



IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM 2023

Introducing the MYP at Rochambeau



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THE MYP AT ROCHAMBEAU



ROCHAMBEAU
THE FRENCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



- ❖ A new option to find the program that best suits your child
- ❖ A truly bilingual program
- ❖ The tradition of French education rigor
- ❖ A caring community
- ❖ An international environment



OBJECTIVES OF TONIGHT'S MEETING

- ❖ Define what is an IB education at Rochambeau
- ❖ Understand the MYP
- ❖ Explain the process of its implementation at our school



THEMES: MOST COMMON QUESTIONS

1. The information & decision process
2. Overview of the programs offered at Rochambeau
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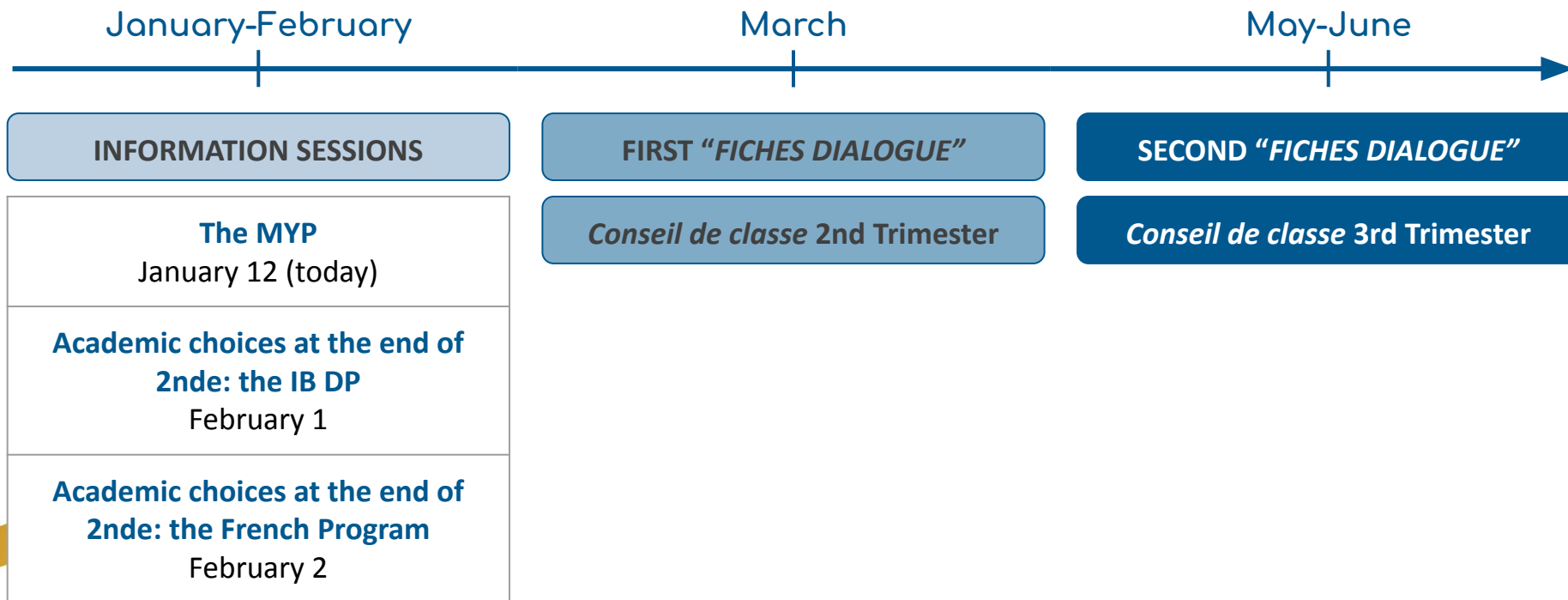
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- ☐ When do we have to make a decision?
- ☐ How will we find the information we need?
- ☐ Who can we speak with about our choices?

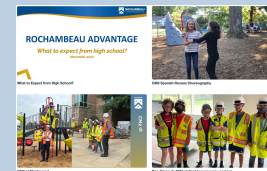


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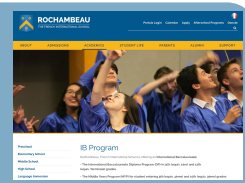




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information sessions



Visit the school website



Attend an online session with Mme
Gaultier & Mrs. Percy (dates to be published)

