

**Albanian College Guide to MYP Assessment
Year 1
(Grade 6)**

IB mission statement

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.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These 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.

(Source: MYP – From principles into practice, For use from September 2014/January 2015)

IB Learner Profile Attributes

Inquirers

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

Knowledgeable

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

Thinkers

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

Communicators

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

Principled

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

Open-Minded

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

Caring

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

Balanced

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

Reflective

We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

MYP general grade descriptors

To arrive at a criterion levels total for each student, teachers add together the student's final achievement levels in all criteria of the subject group.

Schools using the MYP 1–7 scale should use the grade boundary guidelines table that follows to determine final grades in each year of the MYP. The table provides a means of converting the criterion levels total into a grade based on a scale of 1–7.

Grade	Boundary guidelines	Descriptor
1	1–5	Produces work of very limited quality. Conveys many significant misunderstandings or lacks understanding of most concepts and contexts. Very rarely demonstrates critical or creative thinking. Very inflexible, rarely using knowledge or skills.
2	6–9	Produces work of limited quality. Expresses misunderstandings or significant gaps in understanding for many concepts and contexts. Infrequently demonstrates critical or creative thinking. Generally inflexible in the use of knowledge and skills, infrequently applying knowledge and skills.
3	10–14	Produces work of an acceptable quality. Communicates basic understanding of many concepts and contexts, with occasionally significant misunderstandings or gaps. Begins to demonstrate some basic critical and creative thinking. Is often inflexible in the use of knowledge and skills, requiring support even in familiar classroom situations.
4	15–18	Produces good-quality work. Communicates basic understanding of most concepts and contexts with few misunderstandings and minor gaps. Often demonstrates basic critical and creative thinking. Uses knowledge and skills with some flexibility in familiar classroom situations, but requires support in unfamiliar situations.
5	19–23	Produces generally high-quality work. Communicates secure understanding of concepts and contexts. Demonstrates critical and creative thinking, sometimes with sophistication. Uses knowledge and skills in familiar classroom and real-world situations and, with support, some unfamiliar real-world situations.
6	24–27	Produces high-quality, occasionally innovative work. Communicates extensive understanding of concepts and contexts. Demonstrates critical and creative thinking, frequently with sophistication. Uses knowledge and skills in familiar and unfamiliar classroom and real-world situations, often with independence.
7	28–32	Produces high-quality, frequently innovative work. Communicates comprehensive, nuanced understanding of concepts and contexts. Consistently demonstrates sophisticated critical and creative thinking. Frequently transfers knowledge and skills with independence and expertise in a variety of complex classroom and real-world situations.

(Source: MYP – From principles into practice, For use from September 2014/January 2015 p. 93)

IB Grading Scale to Albanian Grading Scale Conversion Chart

Albanian Grade	AC Grade
4	1
5	2
6	3
7	4
8	5
9	6
10	7

Language and Literature Guide

For use from September 2014 or January 2015

Assessment for language and literature in all years of the programme is criterion-related, based on four equally weighted assessment criteria:

Criterion A	Analysing	Maximum 8
Criterion B	Organizing	Maximum 8
Criterion C	Producing text	Maximum 8
Criterion D	Using language	Maximum 8

Subject groups must assess all strands of all four assessment criteria at least twice in each year of the MYP.

In the MYP, subject group objectives correspond to assessment criteria. Each criterion has eight possible achievement levels (1–8), divided into four bands that generally represent limited (1–2); adequate (3–4); substantial (5–6); and excellent (7–8) performance. Each band has its own unique descriptor that teachers use to make “best-fit” judgments about students’ progress and achievement.

This guide provides the **required assessment criteria** for years 1, 3 and 5 of MYP language and literature. In response to national or local requirements, schools may add criteria and use additional models of assessment. Schools must use the appropriate assessment criteria as published in this guide to report students’ final achievement in the programme.

Teachers clarify the expectations for each summative assessment task with direct reference to these assessment criteria. Task-specific clarifications should clearly explain what students are expected to know and do. They might be in the form of:

- a task-specific version of the required assessment criteria
- a face-to-face or virtual classroom discussion
- a detailed task sheet or assignment.

(Source: MYP Language and Literature Guide, For use from September 2014 or January 2015, p. 27)

Criterion A: Analysing

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. identify and comment upon significant aspects of texts
- ii. identify and comment upon the creator's choices
- iii. justify opinions and ideas, using examples, explanations and terminology
- iv. identify similarities and differences in features within and between texts.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. provides minimal identification and comment upon significant aspects of texts ii. provides minimal identification and comment upon the creator's choices iii. rarely justifies opinions and ideas with examples or explanations; uses little or no terminology iv. identifies few similarities and differences in features within and between texts.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. provides adequate identification and comment upon significant aspects of texts ii. provides adequate identification and comment upon the creator's choices iii. justifies opinions and ideas with some examples and explanations, though this may not be consistent; uses some terminology iv. identifies some similarities and differences in features within and between texts.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. provides substantial identification and comment upon significant aspects of texts ii. provides substantial identification and comment upon the creator's choices iii. sufficiently justifies opinions and ideas with examples and explanations; uses accurate terminology iv. describes some similarities and differences in features within and between texts.
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. provides perceptive identification and comment upon significant aspects of texts ii. provides perceptive identification and comment upon the creator's choices iii. gives detailed justification of opinions and ideas with a range of examples, and thorough explanations; uses accurate terminology iv. compares and contrasts features within and between texts.

Criterion B: Organizing

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. employ organizational structures that serve the context and intention
- ii. organize opinions and ideas in a logical manner
- iii. use referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style suitable to the context and intention.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. makes minimal use of organizational structures, though these may not always serve the context and intention ii. organizes opinions and ideas with a minimal degree of logic iii. makes minimal use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style that may not always be suitable to the context and intention.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. makes adequate use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention ii. organizes opinions and ideas with some degree of logic iii. makes adequate use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style suitable to the context and intention.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. makes competent use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention ii. organizes opinions and ideas in a logical manner, with ideas building on each other iii. makes competent use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style suitable to the context and intention.
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. makes sophisticated use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention effectively ii. effectively organizes opinions and ideas in a logical manner with ideas building on each other in a sophisticated way iii. makes excellent use of referencing and formatting tools to create an effective presentation style.

Criterion C: Producing text

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. produce texts that demonstrate thought and imagination while exploring new perspectives and ideas arising from personal engagement with the creative process
- ii. make stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating awareness of impact on an audience
- iii. select relevant details and examples to support ideas.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. produces texts that demonstrate limited personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates a limited degree of thought or imagination and minimal exploration of new perspectives and ideas ii. makes minimal stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating limited awareness of impact on an audience iii. selects few relevant details and examples to support ideas.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. produces texts that demonstrate adequate personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates some thought or imagination and some exploration of new perspectives and ideas ii. makes some stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating some awareness of impact on an audience iii. selects some relevant details and examples to support ideas.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. produces texts that demonstrate considerable personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates considerable thought or imagination and substantial exploration of new perspectives and ideas ii. makes thoughtful stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating good awareness of impact on an audience iii. selects sufficient relevant details and examples to support ideas.
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. produces texts that demonstrate a high degree of personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates a high degree of thought or imagination and perceptive exploration of new perspectives and ideas ii. makes perceptive stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating clear awareness of impact on an audience iii. selects extensive relevant details and examples to support ideas.

Criterion D: Using language

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. use appropriate and varied vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression
- ii. write and speak in an appropriate register and style
- iii. use correct grammar, syntax and punctuation
- iv. spell (alphabetic languages), write (character languages) and pronounce with accuracy
- v. use appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. uses a limited range of appropriate vocabulary and forms of expression ii. writes and speaks in an inappropriate register and style that do not serve the context and intention iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with limited accuracy; errors often hinder communication iv. spells/writes and pronounces with limited accuracy; errors often hinder communication v. makes limited and/or inappropriate use of non-verbal communication techniques.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. uses an adequate range of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression ii. sometimes writes and speaks in a register and style that serve the context and intention iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with some degree of accuracy; errors sometimes hinder communication iv. spells/writes and pronounces with some degree of accuracy; errors sometimes hinder communication v. makes some use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. uses a varied range of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression competently ii. writes and speaks competently in a register and style that serve the context and intention iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with a considerable degree of accuracy; errors do not hinder effective communication iv. spells/writes and pronounces with a considerable degree of accuracy; errors do not hinder effective communication v. makes sufficient use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. effectively uses a range of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression<li>ii. writes and speaks in a consistently appropriate register and style that serve the context and intention<li>iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with a high degree of accuracy; errors are minor and communication is effective<li>iv. spells/writes and pronounces with a high degree of accuracy; errors are minor and communication is effective<li>v. makes effective use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.

