

The IB Journey: Becoming an IB World School



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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.

Consideration phase



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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 \(CP\)](#)
- Analyze and reflect on the IB's philosophy and structure alongside the Guide for Authorization for the [PYP](#), [MYP](#), [DP](#), [CP](#), or [DP/CP](#)

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

Application phase

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You have done the homework. Now it is time to apply.

Congratulations!



You are an IB candidate school

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Putting the pieces in place

Candidacy is the period of time where a school puts the pieces in place to become an IB World School

- 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

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

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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!**