Any additional questions?
Do not hesitate to speak with
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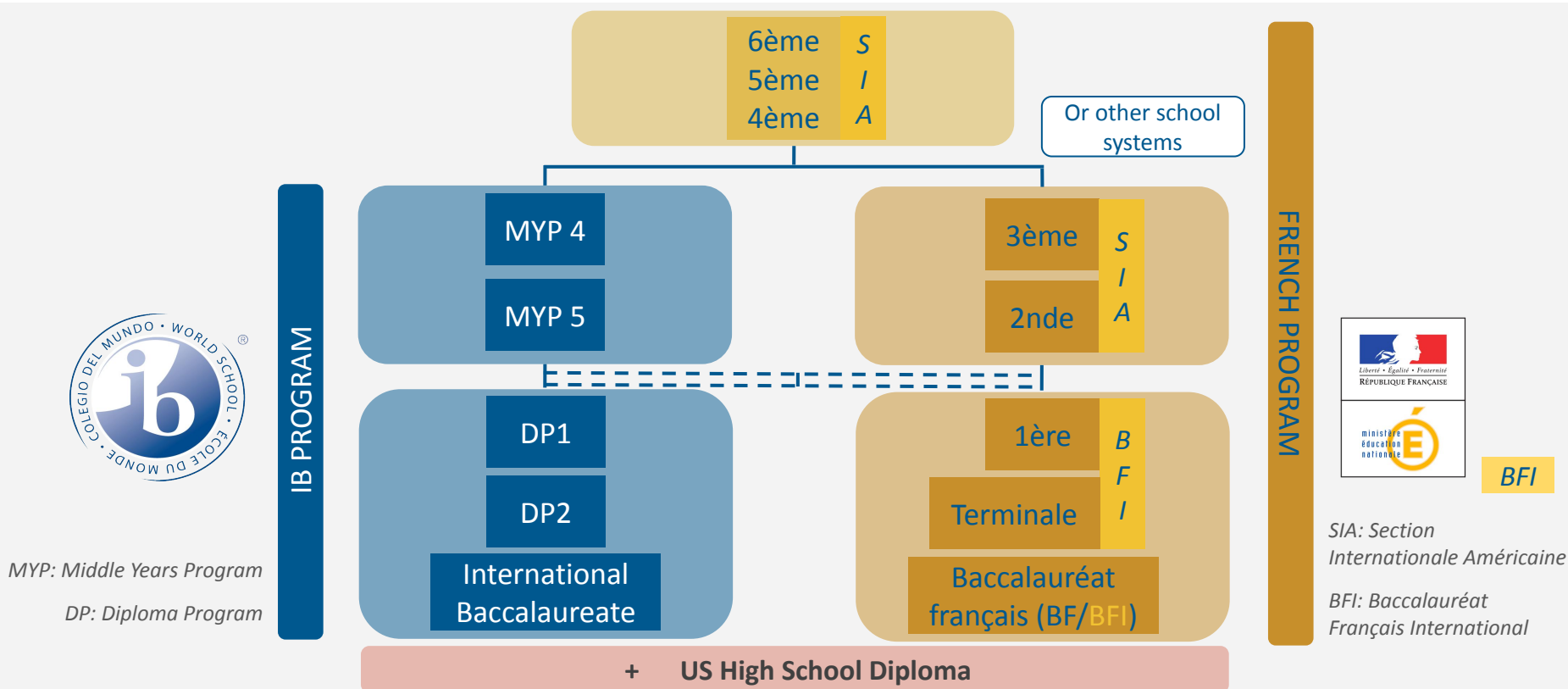
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- ❑ French Bac, SIA, IB... What is each program in relation to the others?
- ❑ Can one choose the French program and enroll in the IB DP in 1ère?
- ❑ Can one do the MYP and choose the French Baccalauréat in 1ère?
- ❑ Do MYP courses qualify for the High School Diploma?



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The *IB Program* and the **French Program** are two different programs accredited, supervised and assessed by two different organizations (respectively the **IBO** and the **French Ministry of Education**).

- ❖ At Rochambeau, the **FRENCH PROGRAM** goes from Kindergarten to *Terminale* and the French *Baccalauréat*.
- ❖ It includes the **SIA** (*Section Internationale Américaine*), a bilingual and bicultural version of the classic French curriculum with added hours in English and History/Geography (taught bilingually) from 6ème to *Terminale*.

- ❖ Our **IB PROGRAM** currently starts in 11th grade (equiv. 1ère) as we offer the IB Diploma Program or **DP**. The DP is a two-year program (equiv. 1ère & *Terminale*) that prepares students to the exams of the IB Diploma.
- ❖ Starting in Sept. 2023, we are expanding the IB Program for the IB **MYP** that will be offered in 9th and 10th grades (equiv. 3ème & 2nde).

*You child is
currently in
4ème or 3ème:
you can choose
to do the IB
MYP in
September*



Q2. What are the different programs offered at Rochambeau?

- ❑ Can one choose the French program in 3ème/9th grade or 2nde/10th grade and enroll in the IB DP in 1ère/11th grade?
- ❑ Can one do the MYP in 3ème/9th grade or 2nde/10th grade and choose the French Baccalauréat in 1ère/11th grade?