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Language Acquisition Guide

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Assessment for language acquisition in all years of the programme is criterion-related, based on four equally weighted assessment criteria:

Criterion A	Comprehending spoken and visual text	Maximum 8
Criterion B	Comprehending written and visual text	Maximum 8
Criterion C	Communicating in response to spoken and/or written and/or visual text	Maximum 8
Criterion D	Using language in spoken and/or written form	Maximum 8

Subject groups must assess all strands of all four assessment criteria at least twice in each year of the MYP.

In the MYP, subject group objectives correspond to assessment criteria. Each criterion has eight possible achievement levels (1–8), divided into four bands that generally represent limited (1–2); adequate (3–4); substantial (5–6); and excellent (7–8) performance. Each band has its own unique descriptor that teachers use to make “best-fit” judgments about students’ progress and achievement.

This guide provides the **required assessment criteria** for phases 1 to 6 of MYP language acquisition. In response to national or local requirements, schools may add criteria and use additional models of assessment. Schools must use the appropriate assessment criteria as published in this guide to report students’ final achievement in the programme.

Teachers clarify the expectations for each summative assessment task with direct reference to these assessment criteria. Task-specific clarifications should clearly explain what students are expected to know and do. They might be in the form of:

- a task-specific version of the required assessment criteria
- a face-to-face or virtual classroom discussion
- a detailed task sheet or assignment.

(Source: MYP Language Acquisition Guide, For use from September 2014 or January 2015, p. 48)

Criterion A: Comprehending spoken and visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 1, students should be able to:

- i. identify basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details
- ii. recognize basic conventions
- iii. engage with the spoken and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies minimal basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has limited awareness of basic conventions iii. engages minimally with the spoken and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a personal response to the text. <p>The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies some basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has some awareness of basic conventions iii. engages adequately with the spoken and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some personal response to the text. <p>The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies most basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has considerable awareness of basic conventions iii. engages considerably with the spoken and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. <p>The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Achievement level	Level descriptor
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. clearly identifies basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has excellent awareness of basic conventions iii. engages thoroughly with the spoken and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. <p>The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Criterion B: Comprehending written and visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 1, students should be able to:

- i. identify basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details
- ii. recognize basic aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing
- iii. engage with the written and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies minimal basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has limited awareness of basic aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages minimally with the written and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a personal response to the text. <p>The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies some basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has some awareness of basic aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages adequately with the written and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some personal response to the text. <p>The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies most basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has considerable awareness of basic aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages considerably with the written and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. <p>The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. clearly identifies basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has excellent awareness of basic aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages thoroughly with the written and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. <p>The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Criterion C: Communicating in response to spoken and/or written and/or visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 1, students should be able to:

- i. respond appropriately to simple short phrases
- ii. interact in simple and rehearsed exchanges, using verbal and non-verbal language
- iii. use basic phrases to communicate ideas, feelings and information on a variety of aspects of everyday topics
- iv. communicate with a sense of audience.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. makes limited attempt to respond to simple short phrases and basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text; responses are often inappropriate ii. interacts minimally in simple and rehearsed exchanges, using verbal and non-verbal language iii. uses minimal basic phrases to communicate ideas, feelings and information on a limited range of aspects of everyday topics iv. communicates with a limited sense of audience.

3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds to simple short phrases and basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text, though some responses may be inappropriate ii. interacts to some degree in simple and rehearsed exchanges, using verbal and non-verbal language iii. uses some basic phrases to communicate ideas, feelings and information on a limited range of aspects of everyday topics iv. communicates with some sense of audience.
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds appropriately to simple short phrases and basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. interacts considerably in simple and rehearsed exchanges, using verbal and non-verbal language iii. uses basic phrases to communicate ideas, feelings and information on some aspects of everyday topics iv. communicates with a considerable sense of audience.
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds in detail and appropriately to simple short phrases and basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. interacts confidently in simple and rehearsed exchanges, using verbal and non-verbal language iii. uses basic phrases effectively to communicate ideas, feelings and information on a variety of aspects of everyday topics iv. communicates with an excellent sense of audience.

Criterion D: Using language in spoken and/or written form

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 1, students should be able to:

- i. write and/or speak using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions; when speaking, use clear pronunciation and intonation
- ii. organize basic information and use a range of basic cohesive devices
- iii. use language to suit the context.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.

1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. has difficulty to write/speak using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with many errors, making understanding difficult ii. organizes limited basic information, and basic cohesive devices are not used iii. makes minimal use of language to suit the context.
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, with some inappropriate choices; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors, some of which make understanding difficult ii. organizes some basic information and uses a limited range of basic cohesive devices, not always appropriately iii. uses language to suit the context to some degree.
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks making good use of a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, generally accurately; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors, though these do not interfere with comprehensibility ii. organizes basic information and uses a limited range of basic cohesive devices accurately iii. usually uses language to suit the context.
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks effectively using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions accurately; when speaking, uses clear pronunciation and excellent intonation, making communication easy ii. organizes basic information clearly and uses a range of basic cohesive devices accurately iii. uses language effectively to suit the context.

Criterion A: Comprehending spoken and visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 2, students should be able to:

- i. show understanding of messages, main ideas and supporting details
- ii. recognize basic conventions
- iii. engage with the spoken and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. shows minimal understanding of messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has limited awareness of basic conventions iii. engages minimally with the spoken and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a personal response to the text. <p>The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. shows some understanding of messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has some awareness of basic conventions iii. engages adequately with the spoken and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some personal response to the text. <p>The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. shows considerable understanding of messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has considerable awareness of basic conventions iii. engages considerably with the spoken and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. <p>The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Achievement level	Level descriptor
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. shows excellent understanding of messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has excellent awareness of basic conventions iii. engages thoroughly with the spoken and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. <p>The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Criterion B: comprehending written and visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 2, students should be able to:

- i. identify basic facts, main ideas and supporting details, and draw conclusions
- ii. recognize basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing
- iii. engage with the written and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies minimal basic facts and main ideas but few supporting details; is not able to draw conclusions ii. has limited awareness of basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages minimally with the written and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a personal response to the text. <p>The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies some basic facts, main ideas and supporting details; is not always able to draw conclusions ii. recognizes some basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages adequately with the written and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some personal response to the text. <p>The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies most basic facts, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. recognizes most basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages considerably with the written and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. <p>The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. clearly identifies basic facts, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. clearly recognizes basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages thoroughly with the written and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. <p>The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Criterion C: Communicating in response to spoken and/or written and/or visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 2, students should be able to:

- i. respond appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text
- ii. interact in basic structured exchanges
- iii. use phrases to communicate ideas, feelings and information in familiar situations
- iv. communicate with a sense of audience.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. makes limited attempt to respond to simple short phrases or basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text; responses are often inappropriate ii. interacts minimally in basic structured exchanges iii. uses minimal phrases to communicate ideas, feelings and information in a limited range of familiar situations iv. communicates with a limited sense of audience.

3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds to simple short phrases and some basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text, though some responses may be inappropriate ii. interacts to some degree in basic structured exchanges iii. uses some phrases to communicate ideas, feelings and information in a limited range of familiar situations; ideas are not always relevant or detailed iv. communicates with some sense of audience.
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds appropriately to simple short phrases and basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. interacts considerably in basic structured exchanges iii. uses phrases to communicate ideas, feelings and information in some familiar situations; ideas are relevant and detailed iv. communicates with a considerable sense of audience.
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds in detail and appropriately to simple short phrases and basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. interacts confidently in basic structured exchanges iii. uses phrases effectively to communicate ideas, feelings and information in a variety of familiar situations; ideas are relevant, detailed and include examples iv. communicates with an excellent sense of audience.

