



"To educate is to turn walls
into doors."

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Mission & Vision

Mission

The mission of the IAB (International Arab Baccalaureate) is to enhance students' overall academic performance and equip them to succeed in the future by integrating 21st-century skills into the academic programme. The IAB respects the individual needs of students, promotes a caring and creative environment, and addresses the social, emotional and intellectual development of each student.

Vision

The vision of the IAB is to apply its academic programme at all educational levels to help guide students throughout their academic journey. The IAB enables students to flourish as responsible, productive and engaged citizens within a global community.

The IAB bookworm will appear throughout this guide to provide you with quotes, facts and tips about education.



“This is a noble mission.
This is a noble work.
You will be serving education.
You will be serving generations.”
Habib K. Sayegh
CEO

IAB

The International Arab Baccalaureate is a high-standard educational programme created by the Educational Research Center.

IAB International Equivalence

The IAB Diploma has received equivalence to the British GCE A level by UK NARIC, the National Agency for the Recognition and Comparison of International Qualifications and Skills. UK NARIC performs this official function on behalf of the UK government.

The IAB Diploma

The IAB Diploma is granted on the basis of a set of exit exams in conjunction with cross-disciplinary project and continuous regular assessments throughout Grades 10, 11 and 12.

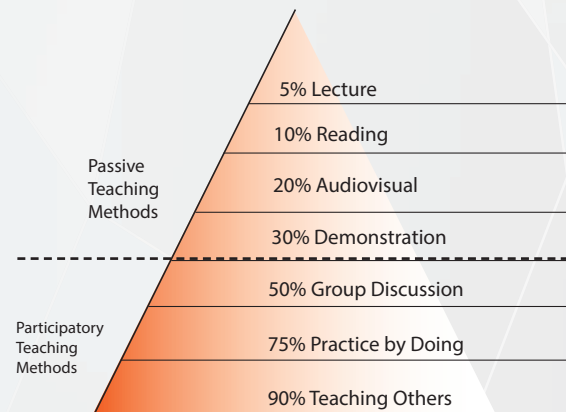
Parents as Partners

The IAB promotes collaboration among students, teachers and parents.

Reaching High Retention Rates

The Learning Pyramid*

Average Retention Rates



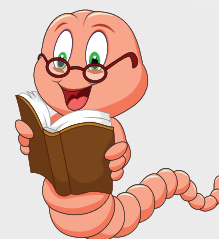
*Adapted from National Training Laboratories, Bethel, Maine

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The IAB programme employs a high concentration of participatory teaching exercises in order to ensure that students experience maximum information retention across the course.

Fun Fact

The average attention span of a human being has dropped from 12 seconds in 2000 to 8 seconds in 2015. This is one second less than the attention span of a goldfish!



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IAB Schools Enrich Existing Curricula

The IAB benefits from the latest developments in education and technology, whilst respecting the culture of the Arab world.

21st-Century Skills

Twenty-first century skills are integrated in the classroom through highly interactive activities. These activities focus on involving as many of the students' five senses as possible in order to engage concentration and maintain attention.

What Are 21st

21st-Century Skills	
Creativity and Innovation 	Using knowledge and understanding to create new ways of thinking in order to find solutions to problems and to create new products and services.
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving 	Applying higher-order thinking skills to a problem or issue, using appropriate reasoning to effectively analyse the problem and make decisions about the most effective ways to solve the problem.
Communication 	Communicating effectively in a wide variety of forms and contexts for multiple purposes and using a wide range of multimedia and technology.
Collaboration 	Working with others respectfully and effectively to create, use and share knowledge, solutions and innovation.
Information Management 	Accessing, analysing, synthesising, creating and sharing information from multiple sources.

Testimonies to the IAB Programme

“I find that the IAB programme has built a valid framework aimed to shape minds and instil the proper skills all students need to succeed in every academic journey.”

Dina Nehme
English Language Consultant

“The IAB lesson plans have helped me capture the attention of a wider range of students in class.”

Rose-Marie Saliba
French Language Consultant

“The IAB has created one of the most interactive programmes to be applied in all classrooms.”

Judie Fares
Chief Administrative Officer

“The integration of 21st-century skills in all classroom sessions has truly yielded better results in educational performance.”

Dr. Nabil Constantine
Senior Educational Consultant

“Students are engaging with technology and digital media outside the classroom, so why not bring it inside the classroom and integrate it in their programme? The IAB has actually done that.”

Stephanie Zgheib
Biology Teacher

THE IAB Diploma

The IAB Diploma is granted on the basis of:

- Continuous assessment in Grade 10 and Grade 11
- Cross-disciplinary project in Grade 12
- Comprehensive exam in Grade 12



IAB Field Work

“The capacity to learn is a gift;





The ability to learn is a skill;



The willingness to learn is a choice.”

Brian Herbert

Century Skills?

21st-Century Skills	
<p>Effective Use of Technology</p> 	<p>Creating the capacity to identify and use technology efficiently, effectively and ethically to access, organise, evaluate and share information.</p>
<p>Career and Life Skills</p> 	<p>Developing skills for becoming self-directed, independent learners and workers, who can adapt to change, manage projects, take responsibility for their work, lead others and produce results.</p>
<p>Cultural Awareness</p> 	<p>Developing cultural competence in working with others by recognising and respecting the cultural differences of people from a wide range of cultural and social backgrounds.</p>
<p>Self-direction</p> 	<p>Promoting self-reliance and self-sufficiency in learning, and developing the ability to become self-guided in education.</p>

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How Are 21st-Century Skills Integrated in the Classroom?

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- Videos
- Pictures
- Role Play
- Presentations
- Interactive Boards
- Puzzles
- Cultural Education
- Fun Facts
- Songs
- Blogs



“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.”
Margaret Mead

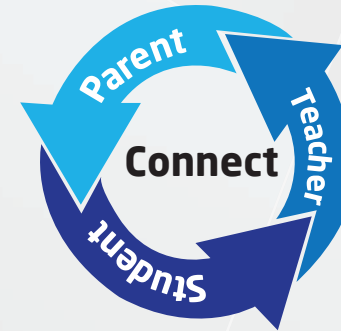
“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”
Benjamin Franklin

IAB Schools Enrich Existing Curricula

The IAB works within the framework of existing curricula, under a flexible programme of study. It encourages the development of new ideas based on experimentation and open-mindedness, as well as individual and team creativity, all of which are included in the 21st-century skills that the IAB focuses on. The IAB also benefits from the latest developments in education and technology, whilst respecting local cultural heritage and aspirations in the Arab world. The IAB is currently working on integrating its programme in secondary classes and ultimately intends to apply this programme from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Parents as Partners

The IAB supports self-learning, self-awareness and self-direction. The IAB programme guides students to develop the necessary skills to become independent learners so that they can take on any journey in education and come out on top. This does not detract from the collaboration that the IAB promotes among students, teachers and parents.



IAB International Equivalence

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