachers plan the coursework timeline in consultation with the DPC.

- The timelines are staggered to avoid overlapping submission dates for different subjects.
- Teachers and students discuss the deadlines. Students are expected to make a careful note to set their personal deadlines.
- Students co-create the personalized timeline calendar with their parents, which is parked on ManageBac.
- Students are expected to follow the timeline strictly.



### Consequences of missing deadlines:

- 1. For the first time discussion between Teachers and students.
- 2. For the second time Teachers and students meet the DPC
- 3. Third time meeting with DPC and Parents

#### Submission of Internal Assessments

All draft and final copies of internal assessments are to be submitted by students via the drop box in ManageBac. Each individual IA should be calendared as an assignment by the subject teacher within the respective virtual "class".

It is imperative that the teacher selects the "Enable Turnitin" option to ensure all submissions are screened for academic honesty purposes.



# Marking and Moderating

Marking criteria for internally assessed IB course components should be discussed and standardized by subject teachers with the Head of Department in the first instance, prior to internal marking. Once the internally assessed work has been marked, a process of moderation with the Head of Department should take place. Moderation should take place at a minimum of 2 weeks prior to any submissions being made to the specified examination board (via IBIS or post). It is the responsibility of the Head of Department to ensure that appropriate and meaningful moderation takes place in reference to internally assessed DP course components.

These discussions and moderation sessions should be recorded in the departmental meetings.

# > Recording results

Marks and feedback for internal assessments should be entered in the respective "assignment" within ManageBac. It is imperative that all internally assessed course components are kept on file by subject teachers both as a photocopy and as a soft copy. At the time of forwarding internally assessed samples to the examining board, members of staff should forward copies of the internally assessed material to the IB Coordinator. The DP coordinator must ensure all IA scores are uploaded to the IBIS website prior to deadlines given by the IB.

If a member of staff leaves the school, hard and soft copies of the internally assessed work should be forwarded to the member of staff's line manager prior to the member of staff leaving Modern.

It is the responsibility of the Head of Department to ensure that there is a centralized record of the scores, or grades awarded for internally assessed materials.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

- > It is the responsibility of the school management team, heads of department, Diploma Programme coordinator and assistant coordinator:
- To communicate with students and parents the expectations of the Diploma Programme.
- To be keep abreast with current course content, guides, and any notable changes.
- To provide supporting information about the nature of all forms of subject assessments to parents, staff, and students.
- To calendar major internal assessment dates and the examination schedule in ManageBac.
- To monitor teacher-designed instruction, pacing and assessment to ensure it is in line with Diploma Program curriculum outcomes.
- Collect data from each teacher as to how students are progressing and assist teachers in interpreting that data (where necessary) to inform instruction/intervention/planning.



- Responsible for making all arrangements for approving and appointing individuals required to support an
  access arrangement.
- To request for need based suitable inclusive access arrangements in line with the eligibility criteria stated as per the IBO handbook for Inclusion policy.
- For ensuring that, during assessments, all equipment authorized for a candidate function correctly and that there is a member of staff who is familiar with its use.
- To report suspected instances of student academic misconduct and school maladministration to the school administration and/or the IB
- Orient parents and students on the IBDP Exam process and procedures and post-results EUR process.
- Ensure relevant support materials, resources, and process are implemented for fair and valid assessment.
  - secure storage room and safe or storage cabinet is kept locked when not in use
  - access to a secure storage room and safe or storage cabinet is strictly limited, with two to four keyholders (or combination keepers) only
  - any keys are kept in a secure place that cannot be accessed by any unauthorized person; each keyholder should be able to access the material independently, in case other keyholders are not available during essential periods.
  - \* examination papers and stationery are placed within the safe or secure storage cabinet as soon as they arrive in the school and are only removed when they are needed.
- > It is the responsibility of the teacher to provide students, at the beginning of each course, with a course syllabus which contains the following:
- The course content as dictated by the Diploma Programme
- The nature of the summative assessments required by the exam board.
- The relative weight of these assessments for the student's achievement of the aims of the course.
- A breakdown of the skills and a direction of the sequence of instruction required to be successful on the course.
- The nature of the formative assessment tasks that will provide skill growth.
- The assessment criteria by which all formative and summative assessments are judged by the examination board and by the teacher.



- Teacher expectations as to deadlines, due dates, content, assignment format, assignment turn in procedures, academic honesty and treatment of late work.
- The teacher is aware of the particulars of the Academic policy and as a practice, ALL submissions are checked using Turnitin for any academic plagiarism.
- To meet the student's learning needs, including provision of access to learning and teaching. (as per the IBO handbook for Inclusion policy)
- > Teachers will also be expected to collect, report, and utilize data in the following manner:
- Report to students and parents on student progress.
- Post grades in a timely manner within ManageBac.
- Reflect on the effectiveness of instruction and on assessment instruments.
- Reflect on progress of individuals and whole groups of learners, taking action and making early interventions where appropriate.
- Once a student submits a piece of work to a member of staff, whether completed or not, it is the member of staff's responsibility to safeguard that piece of work.
- > It is the responsibility of the student to:
- Observe all regulations and criteria in the production of assessments or the taking of examinations.
- Participate in the formative assessments to continuously develop conceptual understandings, skills, and knowledge.
- Reflect on progress for further improvement.
- Meet all internal deadlines as prescribed by the teacher, the examination board and the school.
- Provide a medical certificate or seek leave in advance given an emergency circumstance that may preclude completion of an assessment or examination.
- Seek help when the student does not understand a concept, skill or background knowledge.
- Attend class regularly to receive the benefit of instruction and practice.
- Be organized with materials and assignments ready for class.
- Bring into the classroom a willingness to exhibit and personally develop each of the Learner Profile characteristics.



• The student is aware of the particulars of the Academic policy and DOES NOT resort to academic malpractice involving any academic practices – be it IA, school assessments, continuous assessments or any submissions. Effective referencing and citation techniques employed, and credit is given wherever and whenever it is due.

# **Rights:**

- All stakeholders have access to the assessment policy.
- When necessary, students will be given inclusive access arrangement during assessment (as per the Inclusion policy of the IB and the school).
- Students can change their subject during the Diploma program if they find it challenging, which hampers the learning and may impact the outcome of the IBDP exams.
- Students /parents /legal guardians can discuss the concern or queries related to grades (Predicted grades) with the subject teachers.

# **Meeting Local requirements:**

The school abides with the rules and regulations mandated by the KHDA, educational regulatory body for Dubai schools needed for IBDP students:

- Equivalency certificates for all students for change in curriculum to the IBDP
- Islamic assessments-
  - All Muslim students have 80 mins of Islamic Education, twice a week during zero period and appear for Islamic exam end of both the years.
  - All students appearing for Islamic assessment are expected to get a minimum of 50%
- MEP classes once a week
- Appear for PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) which is an external benchmark assessment that measures 15-year-olds' ability to use their reading, mathematics and science whenever sampled in the 3 year periodical cycle of assessment.

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