

MYP English Language & Literature 9

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Should you wish to learn more about our course or to discuss your learner's progress, please reach out to the email above to schedule a time to meet.

Course Description and Units of Learning:

MYP 4 English Language and Literature course concentrates on the fundamental language skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing, researching, and presenting in an effort to build a foundation for student learning. The learners practice both reading and writing as a process and apply an array of reading strategies as they work to become proficient in understanding and responding appropriately to a variety of texts. They refine their reading comprehension skills through the study of fiction, poetry, drama, and informational texts. Learners are encouraged to write for varied audiences and purposes and work to develop ideas, voice, word choice, fluency, and organization in their writing while applying conventions of the English language. Throughout the year, they also develop skills to enhance media literacy. The course includes literature from a wide variety of genres; prose, drama and poetry texts to which the learners respond both orally and through writing in a variety of styles and personas. They are assessed on their skills of analysis, organisation, the ability to produce text and their choice and use of language, as outlined in the MYP documentation.

This year we have begun planning and implementing units of study based on our Critical Learning Outcomes within the IB MYP and DP frameworks. Please see ManageBac for unit overviews as they are taught throughout the year.

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1566550033/aismmozcom/bqvqyvpfvkijdvjm3g9y/AISMGrade9CriticalLearningOutcomes.pdf>

Assessment in the Middle Years Programme

Assessment is a key component of the learning process as it allows teachers to respond with targeted feedback to learners for continued growth and to revise their instruction to better meet the needs of their learners. In order to provide learners with the opportunity to reach critical learning outcomes and develop a range of approaches to learning skills, our MYP teachers develop rigorous tasks that embrace a variety of assessment strategies. MYP assessment requires teachers to assess the prescribed subject-group objectives, using the assessment criteria, at least twice for each subject group in each year of the programme. Within each culminating assessment task, teachers and learners are guided by criteria that are provided to learners at least one week in advance of a culminating task, ensuring that assessment is transparent. Teachers then collaborate to standardize their expectations for learners' performance in order to ensure consistency prior to making a final judgement regarding achievement.

Families and learners at AISM can expect to receive regular reporting of their performance as they work towards mastery of critical learning outcomes.

Learning Management Systems

Across the Secondary School, we utilize ManageBac for sharing key activities and assessments, as a digital workspace, for communication with learners, and for reporting on learner performance to families. Some teachers may supplement the digital learning environment with Google Classroom, and you can expect an emailed invitation to sign up for regular updates from Google Classroom if so.

Homework

Any learning activity which is expected to take place outside of the classroom will appear as assignments and tasks on ManageBac. Homework is most often an extension of activities or projects either begun or included in the classroom, but may include common activities like reading, reinforcement of content or skills within a unit of study, or distributed practice activities, such as flashcards for example, to support learner recall of low-level content.

Reporting

As a rough guide, learners and families can expect an update on performance every few weeks. These updates, available in ManageBac, represent a check-in on learner performance toward mastering critical course objectives and learning outcomes, prior to each unit's culminating assessment.