Criterion D: Using language in spoken and/or written form

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 2, students should be able to:

- i. write and/or speak using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions; when speaking, use clear pronunciation and intonation
- ii. organize information and ideas and use a range of basic cohesive devices
- iii. use language to suit the context.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.

1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. has difficulty to write/speak using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with many errors, making understanding difficult ii. organizes limited basic information and ideas, and basic cohesive devices are not used iii. makes minimal use of language to suit the context.
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, with some inappropriate choices; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors, some of which make understanding difficult ii. organizes some basic information and ideas, and uses a limited range of basic cohesive devices, not always appropriately iii. uses language to suit the context to some degree.
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks making good use of a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, generally accurately; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors, though these do not interfere with comprehensibility ii. organizes basic information and ideas well, and uses a limited range of basic cohesive devices accurately iii. usually uses language to suit the context.
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks effectively using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions accurately; occasional errors do not interfere with communication. When speaking, uses clear pronunciation and excellent intonation, making communication easy ii. organizes basic information and ideas clearly, and uses a range of basic cohesive devices accurately; there is a logical structure and cohesive devices add clarity to the message iii. uses language effectively to suit the context.

Criterion A: Comprehending spoken and visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 3, students should be able to:

- i. show understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and draw conclusions
- ii. understand conventions
- iii. engage with the spoken and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. shows minimal understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and is not able to draw conclusions ii. has limited understanding of conventions iii. engages minimally with the spoken and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. shows some understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws some conclusions ii. has some understanding of conventions iii. engages adequately with the spoken and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. shows considerable understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. has considerable understanding of conventions iii. engages considerably with the spoken and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Achievement level	Level descriptor
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. shows excellent understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. has excellent understanding of conventions iii. engages thoroughly with the spoken and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Criterion B: Comprehending written and visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 3, students should be able to:

- i. show understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and draw conclusions
- ii. understand basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing
- iii. engage with the written and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. shows minimal understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and is not able to draw conclusions ii. has limited understanding of basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages minimally with the written and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. shows some understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws some conclusions ii. understands some basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages adequately with the written and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Achievement level	Level descriptor
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. shows considerable understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. understands most basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages considerably with the written and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. shows excellent understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. clearly understands basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages thoroughly with the written and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Criterion C: Communicating in response to spoken and/or written and/or visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 3, students should be able to:

- i. respond appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text
- ii. interact in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges
- iii. express ideas and feelings, and communicate information in familiar and some unfamiliar situations
- iv. communicate with a sense of audience and purpose.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. makes limited attempt to respond to spoken and/or written and/or visual text; responses are often inappropriate ii. interacts minimally in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges iii. expresses few ideas and feelings and communicates minimal information in familiar and some unfamiliar situations iv. communicates with a limited sense of audience and purpose.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds to spoken and/or written and/or visual text, though some responses may be inappropriate ii. interacts to some degree in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges iii. expresses some ideas and feelings and communicates some information in familiar and some unfamiliar situations; ideas are not always relevant or detailed iv. communicates with some sense of audience and purpose.
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. interacts considerably in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges iii. expresses ideas and feelings and communicates information in familiar and some unfamiliar situations; ideas are relevant and detailed iv. communicates with a considerable sense of audience and purpose.
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds in detail and appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. interacts confidently in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges iii. effectively expresses a wide range of ideas and feelings and communicates information in familiar and some unfamiliar situations; ideas are relevant and opinions are supported by examples and illustrations iv. communicates with an excellent sense of audience and purpose.

Criterion D: Using language in spoken and/or written form

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 3, students should be able to:

- i. write and/or speak using a range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions; when speaking, use clear pronunciation and intonation
- ii. organize information and ideas and use a range of basic cohesive devices
- iii. use language to suit the context.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. has difficulty to write/speak using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with many errors, making understanding difficult ii. organizes limited information and ideas, and basic cohesive devices are not used iii. makes minimal use of language to suit the context.
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, with some inappropriate choices; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors, some of which make understanding difficult ii. organizes some information and ideas, and uses a limited range of basic cohesive devices, not always appropriately iii. uses language to suit the context to some degree.
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks making good use of a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, generally accurately; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors, though these do not interfere with comprehensibility ii. organizes information and ideas well, and uses a limited range of basic cohesive devices accurately iii. usually uses language to suit the context.
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks effectively using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions accurately; occasional errors do not interfere with communication. When speaking, uses clear pronunciation and excellent intonation, making communication easy ii. organizes information and ideas clearly, and uses a range of basic cohesive devices accurately; there is a logical structure and cohesive devices add clarity to the message iii. uses language effectively to suit the context.

Criterion A: Comprehending spoken and visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 4, students should be able to:

- i. construct meaning and draw conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details
- ii. interpret conventions
- iii. engage with the spoken and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. has difficulty constructing meaning from information or main ideas and supporting details; is not able to draw conclusions ii. has difficulty interpreting conventions iii. engages minimally with the spoken and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. constructs some meaning and draws some conclusions from information, main ideas and some supporting details ii. interprets some conventions iii. engages adequately with the spoken and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. constructs considerable meaning and draws conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details ii. interprets most conventions iii. engages considerably with the spoken and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Achievement level	Level descriptor
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. constructs extensive meaning and draws conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details ii. interprets conventions iii. engages thoroughly with the spoken and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Criterion B: Comprehending written and visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 4, students should be able to:

- i. construct meaning by identifying stated and implied information, main ideas and supporting details, and draw conclusions
- ii. interpret basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing
- iii. engage with the written and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. has difficulty constructing meaning by identifying stated information or main ideas and supporting details; is not able to draw conclusions ii. has difficulty interpreting basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages minimally with the written and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. constructs some meaning from stated and some implied information, main ideas and supporting details; draws some conclusions ii. interprets some basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages adequately with the written and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Achievement level	Level descriptor
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. constructs considerable meaning by identifying stated and implied information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. interprets most basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages considerably with the written and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. constructs extensive meaning by identifying stated and implied information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. interprets basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages thoroughly with the written and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. <p>The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Criterion C: Communicating in response to spoken and/or written and/or visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 4, students should be able to:

- i. respond appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text
- ii. engage in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges to share ideas on topics of personal and global significance
- iii. express ideas and feelings, and communicate information in simple and complex texts
- iv. communicate with a sense of audience and purpose.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. makes limited attempt to respond to spoken and/or written and/or visual text; responses are often inappropriate ii. engages minimally in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges; ideas are not always related to topics of personal and global significance iii. expresses few ideas and feelings, and communicates minimal information in simple and complex texts iv. communicates with a limited sense of audience and purpose.
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds to spoken and/or written and/or visual text, though some responses may be inappropriate ii. engages to some degree in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges to share some ideas on topics of personal and global significance iii. expresses some ideas and feelings, and communicates some information in simple and complex texts; ideas are not always relevant or detailed iv. communicates with some sense of audience and purpose.
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. engages considerably in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges to share ideas on topics of personal and global significance iii. expresses ideas and feelings, and communicates information in simple and complex texts; ideas are relevant and detailed iv. communicates with a considerable sense of audience and purpose.
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds in detail and appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. engages confidently in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges to share a variety of informative and organized ideas on topics of personal and global significance iii. effectively expresses a wide range of ideas and feelings, and communicates information in simple and complex texts; ideas are relevant and developed, and opinions are supported by examples and illustrations iv. communicates with an excellent sense of audience and purpose.

Criterion D: Using language in spoken and/or written form

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 4, students should be able to:

- i. write and/or speak using a range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions; when speaking, use clear pronunciation and intonation
- ii. organize information and ideas into a structured text; use a wide range of cohesive devices
- iii. use language to suit the context.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. has difficulty to write/speak using a range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with many errors, making understanding difficult ii. organizes limited information, and cohesive devices are not used iii. makes minimal use of language to suit the context.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks using a range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, with some inappropriate choices; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors, some of which make understanding difficult ii. organizes some information and ideas, and uses a limited range of cohesive devices, not always appropriately iii. uses language to suit the context to some degree.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks making good use of a range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, generally accurately; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors, though these do not interfere with comprehensibility ii. organizes information and ideas well, and uses a limited range of cohesive devices accurately iii. usually uses language to suit the context.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. writes/speaks effectively using a range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions accurately; occasional errors do not interfere with communication. When speaking, uses clear pronunciation and excellent intonation, making communication easy<li>ii. organizes information and ideas clearly into a well-structured text; uses a range of cohesive devices accurately, adding clarity and coherence to the message<li>iii. uses language effectively to suit the context.

