

SECOND LANGUAGE SUBJECT OPTIONS (for new students)

The second language choices offered in MYP are Spanish, French and English as an Additional Language (EAL). Students transitioning from Grade 5 into Grade 6 may have the option to change their language choices. Students in Grades 6-10 are expected to continue the same language choice to qualify for their MYP Certificate. If students are fluent language French speakers in the MYP they are unable to take the French Acquisition course. If they are fluent language Spanish speakers in the MYP they are unable to take the Spanish Acquisition course.

The language choices offered in the IB Diploma other than English A are English B, Spanish B, French B, French ab-initio and Self Taught.

Please indicate the language choice for the appropriate programme for next academic year.

MYP _____ Amount of Year/s previously studied _____

DP _____ Amount of Year/s previously studied _____

English A

The Language A: language and literature course aims to develop skills of textual analysis and the understanding that texts, both literary and non-literary, can relate to culturally determined reading practices, and to encourage students to question the meaning generated by language and texts.

English B

The IB DP Language B course provides students with the opportunity to acquire or develop an additional language and to promote an understanding of other cultures through the study of language. Language B is designed for students who possess a degree of knowledge and experience in the target language. Those learning a Language B at higher level should be able to follow university courses in other disciplines in the Language B that is studied.

French and Spanish B

The IB Diploma Programme Language B course provides students with the opportunity to acquire or develop an additional language and to promote an understanding of other cultures through the study of language. Language B is designed for students who possess a degree of prior knowledge and experience in the target language.

French Ab Initio

The IB DP Language Ab Initio course is designed to provide students with the necessary skills and intercultural understanding to enable them to communicate successfully in an environment where the language studied is spoken. This process encourages the learner to go beyond the confines of the classroom, expanding an awareness of the world and fostering respect for cultural diversity. Language Ab Initio is available at standard level only and is designed for students who are beginners, or have little experience in the target language.

Language A Self Taught

This is for students who are bilingual and would like to obtain a bilingual diploma. This option is available in the IB Diploma curriculum because the IB recognizes that there are limitations on the number of taught language courses any school can offer but also wants to give students a chance to continue formal learning in their mother tongue. This subject is available at Standard Level only.

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SENIOR SCHOOL LANGUAGE BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

To be complete by all MYP and DP parents, one per student

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ **AGE: YRS.** ____ **MONTHS** ____ **GRADE:** _____

First Language

1. What is your child's 1st language? _____
2nd language? _____ 3rd language? _____
2. In what language did your child learn to read and write first? _____
3. What is the principal language spoken in your home? _____
4. What language does your child use with his/her mother? _____
What is the mother's first language? _____
5. What language does your child use with his/her father? _____
What is the father's first language? _____
6. What language do the parents use with each other? _____
7. What language does your child use most with his/her brother/sister?

8. Would you be interested in your child attending mother tongue language classes? If possible these may be offered after school. Yes / No
If yes, what language would you want your child to learn? _____
9. Would you be interested in supporting the mother tongue language programme? Yes / No
If yes, what language would feel comfortable teaching to the students? _____

Thank you for the information supplied.