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What you need to know about the IB



So what exactly is the International Baccalaureate?

“... The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a not-for-profit foundation, motivated by its mission to create a better world through education”



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*...The **International Baccalaureate** aims to develop **inquiring, knowledgeable** and **caring** young people who help to create a better and more **peaceful** world through **intercultural** understanding and **respect**...*



*...Our programmes **encourage** students across the world to become **active, compassionate and lifelong learners** who **understand** that other people, with their differences, can also be right....*



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The IB Learner Profile



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Primary Years
Programme

1997



Middle Years
Programme

1994



Diploma
Programme

1968

2012



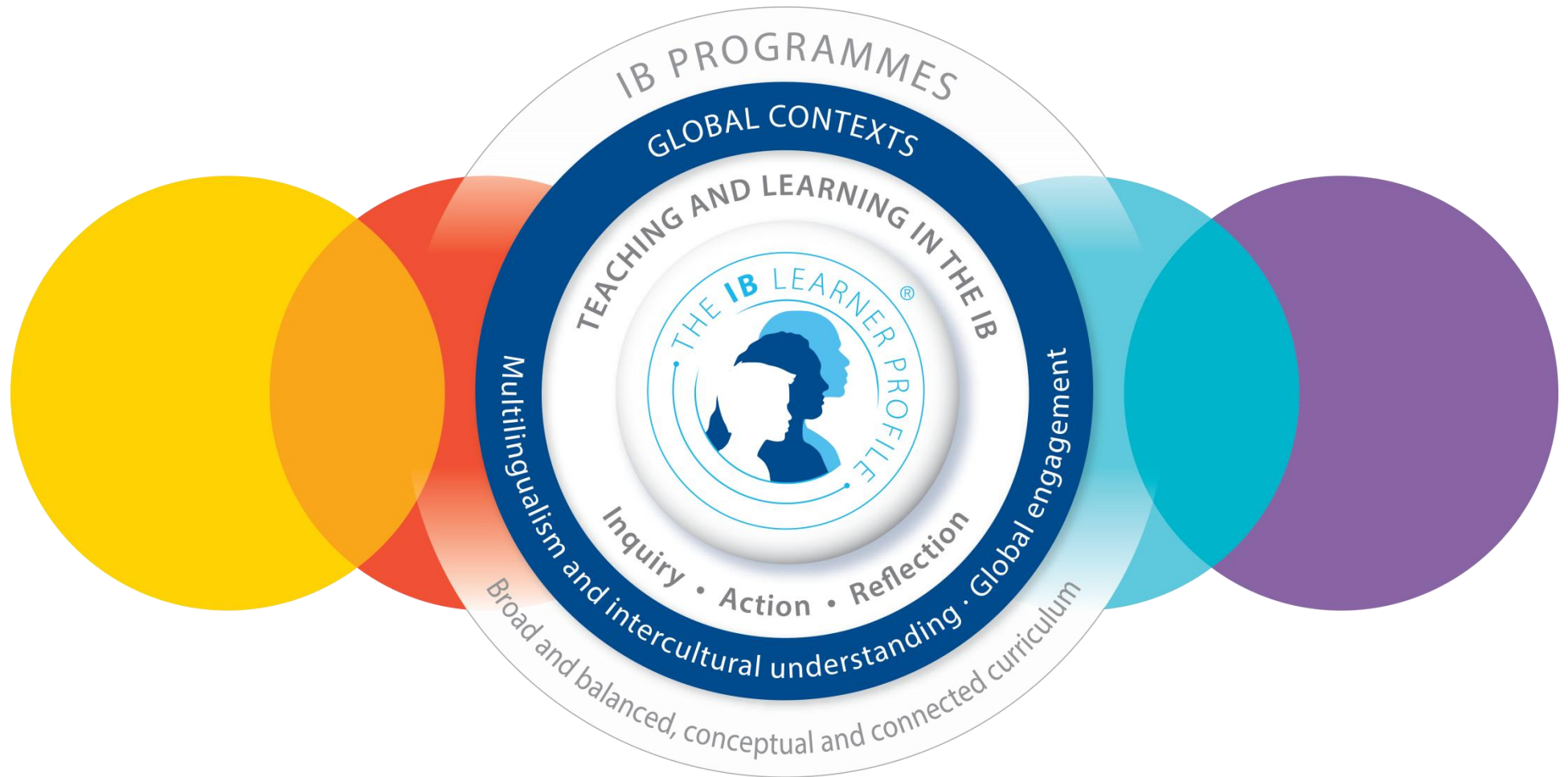
Career-related
Certificate



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Founded in **1968**

We currently work with over **3,500** schools,
In **144** countries,

To develop and offer four challenging programmes to over
1,000,000 students worldwide.



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Broad Rigorous Assessment
 Reflection Inquiry Balanced
 Community Service
Flexible
 Critical Thinking
 Develops **Research** skills
 Choice within structure
Pre-university



Programmes: Diploma Programme

A rigorous two year pre-university course that leads to examinations, for motivated students aged 16 - 19



What are people saying about the Diploma Programme?

“...It not only gives children an international perspective to their education, but also focuses on how to be a learner. I am not just delivering them facts but how they will best learn what they want to know...”

- Sarah Pepper ISD Principal, Ireland.