Criterion A: Comprehending spoken and visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 5, students should be able to:

- i. analyse and draw conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details
- ii. analyse conventions
- iii. engage with the spoken and visual text by analysing ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. has difficulty analysing information or main ideas and supporting details; is not able to draw conclusions ii. has difficulty analysing conventions iii. engages minimally with the spoken and visual text by analysing few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. analyses adequately and draws some conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details ii. analyses some conventions iii. engages adequately with the spoken and visual text by analysing some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. analyses considerably and draws conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details ii. analyses most conventions iii. engages considerably with the spoken and visual text by analysing most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Achievement level	Level descriptor
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. analyses thoroughly and draws conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details ii. analyses conventions iii. engages thoroughly with the spoken and visual text by analysing ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Criterion B: Comprehending written and visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 5, students should be able to:

- i. analyse and draw conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details
- ii. analyse basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing
- iii. engage with the written and visual text by analysing ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. has difficulty analysing information or main ideas and supporting details; is not able to draw conclusions ii. has difficulty analysing basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages minimally with the written and visual text by analysing few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. analyses adequately and draws some conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details ii. analyses some basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages adequately with the written and visual text by analysing some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Achievement level	Level descriptor
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. analyses considerably and draws conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details ii. analyses most basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages considerably with the written and visual text by analysing most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. analyses thoroughly and draws conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details ii. analyses basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author’s purpose for writing iii. engages thoroughly with the written and visual text by analysing ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Criterion C: Communicating in response to spoken and/or written and/or visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 5, students should be able to:

- i. respond appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text
- ii. engage in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges to share ideas on a range of topics of personal and global significance
- iii. express ideas, opinions and feelings, and communicate information in a wide range of situations
- iv. communicate with a sense of register, purpose and style.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. makes limited attempt to respond to spoken and/or written and/or visual text; responses are often inappropriate ii. engages minimally in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges; ideas are not always related to topics of personal and global significance iii. expresses few ideas, opinions and feelings, and communicates minimal information in various situations iv. communicates with a limited sense of register, purpose and style.
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds to spoken and/or written and/or visual text, though some responses may be inappropriate ii. engages to some degree in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges to share some ideas on topics of personal and global significance iii. expresses some ideas, opinions and feelings, and communicates some information in a range of situations; ideas are not always relevant or detailed iv. communicates with some sense of register, purpose and style.
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. engages considerably in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges to share ideas on topics of personal and global significance iii. expresses ideas, opinions and feelings, and communicates information in a range of situations; ideas are relevant and detailed iv. communicates with a considerable sense of register, purpose and style.
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds in detail and appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. engages confidently in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges to share a variety of informative and organized ideas on a range of topics of personal and global significance iii. effectively expresses a wide range of ideas, opinions and feelings, and communicates information in a wide range of situations; ideas are relevant and developed, reflecting a good understanding of the topic. Opinions are supported by examples and illustrations iv. communicates with an excellent sense of register, purpose and style.

Criterion D: Using language in spoken and/or written form

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 5, students should be able to:

- i. write and/or speak using a range of vocabulary, complex grammatical structures and conventions; when speaking, use intonation and fluency
- ii. organize information and ideas; use a wide range of cohesive devices
- iii. use language to suit the context.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. has difficulty to write/speak using a range of vocabulary, complex grammatical structures and conventions; speaks with many errors in intonation and pronunciation, affecting fluency and making understanding difficult ii. organizes limited information, and cohesive devices are not used iii. makes minimal use of language to suit the context.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks using a range of vocabulary, complex grammatical structures and conventions, with some inappropriate choices; speaks with some errors in intonation and pronunciation, affecting fluency and sometimes making understanding difficult ii. organizes some information and ideas, and uses a limited range of cohesive devices, not always appropriately iii. uses language to suit the context to some degree.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks making good use of a range of vocabulary, complex grammatical structures and conventions, generally accurately; speaks with fluency and some errors in intonation, though this does not interfere with comprehensibility ii. organizes information and ideas well, and uses a range of cohesive devices accurately iii. usually uses language to suit the context.
7–8	The student: The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks effectively using of a range of vocabulary, complex grammatical structures and conventions, accurately; occasional errors do not interfere with communication. Speaks with excellent intonation and fluency, making communication easy ii. organizes information and ideas into a clear and effective structure; uses a wide range of cohesive accurately, enhancing the development of ideas iii. uses language effectively to suit the context.

Criterion A: Comprehending spoken and visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 6, students should be able to:

- i. evaluate and draw conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details
- ii. interpret the author's choice of style, format and ideas to suit an intended audience and purpose
- iii. engage with the spoken and visual text by evaluating ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. has difficulty evaluating information or main ideas and supporting details; is not able to draw conclusions ii. has difficulty interpreting the author's choice of style, format and ideas to suit an intended audience and purpose iii. engages minimally with the spoken and visual text by evaluating few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. evaluates adequately and draws some conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details in social and academic situations ii. adequately interprets the author's choice of style, format and ideas to suit an intended audience and purpose iii. engages adequately with the spoken and visual text by evaluating some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. evaluates considerably and draws conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details in social and academic situations ii. interprets to some degree the author's choice of style, format and ideas to suit an intended audience and purpose iii. engages considerably with the spoken and visual text by evaluating most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Achievement level	Level descriptor
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> evaluates thoroughly and draws conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details in social and academic situations interprets the author’s choice of style, format and ideas to suit an intended audience and purpose engages thoroughly with the spoken and visual text by evaluating ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Criterion B: Comprehending written and visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 6, students should be able to:

- evaluate and draw conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details
- interpret the author’s choice of style, format and ideas to suit an intended audience and purpose
- engage with the written and visual text by evaluating ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> has difficulty evaluating information or main ideas and supporting details; is not able to draw conclusions has difficulty interpreting the author’s choice of style, format and ideas to suit an intended audience and purpose engages minimally with the written and visual text by evaluating few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> evaluates adequately and draws some conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details adequately interprets the author’s choice of style, format and ideas to suit an intended audience and purpose engages adequately with the written and visual text by evaluating some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Achievement level	Level descriptor
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. evaluates considerably and draws conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details ii. interprets to some degree the author’s choice of style, format and ideas to suit an intended audience and purpose iii. engages considerably with the written and visual text by evaluating most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. evaluates thoroughly and draws conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details ii. interprets the author’s choice of style, format and ideas to suit an intended audience and purpose iii. engages thoroughly with the written and visual text by evaluating ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions from a global perspective. <p>The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.</p>

Criterion C: Communicating in response to spoken and/or written and/or visual text

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 6, students should be able to:

- i. respond appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text
- ii. engage in unrehearsed and complex exchanges on a wide range of topics of personal and global significance
- iii. express a wide range of ideas, opinions and feelings, and communicate information in a wide range of social and academic contexts
- iv. communicate with a sense of register, purpose and style.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. makes limited attempt to respond to spoken and/or written and/or visual text; responses are often inappropriate ii. engages minimally in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges; ideas are not always related to topics of personal and global significance iii. expresses few ideas, opinions and feelings, and communicates minimal information in various social and academic contexts iv. communicates with a limited sense of register, purpose and style.
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds to spoken and/or written and/or visual text, though some responses may be inappropriate ii. engages to some degree in rehearsed and unrehearsed complex exchanges to share some ideas on topics of personal and global significance iii. expresses some ideas, opinions and feelings, and communicates some information in a range of social and academic contexts; ideas are not always relevant or detailed iv. communicates with some sense of register, purpose and style.
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. engages considerably in rehearsed and unrehearsed complex exchanges to share ideas on topics of personal and global significance iii. expresses ideas, opinions and feelings, and communicates information in a range of social and academic contexts; ideas are relevant and detailed iv. communicates with a considerable sense of register, purpose and style.
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. responds in detail and appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. engages confidently in rehearsed and unrehearsed complex exchanges to share a variety of informative and organized ideas on a range of topics of personal and global significance iii. effectively expresses a wide range of ideas, opinions and feelings, and communicates information in a wide range of social and academic contexts; ideas are relevant and developed, reflecting a good understanding of the topic. Opinions are supported by examples and illustrations iv. communicates with an excellent sense of register, purpose and style.

