



# What Is an IB Education?



The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a global education framework that sets a clear philosophy and approach to teaching and learning and maintains rigorous benchmarks, while letting schools design content suited to their local context and culture.

IB programmes help students make sense of a complex, global world by developing critical thinking, interdisciplinary learning, and an appreciation of diverse cultures and perspectives.

## How the IB Shapes Your Child's Learning and Growth

- **Global mindset:** Children learn about themselves and others, and our shared responsibility for the planet.
- **Strong character & habits:** IB learners are curious, thoughtful, kind, open-minded, and reflective, always growing and learning from the world around them.
- **Connected learning:** Big ideas link subjects to real-world issues.
- **Skills for life:** Inquiry, collaboration, research, communication, critical thinking, and self-management.
- **Outcome:** Beyond grades, IB students take thoughtful action and help build a more sustainable, compassionate world.

The IB offers four programmes for students ages 3–19:

- Primary Years Programme (PYP)  
Prek3 to Grade 5.
- Middle Years Programme (MYP)  
Grade 6 to Grade 10.
- Diploma Programme (DP)  
Grade 11 to Grade 12.
- Career-related Programme (CP)  
Grade 11 to Grade 12.

Together, these programs form a seamless, holistic “continuum” of education that supports students as lifelong learners. **Dwight School Hanoi** is an IB Continuum School, authorized to offer three programmes, the PYP, MYP, and DP.



## What does an IB school look like?

- **Learner-first:** Teaching is caring, ethical, and tailored to each child.
- **How we learn:** Students ask questions, reflect often, and use feedback to improve.
- **World focus:** Lessons draw on languages, local and global cultures, and global issues.
- **What we learn:** A broad, balanced curriculum built on big ideas that connect subjects.



# What Is the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)?



The MYP is for students ages 11–16 (Grades 6–10). It's a flexible framework that builds strong academics and life skills, helping students become creative, critical, reflective thinkers who connect learning to real life, wherever they live in the world.

## The MYP programme:

- **Supports the whole child:** Nurtures students' intellectual, social, emotional, and physical well-being.
- **Builds real-life skills:** Gives students chances to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills to handle complexity and make responsible choices for the future.
- **Broad and deep learning:** Ensures strong understanding by studying eight subject groups.
- **Languages matter:** Requires learning at least two languages- the language of instruction plus another.
- **Service to the community:** Empowers students to take action and contribute through meaningful service.
- **Future-ready:** Helps prepare students for further education and a lifetime of learning.

The MYP aims to help students develop their personal understanding, their emerging sense of self and responsibility in their community.

## What does an MYP lesson look like?

An MYP lesson is designed to help students understand big ideas and see how their learning connects to the real world.

- Each unit starts with a clear theme or question that gives learning a purpose.
- Teachers start with big ideas (key concepts) and key topics (related concepts) to guide learning, then use a real-world theme (global context) to show why it matters and how it connects to the wider world.
- Lessons are inquiry-based, students ask, investigate, create, and apply what they learn.

In every lesson they build practical how-to-learn skills (ATL's):

- Thinking & research.
- Communicating & collaboration.
- Self-management.

Progress is measured with clear criteria, not just tests, through practical projects, performances, and reflections that show real understanding.

### Key MYP Projects

**Community Project, Grades 8-9:** Students design and lead a project that creates positive change in their community

**Personal Project, Grade 10:** A culminating independent project where each student pursues a personal passion, demonstrating creativity, perseverance, and self-direction.



## 10 Reasons Why It Works

### 1 Becoming a life-long learner

Learn how you learn and improve how you communicate, research, manage yourself, work with others, and think critically.

### 3 The MYP encourages critical thinking

It builds the skills to think critically about problems, come up with fresh ideas, and see things from other viewpoints.

### 5 Learn for understanding

You do not just memorize facts or topics and prepare for exams

### 7 Subjects are not taught in isolation

You are encouraged to make connections between subjects.

### 9 It prepares you for future education

Build a strong foundation for the IB Diploma Programme and future study.



### 2 Learn by doing and experiencing

The MYP Community Project teaches you to help your community and use what you learn in class in the real world.

### 4 Explore global challenges

The MYP helps you understand the world by exploring important global ideas and issues.

### 6 Train yourself to:

- Organize and plan your work
- Meet deadlines
- Concentrate
- Be resilient
- Be persistent
- Think positively

### 8 It empowers you to develop your talents

Own your progress, demonstrate your learning and growth.

### 10 It encourages international-mindedness

The MYP teaches you to value your own culture and personal story while being open to different perspectives and traditions.

# What the **IB MYP** Looks Like at **Dwight** **School Hanoi**



## **SUPPORTS THE WHOLE CHILD**

At Dwight School Hanoi, we foster the whole child, academically, socially, emotionally, and physically, with balanced schedules, rich opportunities to explore passions outside the classroom, teacher support for student-led clubs and initiatives, and global experiences through the Dwight network.

## **BROAD AND DEEP LEARNING**

Our experienced IB teachers work together to connect disciplines, helping students see how science, humanities, design, and the arts fit together rather than standing alone. This collaborative approach anchors learning across the MYP. Our innovative, network-wide Quest program stretches and supports every learner, while our facilities, makerspaces, science and design labs, music and recording studios, black box theater, aquatics and sports centers, libraries, and campus greenhouses, enable unique course offerings and inquiry-based MYP learning.

## **IDENTITY THROUGH LANGUAGE**

Students study English plus a second language (e.g., Vietnamese). We honor each child's heritage/home language because research shows it strengthens identity, deepens thinking, and boosts academic success.

## **INTERNATIONAL MINDEDNESS**

Through our signature travel program, Dwight Destinations, students visit other Dwight campuses to work on shared projects and cultural experiences. We don't just teach international-mindedness in the MYP, we live it. These exchanges deepen empathy, intercultural understanding, and a real sense of belonging to a global community, helping students grow into open-minded, compassionate leaders ready to make a difference anywhere.

## **BUILDING SKILLS AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

We intentionally build leaders through Ambassadors, student council, student-led clubs, and community projects, where students plan, collaborate, and take action. Meaningful service, fundraising, environmental initiatives, and local partnerships, turns classroom learning into real community impact.

## **FUTURE READY**

Dwight School Hanoi empowers students to become entrepreneurs, innovators, and critical problem solvers through innovative programs like Spark Tank and Sparkathon, where ideas are transformed into real-world solutions. These initiatives foster creativity, resilience, and collaboration, preparing students to navigate and shape an ever-changing global landscape.