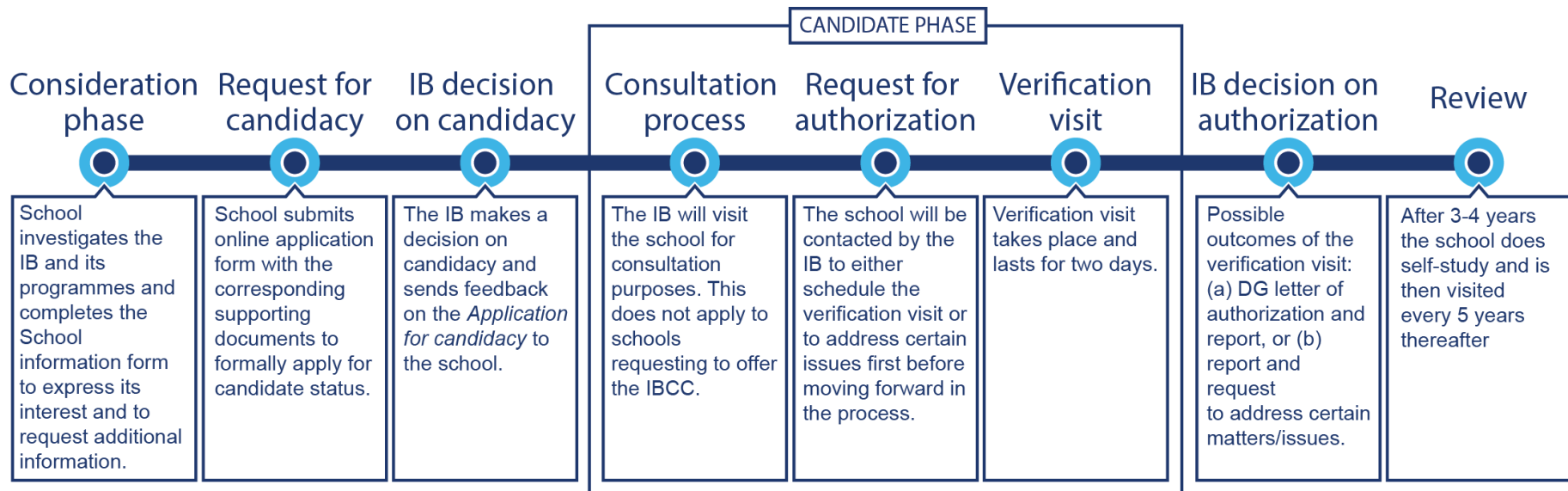
“...I have absolutely no doubt that the IB is better than the national curriculum. The breadth of subjects allows students to be much better prepared for life beyond school...”

- Paul Coates, CAS coordinator and House Master, Sidcot International School, UK.

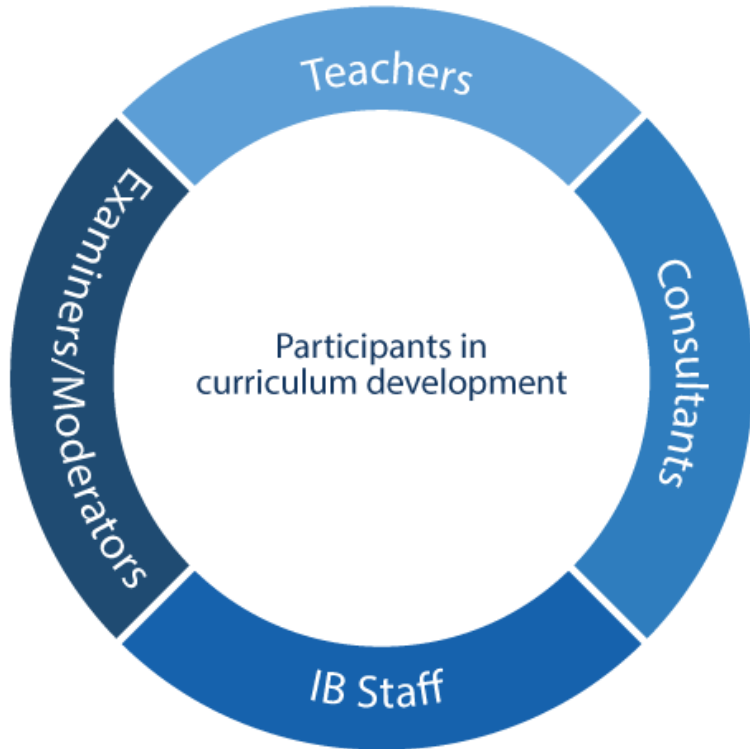
“...Skills I learned through IB will continue to put me in good stead for the rest of my life. IB gave me the peace of mind and confidence in my abilities. University is still a lot of work, but I know no matter how high the bar is set, I will be able to make the jump...”

- Lindsey Fielding Croft, former student at Park View Education Centre, Canada.

How is a school authorized and reviewed?



How the IB develops its curriculum:



- The education committee of the Board of Governors manages overall academic policy across the four programmes
- Each programme has a programme committee, which is responsible for supervising the quality and development of the programme
- A published review cycle and timetable aims to ensure that the curriculum is relevant and up to date without the need for unexpected change
- Schools worldwide are encouraged to contribute by completing questionnaires and surveys, testing new materials, supplying experienced teachers to attend curriculum review meetings, and commenting on draft guides
- The IB also produces teacher support materials such as sample exam papers, lessons, projects and samples of assessed student work

The process of review is ongoing. Each IB subject is at a particular point in the review cycle in order to balance the overall workload.



What makes IB assessment special?

IB assessment is rigorous, criterion referenced, consistent and differentiating of student ability

- The Diploma Programme is graded over 45 points giving ample scope to differentiate student ability
- Diploma Programme assessment includes both final examinations and internal assessment undertaken by the teacher to IB criteria and then externally moderated by the IB.
- All examiners are 'quality checked' through a process of moderation.
- The IB undertakes random inspections of schools during exams.
- Results are published on 5 July for May exams (predominantly northern hemisphere schools) and 5 January for November exams (predominantly southern hemisphere schools).