Criterion D: Using language in spoken and/or written form

Maximum: 8

At the end of phase 6, students should be able to:

- i. write and/or speak using a wide range of vocabulary, complex grammatical structures and conventions; when speaking, use oratory technique
- ii. organize information and ideas; use a wide range of cohesive devices
- iii. use language to suit the context.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. has difficulty to write/speak using a range of vocabulary, complex grammatical structures and conventions; speaks with many errors in intonation and pronunciation, affecting fluency and making understanding difficult ii. organizes limited information, and cohesive devices are not used iii. makes minimal use of language to suit the context.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks using a range of vocabulary, complex grammatical structures and conventions, with some inappropriate choices; speaks with some oratory technique ii. organizes some information and ideas, and uses a range of cohesive devices, not always appropriately iii. uses language to suit the context to some degree.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks making good use of a range of vocabulary, complex grammatical structures and conventions, generally accurately; uses good oratory technique ii. organizes information and ideas well, and uses a wide range of cohesive devices accurately iii. usually uses language to suit the context.
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. writes/speaks effectively using a wide range of vocabulary, complex grammatical structures and conventions accurately; occasional errors do not interfere with communication. Speaks with excellent oratory technique ii. organizes information and ideas into a logical and well-structured text; uses a wide range of cohesive devices accurately and effectively iii. uses language effectively to suit the context.

(Source: MYP Language Acquisition Guide, For use from September 2014 or January 2015, p. 49-63)

Individuals and Societies Guide

For use from September 2014/January 2015

Assessment for individuals and societies courses in all years of the programme is criterion-related, based on four equally weighted assessment criteria.

Criterion A	Knowing and understanding	Maximum 8
Criterion B	Investigating	Maximum 8
Criterion C	Communicating	Maximum 8
Criterion D	Thinking critically	Maximum 8

Subject groups **must** assess **all** strands of **all** four assessment criteria **at least twice** in **each year** of the MYP.

In the MYP, subject group objectives correspond to assessment criteria. Each criterion has eight possible achievement levels (1–8), divided into four bands that generally represent limited (1–2); adequate (3–4); substantial (5–6); and excellent (7–8) performance. Each band has its own unique descriptor, which teachers use to make “best-fit” judgments about students’ progress and achievement.

This guide provides the **required assessment criteria** for years 1, 3 and 5 of MYP individuals and societies. In response to national or local requirements, schools may add criteria and use additional models of assessment. Schools must use the appropriate assessment criteria as published in this guide to report students’ final achievement in the programme.

Teachers clarify the expectations for each summative assessment task with direct reference to these assessment criteria. Task-specific clarifications should clearly explain what students are expected to know and do. They might be in the form of:

- a task-specific version of the required assessment criteria
- a face-to-face or virtual classroom discussion
- a detailed task sheet or assignment sheet.

(Source: MYP Individuals and Societies Guide, For use from September 2014 or January 2015, p. 28)

Criterion A: Knowing and understanding

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. use vocabulary in context
- ii. demonstrate knowledge and understanding of subject-specific content and concepts, using descriptions, explanations and examples.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. recognizes some vocabulary ii. demonstrates basic knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through limited descriptions and/or examples.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. uses some vocabulary ii. demonstrates satisfactory knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through simple descriptions, explanations and/or examples.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. uses considerable relevant vocabulary, often accurately ii. demonstrates substantial knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through descriptions, explanations and examples.
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. consistently uses relevant vocabulary accurately ii. demonstrates excellent knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through detailed descriptions, explanations and examples.

Criterion B: Investigating

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. explain the choice of a research question
- ii. follow an action plan to explore a research question
- iii. collect and record relevant information consistent with the research question
- iv. reflect on the process and results of the investigation.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.

1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies a research question ii. follows an action plan in a limited way to explore a research question iii. collects and records information, to a limited extent iv. with guidance, reflects on the research process and results, to a limited extent.
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. describes the choice of a research question ii. partially follows an action plan to explore a research question iii. uses a method or methods to collect and record some relevant information iv. with guidance, reflects on the research process and results with some depth.
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. describes the choice of a research question in detail ii. mostly follows an action plan to explore a research question iii. uses method(s) to collect and record often relevant information iv. reflects on the research process and results.
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. explains the choice of a research question ii. effectively follows an action plan to explore a research question iii. uses methods to collect and record consistently relevant information iv. thoroughly reflects on the research process and results.

Criterion C: Communicating

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. communicate information and ideas with clarity
- ii. organize information and ideas effectively for the task
- iii. list sources of information in a way that follows the task instructions.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. communicates information and ideas in a style that is not always clear ii. organizes information and ideas in a limited way iii. inconsistently lists sources, not following the task instructions.

3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. communicates information and ideas in a way that is somewhat clear ii. somewhat organizes information and ideas iii. lists sources in a way that sometimes follows the task instructions.
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. communicates information and ideas in a way that is mostly clear ii. mostly organizes information and ideas iii. lists sources in a way that often follows the task instructions.
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. communicates information and ideas in a way that is completely clear ii. completely organizes information and ideas effectively iii. lists sources in a way that always follows the task instructions.

Criterion D: Thinking critically

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. identify the main points of ideas, events, visual representation or arguments
- ii. use information to justify an opinion
- iii. identify and analyse a range of sources/data in terms of origin and purpose
- iv. identify different views and their implications.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies the main points of ideas, events, visual representation or arguments to a limited extent ii. rarely uses information to justify opinions iii. identifies the origin and purpose of limited sources/data iv. identifies some different views.
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies some main points of ideas, events, visual representation or arguments ii. justifies opinions with some information iii. identifies the origin and purpose of sources/data iv. identifies some different views and suggests some of their implications.

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5–6	The student: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. identifies the main points of ideas, events, visual representation or argumentsii. gives sufficient justification of opinions using informationiii. identifies the origin and purpose of a range of sources/dataiv. identifies different views and most of their implications.
7–8	The student: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. identifies in detail the main points of ideas, events, visual representation or argumentsii. gives detailed justification of opinions using informationiii. consistently identifies and analyses a range of sources/data in terms of origin and purposeiv. consistently identifies different views and their implications

(Source: MYP Individuals and Societies Guide, For use from September 2014 or January 2015, p. 29-32)

Sciences guide

For use from September 2014/January 2015

Assessment for sciences courses in all years of the programme is criterion-related, based on four equally weighted assessment criteria:

Criterion A	Knowing and understanding	Maximum 8
Criterion B	Inquiring and designing	Maximum 8
Criterion C	Processing and evaluating	Maximum 8
Criterion D	Reflecting on the impacts of science	Maximum 8

Subject groups must assess all strands of all four assessment criteria at least twice in each year of the MYP.

In the MYP, subject group objectives correspond to assessment criteria. Each criterion has eight possible achievement levels (1–8), divided into four bands that generally represent limited (1–2); adequate (3–4); substantial (5–6); and excellent (7–8) performance. Each band has its own unique descriptor that teachers use to make “best-fit” judgments about students’ progress and achievement.

This guide provides the **required assessment criteria** for years 1, 3 and 5 of MYP sciences. In response to national or local requirements, schools may add criteria and use additional models of assessment. Schools must use the appropriate assessment criteria as published in this guide to report students’ final achievement in the programme.

Teachers clarify the expectations for each summative assessment task with direct reference to these assessment criteria. Task-specific clarifications should clearly explain what students are expected to know and do. They could be in the form of:

- a task-specific version of the required assessment criteria
- a face-to-face or virtual classroom discussion
- a detailed task sheet or assignment.

(Source: MYP Sciences Guide, For use from September 2014 or January 2015, p. 29)

Criterion A: Knowing and understanding

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. outline scientific knowledge
- ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to solve problems set in familiar situations and suggest solutions to problems set in unfamiliar situations
- iii. interpret information to make scientifically supported judgments.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. select scientific knowledge ii. select scientific knowledge and understanding to suggest solutions to problems set in familiar situations iii. apply information to make judgments, with limited success.
3–4	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. recall scientific knowledge ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to suggest solutions to problems set in familiar situations iii. apply information to make judgments.
5–6	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. state scientific knowledge ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to solve problems set in familiar situations iii. apply information to make scientifically supported judgments.
7–8	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. outline scientific knowledge ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to solve problems set in familiar situations and suggest solutions to problems set in unfamiliar situations iii. interpret information to make scientifically supported judgments.

Criterion B: Inquiring and designing

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. outline an appropriate problem or research question to be tested by a scientific investigation
- ii. outline a testable prediction using scientific reasoning
- iii. outline how to manipulate the variables, and outline how data will be collected
- iv. design scientific investigations.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. select a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation ii. select a testable prediction iii. state a variable iv. design a method with limited success.
3–4	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. state a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation ii. state a testable prediction iii. state how to manipulate the variables, and state how data will be collected iv. design a safe method in which he or she selects materials and equipment.
5–6	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. state a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation ii. outline a testable prediction iii. outline how to manipulate the variables, and state how relevant data will be collected iv. design a complete and safe method in which he or she selects appropriate materials and equipment.
7–8	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. outline a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation ii. outline a testable prediction using scientific reasoning iii. outline how to manipulate the variables, and outline how sufficient, relevant data will be collected iv. design a logical, complete and safe method in which he or she selects appropriate materials and equipment.

Criterion C: Processing and evaluating

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. present collected and transformed data
- ii. interpret data and outline results using scientific reasoning
- iii. discuss the validity of a prediction based on the outcome of the scientific investigation
- iv. discuss the validity of the method
- v. describe improvements or extensions to the method.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. collect and present data in numerical and/or visual forms ii. interpret data iii. state the validity of a prediction based on the outcome of a scientific investigation, with limited success iv. state the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation, with limited success v. state improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation, with limited success.
3–4	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. correctly collect and present data in numerical and/or visual forms ii. accurately interpret data and outline results iii. state the validity of a prediction based on the outcome of a scientific investigation iv. state the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation v. state improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation.
5–6	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. correctly collect, organize and present data in numerical and/or visual forms ii. accurately interpret data and outline results using scientific reasoning iii. outline the validity of a prediction based on the outcome of a scientific investigation iv. outline the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation v. outline improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
7–8	<p>The student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. correctly collect, organize, transform and present data in numerical and/ or visual forms ii. accurately interpret data and outline results using correct scientific reasoning iii. discuss the validity of a prediction based on the outcome of a scientific investigation iv. discuss the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation v. describe improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation.

Criterion D: Reflecting on the impacts of science

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. summarize the ways in which science is applied and used to address a specific problem or issue
- ii. describe and summarize the various implications of using science and its application in solving a specific problem or issue
- iii. apply scientific language effectively
- iv. document the work of others and sources of information used.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student is able to, with limited success:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. state the ways in which science is used to address a specific problem or issue ii. state the implications of using science to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor iii. apply scientific language to communicate understanding iv. document sources.
3–4	<p>The student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. state the ways in which science is used to address a specific problem or issue ii. state the implications of using science to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor iii. sometimes apply scientific language to communicate understanding iv. sometimes document sources correctly.

<p>5-6</p>	<p>The student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. outline the ways in which science is used to address a specific problem or issue ii. outline the implications of using science to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor iii. usually apply scientific language to communicate understanding clearly and precisely iv. usually document sources correctly.
<p>7-8</p>	<p>The student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. summarize the ways in which science is applied and used to address a specific problem or issue ii. describe and summarize the implications of using science and its application to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor iii. consistently apply scientific language to communicate understanding clearly and precisely iv. document sources completely.

(Source: MYP Sciences Guide, For use from September 2014 or January 2015, p. 31-35)

Mathematics guide

For use from September 2014/January 2015

Mathematics assessment criteria

Assessment for mathematics courses in all years of the programme is criterion-related, based on four equally weighted assessment criteria:

Criterion A	Knowing and understanding	Maximum 8
Criterion B	Investigating patterns	Maximum 8
Criterion C	Communicating	Maximum 8
Criterion D	Applying mathematics in real-life contexts	Maximum 8

Subject groups **must** assess **all** strands of **all** four assessment criteria **at least twice** in **each year** of the MYP.

In the MYP, subject group objectives correspond to assessment criteria. Each criterion has eight possible achievement levels (1–8), divided into four bands that generally represent limited (1–2); adequate (3–4); substantial (5–6); and excellent (7–8) performance. Each band has its own unique descriptor that teachers use to make “best-fit” judgments about students’ progress and achievement.

This guide provides the **required assessment criteria** for years 1, 3 and 5 of MYP mathematics. In response to national or local requirements, schools may add criteria and use additional models of assessment. Schools must use the appropriate assessment criteria, as published in this guide, to report students’ final achievement in the programme.

Teachers clarify the expectations for each summative assessment task with direct reference to these assessment criteria. Task-specific clarifications should clearly explain what students are expected to know and do. They might be in the form of:

- a task-specific version of the required assessment criteria
- a face-to-face or virtual classroom discussion
- a detailed task sheet or assignment.

(Source: MYP Mathematics Guide, For use from September 2014 or January 2015, p. 36)

Criterion A: Knowing and understanding

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. select appropriate mathematics when solving problems in both familiar and unfamiliar situations
- ii. apply the selected mathematics successfully when solving problems
- iii. solve problems correctly in a variety of contexts.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. select appropriate mathematics when solving simple problems in familiar situations ii. apply the selected mathematics successfully when solving these problems iii. generally solve these problems correctly in a variety of contexts.
3–4	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. select appropriate mathematics when solving more complex problems in familiar situations ii. apply the selected mathematics successfully when solving these problems iii. generally solve these problems correctly in a variety of contexts.
5–6	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. select appropriate mathematics when solving challenging problems in familiar situations ii. apply the selected mathematics successfully when solving these problems iii. generally solve these problems correctly in a variety of contexts.
7–8	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. select appropriate mathematics when solving challenging problems in both familiar and unfamiliar situations ii. apply the selected mathematics successfully when solving these problems iii. generally solve these problems correctly in a variety of contexts.

Criterion B: Investigating patterns

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. apply mathematical problem-solving techniques to recognize patterns
- ii. describe patterns as relationships or general rules consistent with correct findings
- iii. verify whether the pattern works for other examples.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
1–2	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. apply, with teacher support, mathematical problem-solving techniques to recognize simple patterns ii. state predictions consistent with simple patterns.
3–4	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. apply mathematical problem-solving techniques to recognize patterns ii. suggest how these patterns work.
5–6	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. apply mathematical problem-solving techniques to recognize patterns ii. suggest relationships or general rules consistent with findings iii. verify whether patterns work for another example.
7–8	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. select and apply mathematical problem-solving techniques to recognize correct patterns ii. describe patterns as relationships or general rules consistent with correct findings iii. verify whether patterns work for other examples.

Note: A task that does not allow students to select a problem-solving technique is too guided and should result in students earning a maximum achievement level of 6 (for years 1 and 2).

Criterion C: Communicating

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. use appropriate mathematical language (notation, symbols and terminology) in both oral and written statements
- ii. use different forms of mathematical representation to present information
- iii. communicate coherent mathematical lines of reasoning
- iv. organize information using a logical structure.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. use limited mathematical language ii. use limited forms of mathematical representation to present information iii. communicate through lines of reasoning that are difficult to understand.

3–4	<p>The student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. use some appropriate mathematical language ii. use different forms of mathematical representation to present information adequately iii. communicate through lines of reasoning that are able to be understood, although these are not always coherent iv. adequately organize information using a logical structure.
5–6	<p>The student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. usually use appropriate mathematical language ii. usually use different forms of mathematical representation to present information correctly iii. communicate through lines of reasoning that are usually coherent iv. present work that is usually organized using a logical structure.
7–8	<p>The student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. consistently use appropriate mathematical language ii. consistently use different forms of mathematical representation to present information correctly iii. communicate clearly through coherent lines of reasoning iv. present work that is consistently organized using a logical structure.

Criterion D: Applying mathematics in real-life contexts

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. identify relevant elements of authentic real-life situations
- ii. select appropriate mathematical strategies when solving authentic real-life situations
- iii. apply the selected mathematical strategies successfully to reach a solution
- iv. explain the degree of accuracy of a solution
- v. describe whether a solution makes sense in the context of the authentic real-life situation.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identify some of the elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. apply mathematical strategies to find a solution to the authentic real-life situation, with limited success.

3–4	<p>The student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identify the relevant elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. apply mathematical strategies to reach a solution to the authentic real-life situation iii. state, but not always correctly, whether the solution makes sense in the context of the authentic real-life situation.
5–6	<p>The student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identify the relevant elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. select adequate mathematical strategies to model the authentic real-life situation iii. apply the selected mathematical strategies to reach a valid solution to the authentic real-life situation iv. describe the degree of accuracy of the solution v. state correctly whether the solution makes sense in the context of the authentic real-life situation.
7–8	<p>The student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identify the relevant elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. select adequate mathematical strategies to model the authentic real-life situation iii. apply the selected mathematical strategies to reach a correct solution to the authentic real-life situation iv. explain the degree of accuracy of the solution v. describe correctly whether the solution makes sense in the context of the authentic real-life situation.

(Source: MYP Mathematics Guide, For use from September 2014 or January 2015, p. 37-40)

Arts guide

For use from September 2014/January 2015

Arts assessment criteria

Assessment for arts courses in all years of the programme is criterion-related, based on four equally weighted assessment criteria.

Criterion A	Knowing and understanding	Maximum 8
Criterion B	Developing skills	Maximum 8
Criterion C	Thinking creatively	Maximum 8
Criterion D	Responding	Maximum 8

Subject groups **must** assess **all** strands of **all** four assessment criteria **at least twice** in **each year** of the MYP.

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This guide provides the **required assessment criteria** for years 1, 3 and 5 of MYP arts. In response to national or local requirements, schools may add criteria and use additional models of assessment. Schools must use the appropriate assessment criteria as published in this guide to report students’ final achievement in the programme.

(Source: MYP Arts Guide, For use from September 2014 or January 2015, p. 36)

Criterion A: Knowing and understanding

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. demonstrate awareness of the art form studied, including the use of appropriate language
- ii. demonstrate awareness of the relationship between the art form and its context
- iii. demonstrate awareness of the links between the knowledge acquired and artwork created.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. demonstrates limited awareness of the art form studied, including limited use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates limited awareness of the relationship between the art form and its context iii. demonstrates limited awareness of the links between the knowledge acquired and artwork created.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. demonstrates adequate awareness of the art form studied, including adequate use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates adequate awareness of the relationship between the art form and its context iii. demonstrates adequate awareness of the links between the knowledge acquired and artwork created.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. demonstrates substantial awareness of the art form studied, including substantial use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates substantial awareness of the relationship between the art form and its context iii. demonstrates substantial awareness of the links between the knowledge acquired and artwork created.
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. demonstrates excellent awareness of the art form studied, including excellent use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates excellent awareness of the relationship between the art form and its context iii. demonstrates excellent awareness of the links between the knowledge acquired and artwork created.

Criterion B: Developing skills

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. demonstrate the acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied
- ii. demonstrate the application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. demonstrates limited acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied ii. demonstrates limited application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. demonstrates adequate acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied ii. demonstrates adequate application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. demonstrates substantial acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied ii. demonstrates substantial application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. demonstrates excellent acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied ii. demonstrates excellent application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.

Criterion C: Thinking creatively

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. identify an artistic intention
- ii. identify alternatives and perspectives
- iii. demonstrate the exploration of ideas.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.

1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies a limited artistic intention ii. identifies limited alternatives and perspectives iii. demonstrates limited exploration of ideas.
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies an adequate artistic intention ii. identifies adequate alternatives and perspectives iii. demonstrates adequate exploration of ideas.
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies a substantial artistic intention ii. identifies substantial alternatives and perspectives iii. demonstrates substantial exploration of ideas.
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies an excellent artistic intention ii. identifies excellent alternatives and perspectives iii. demonstrates excellent exploration of ideas.

Criterion D: Responding

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. identify connections between art forms, art and context, or art and prior learning
- ii. recognize that the world contains inspiration or influence for art
- iii. evaluate certain elements or principles of artwork.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies limited connections between art forms, art and context, or art and prior learning ii. demonstrates limited recognition that the world contains inspiration or influence for art iii. presents a limited evaluation of certain elements of artwork.
3–4	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies adequate connections between art forms, art and context, or art and prior learning ii. demonstrates adequate recognition that the world contains inspiration or influence for art iii. presents an adequate evaluation of certain elements of artwork.

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5–6	The student: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. identifies substantial connections between art forms, art and context, or art and prior learningii. demonstrates substantial recognition that the world contains inspiration or influence for artiii. presents a substantial evaluation of certain elements of artwork.
7–8	The student: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. identifies excellent connections between art forms, art and context, or art and prior learningii. demonstrates excellent recognition that the world contains inspiration or influence for artiii. presents an excellent evaluation of certain elements or principles of artwork.

(Source: MYP Arts Guide, For use from September 2014 or January 2015, p. 38-42)

Design guide

For use from September 2014

Assessment for design courses in all years of the programme is criterion-related, based on four equally weighted assessment criteria:

Criterion A	Inquiring and analysing	Maximum 8
Criterion B	Developing ideas	Maximum 8
Criterion C	Creating the solution	Maximum 8
Criterion D	Evaluating	Maximum 8

Subject groups **must** assess **all** strands of **all** four assessment criteria **at least twice** in **each year** of the MYP.

In the MYP, subject group objectives correspond to assessment criteria. Each criterion has eight possible achievement levels (1–8), divided into four bands that generally represent limited (1–2); adequate (3–4); substantial (5–6); and excellent (7–8) performance. Each band has its own unique descriptor that teachers use to make “best-fit” judgments about students’ progress and achievement.

This guide provides the **required assessment criteria** for years 1, 3 and 5 of MYP design. In response to national or local requirements, schools may add criteria and use additional models of assessment. Schools must use the appropriate assessment criteria as published in this guide to report students’ final achievement in the programme.

Teachers clarify the expectations for each summative assessment task with direct reference to these assessment criteria. Task-specific clarifications should clearly explain what students are expected to know and do. They might be in the form of:

- a task-specific version of the required assessment criteria
- a face-to-face or virtual classroom discussion
- a detailed task sheet or assignment.

(Source: MYP Design Guide, For use from September 2014, p. 31)

Criterion A: Inquiring and analysing

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. explain and justify the need for a solution to a problem
- ii. state and prioritize the main points of research needed to develop a solution to the problem
- iii. describe the main features of one existing product that inspires a solution to the problem
- iv. present the main findings of relevant research.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. states the need for a solution to a problem ii. states the findings of research.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. outlines the need for a solution to a problem ii. states some points of research needed to develop a solution, with some guidance iii. states the main features of an existing product that inspires a solution to the problem iv. outlines some of the main findings of research.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. explains the need for a solution to a problem ii. states and prioritizes the main points of research needed to develop a solution to the problem, with some guidance iii. outlines the main features of an existing product that inspires a solution to the problem iv. outlines the main findings of relevant research.
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. explains and justifies the need for a solution to a problem ii. states and prioritizes the main points of research needed to develop a solution to the problem, with minimal guidance iii. describes the main features of an existing product that inspires a solution to the problem iv. presents the main findings of relevant research.

Criterion B: Developing ideas

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. develop a list of success criteria for the solution
- ii. present feasible design ideas, which can be correctly interpreted by others
- iii. present the chosen design
- iv. create a planning drawing/diagram which outlines the main details for making the chosen solution.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. states one basic success criterion for a solution ii. presents one design idea, which can be interpreted by others iii. creates an incomplete planning drawing/diagram.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. states a few success criteria for the solution ii. presents more than one design idea, using an appropriate medium(s) or labels key features, which can be interpreted by others iii. states the key features of the chosen design iv. creates a planning drawing/diagram or lists requirements for the creation of the chosen solution.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. develops a few success criteria for the solution ii. presents a few feasible design ideas, using an appropriate medium(s) and labels key features, which can be interpreted by others iii. presents the chosen design stating the key features iv. creates a planning drawing/diagram and lists the main details for the creation of the chosen solution.
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. develops a list of success criteria for the solution ii. presents feasible design ideas, using an appropriate medium(s) and outlines the key features, which can be correctly interpreted by others iii. presents the chosen design describing the key features iv. creates a planning drawing/diagram, which outlines the main details for making the chosen solution.

Criterion C: Creating the solution

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. outline a plan, which considers the use of resources and time, sufficient for peers to be able to follow to create the solution
- ii. demonstrate excellent technical skills when making the solution
- iii. follow the plan to create the solution, which functions as intended
- iv. list the changes made to the chosen design and plan when making the solution
- v. present the solution as a whole.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. demonstrates minimal technical skills when making the solution ii. creates the solution, which functions poorly and is presented in an incomplete form.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. lists the main steps in a plan that contains some details, resulting in peers having difficulty following the plan to create the solution ii. demonstrates satisfactory technical skills when making the solution iii. creates the solution, which partially functions and is adequately presented iv. states one change made to the chosen design or plan when making the solution.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. lists the steps in a plan, which considers time and resources, resulting in peers being able to follow the plan to create the solution ii. demonstrates competent technical skills when making the solution iii. creates the solution, which functions as intended and is presented appropriately iv. states one change made to the chosen design and plan when making the solution.
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. outlines a plan, which considers the use of resources and time, sufficient for peers to be able to follow to create the solution ii. demonstrates excellent technical skills when making the solution iii. follows the plan to create the solution, which functions as intended and is presented appropriately iv. lists the changes made to the chosen design and plan when making the solution.

Criterion D: Evaluating

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. outline simple, relevant testing methods, which generate data, to measure the success of the solution
- ii. outline the success of the solution against the design specification
- iii. outline how the solution could be improved
- iv. outline the impact of the solution on the client/target audience.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. defines a testing method, which is used to measure the success of the solution ii. states the success of the solution.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. defines a relevant testing method, which generates data, to measure the success of the solution ii. states the success of the solution against the design specification based on the results of one relevant test iii. states one way in which the solution could be improved iv. states one way in which the solution can impact the client/target audience.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. defines relevant testing methods, which generate data, to measure the success of the solution ii. states the success of the solution against the design specification based on relevant product testing iii. outlines one way in which the solution could be improved iv. outlines the impact of the solution on the client/target audience, with guidance.
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. outlines simple, relevant testing methods, which generate data, to measure the success of the solution ii. outlines the success of the solution against the design specification based on authentic product testing iii. outlines how the solution could be improved iv. outlines the impact of the solution on the client/target audience.

(Source: MYP Design Guide, For use from September 2014, p. 32-35)

Physical and health education guide

For use from September 2014/January 2015

Assessment for physical and health education courses in all years of the programme is criterion-related, based on four equally weighted assessment criteria:

Criterion A	Knowing and understanding	Maximum 8
Criterion B	Planning for performance	Maximum 8
Criterion C	Applying and performing	Maximum 8
Criterion D	Reflecting and improving performance	Maximum 8

Subject groups must assess all strands of all four assessment criteria at least twice in each year of the MYP.

In the MYP, subject group objectives correspond to assessment criteria. Each criterion has eight possible achievement levels (1–8), divided into four bands that generally represent limited (1–2); adequate (3–4); substantial (5–6); and excellent (7–8) performance. Each band has its own unique descriptor that teachers use to make “best-fit” judgments about students’ progress and achievement.

This guide provides the **required assessment criteria** for years 1, 3 and 5 of MYP physical and health education. In response to national or local requirements, schools may add criteria and use additional models of assessment. Schools must use the appropriate assessment criteria as published in this guide to report students’ final achievement in the programme.

Teachers clarify the expectations for each summative assessment task with direct reference to these assessment criteria. Task-specific clarifications should clearly explain what students are expected to know and do. They might be in the form of:

- a task-specific version of the required assessment criteria
- a face-to-face or virtual classroom discussion
- a detailed task sheet or assignment.

(Source: IBMYP Physical and Health Education Guide, for use from September 2014/January 2015, p. 25)

Criterion A: Knowing and understanding

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. outline physical and health education-related factual, procedural and conceptual knowledge
- ii. identify physical and health education knowledge to describe issues and solve problems set in familiar and unfamiliar situations
- iii. apply physical and health terminology to communicate understanding.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. recalls some physical and health education factual, procedural and conceptual knowledge ii. identifies physical and health education knowledge to outline issues iii. recalls physical and health terminology.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. recalls physical and health education factual, procedural and conceptual knowledge ii. identifies physical and health education knowledge to outline issues and suggest solutions to problems set in familiar situations iii. applies physical and health terminology to communicate understanding with limited success.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. states physical and health education factual, procedural and conceptual knowledge ii. identifies physical and health education knowledge to outline issues and solve problems set in familiar situations iii. applies physical and health terminology to communicate understanding.
7–8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. outlines physical and health education factual, procedural and conceptual knowledge ii. identifies physical and health education knowledge to describe issues and solve problems set in familiar situations iii. Applies physical and health terminology to consistently communicate understanding.

Notes for criterion A

- Criterion A must be assessed in non-performance/non-playing situations.
- Criterion A can be assessed only through written or oral tasks.

Criterion B: Planning for performance

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. construct and outline a plan for improving health or physical activity
- ii. describe the effectiveness of a plan based on the outcome.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. states plans for improving health or physical activity ii. states the effectiveness of a plan.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. outlines a basic plan for improving health or physical activity ii. states the effectiveness of a plan based on the outcome.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. outlines a plan for improving health or physical activity ii. identifies the effectiveness of a plan based on the outcome.
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. constructs and outlines a plan for improving health or physical activity ii. describes the effectiveness of a plan based on the outcome.

Notes for criterion B

- Criterion B can be assessed through units that require students to inquire and plan. Examples include: composition of aesthetic movement routines (such as gymnastics, dance, sport aerobics, martial arts), fitness training programmes, coaching programmes, game creation and laboratory investigations (such as fitness, skill acquisition, energy systems).
- Planning for the execution of individual skills is not appropriate for assessment against this criterion. For example, criterion B is not used to assess a student's plan of how to execute a skill such as tackling in rugby. However, it is appropriate to assess a plan for improving defensive performance in rugby by developing a range of skills, strategies and techniques. In this situation, the student may plan to improve the following areas: strength, speed, cardiovascular fitness, tackling technique, formation, etc in order to improve the overall performance.
- In order to meet the requirements of criterion B, the student's plan must be carried out in order for its effectiveness to be evaluated.
- Criterion B requires an objective description of the effectiveness of the plan.

Criterion C: Applying and performing

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. recall and apply a range of skills and techniques
- ii. recall and apply a range of strategies and movement concepts
- iii. recall and apply information to perform effectively.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. recalls some skills and techniques ii. recalls some strategies and movement concepts iii. applies information to perform with limited success.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. recalls skills and techniques ii. recalls strategies and movement concepts iii. applies information to perform.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. recalls and applies skills and techniques ii. recalls and applies a range of strategies and movement concepts iii. applies information to perform effectively.
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. recalls and applies a range of skills and techniques ii. recalls and applies a range of strategies and movement concepts iii. recalls and applies information to perform effectively.

Notes for criterion C

- Criterion C must be assessed in **performance/playing situations**.
- A student's ability to recall and apply **skills and techniques** could include: accuracy, efficiency, control, coordination, timing, fluency, speed and power.
- A student's ability to recall and apply **strategies and movement concepts** could include: the use of space, force and flow of movement and adaptation to various situations.
- A student's ability to recall and apply **information** to perform effectively could include: reading the situation, processing information, responding to feedback and making appropriate decisions. Depending on the nature of the activity, these sorts of characteristics should be considered.
- Criterion C is not appropriate for assessing replication of movement routines and umpiring/refereeing.

Criterion D: Reflecting and improving performance

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. identify and demonstrate strategies to enhance interpersonal skills
- ii. identify goals and apply strategies to enhance performance
- iii. describe and summarize performance.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. states a strategy to enhance interpersonal skills ii. states a goal to enhance performance iii. describes performance.
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. lists strategies to enhance interpersonal skills ii. states a goal and applies strategies to enhance performance iii. summarizes performance.
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies strategies to enhance interpersonal skills ii. lists goals and applies strategies to enhance performance iii. outlines and summarizes performance.
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. identifies and demonstrates strategies to enhance interpersonal skills ii. identifies goals and applies strategies to enhance performance iii. describes and summarizes performance.

Notes for criterion D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criterion D is appropriate for assessing personal and social development in sports/performance leadership and officiating.

(Source: IBMYP Physical and Health Education Guide, for use from September 2014/January 2015, p. 26-30)