- ❖ Rochambeau's goal with having two programs families can choose from - the French Program & the IB Program - is to help you and your children find the curriculum, learning style and languages that best suit your child.
- ❖ **It will then be possible to change programs, as long as this is done before 1ère/11th grade** (both the French *Baccalauréat* and the IB DP being prepared over one coherent cycle of two years in 1ère/11th grade & Terminale/12th grade).
- ❖ Although we want to make the change possible, **going from the IB MYP to the French Program or the reverse will represent a transition** like going from one educational or school system to another.



Q2. What are the different programs offered at Rochambeau?

Do MYP courses qualify for the High School Diploma?

- ❖ Whatever programs they choose at Rochambeau, **our students qualify for the US/Maryland High School Diploma**. Courses in all programs meet the requirements and allow students to get the credits they need.
- ❖ If you join Rochambeau after 4ème, you might miss some credits. We will direct you to Mme Bessaha, our Registrar, who will tell you what credits your child needs and how she/he/they can make up for them.



Q3. What is the IB at Rochambeau?

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What are the principles of the IB philosophy?



What does the IB at Rochambeau look like today?



**A RIGOUROUS &
INTERNATIONALLY-
MINDED PROGRAM**

1968, Geneva, Switzerland

Q3. What is the IB?



Inquiry



Conceptual
understanding



Local and global
contexts



Action and
collaboration



Differentiation



Assessment



The IB Learner Profile

"The aim of all IB programs is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world."





The IB Learner Profile

The IB Learner Profile is the IB mission statement translated into a set of 10 learning outcomes for the 21st century.

As IB learners, we strive to be:

- ★ INQUIRERS
- ★ KNOWLEDGEABLE
- ★ THINKERS
- ★ COMMUNICATORS
- ★ PRINCIPLED
- ★ OPEN-MINDED
- ★ CARING
- ★ RISK-TAKERS
- ★ BALANCED
- ★ REFLECTIVE





The IB at Rochambeau

2021

IB Diploma Program
since September
2021

37

IB DP
students

20

Teachers

Rochambeau has joined a
community of 5,600 IB
world schools in 160
countries



Diploma
Programme

offered by 3,578 schools



Middle Years
Programme

offered by 1,472 schools



Primary Years
Programme

offered by 1,916 schools



Q4. What is the IB Middle Years Program?

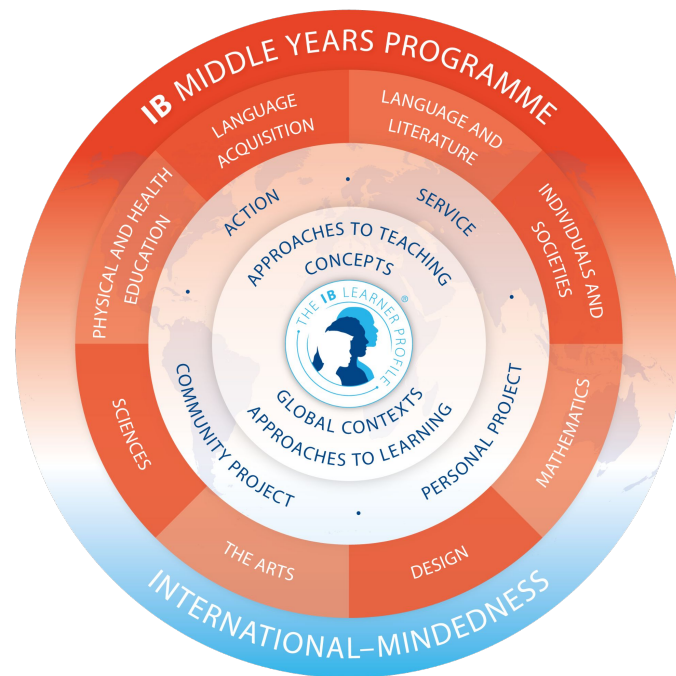
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- ☐ What subjects are offered?
- ☐ Are all subjects mandatory?
- ☐ Are there electives?
- ☐ What will an MYP schedule look like?
- ☐ How much work will the MYP represent for a student?



Q4. What is the IB Middle Years Program?

- ❖ The IB MYP is **NOT** a program of the French Ministry of Education.
- ❖ Although it is a 5-year IB program for students aged 11 to 16, it can be offered for a number of years determined by the school.
- ❖ Rochambeau will offer **TWO YEARS** of the MYP, the Years 4 and 5 (**equiv. 3ème & 2nde**).
- ❖ Like all IB programs, the MYP emphasizes **SERVICE** and **INDEPENDENT WORK** and includes a student personal project and service requirements.





IB MYP CURRICULUM

Holistic

Internationally minded

Interdisciplinary

Multilingual

8 subject groups

All subjects mandatory











~~SL (standard level)
HL (higher level)~~

~~Electives~~









31 hours

**+2 hrs for advisory
= 33 hours of class**

Year 4 (3ème) IB MYP SUBJECTS

	1	ENGLISH A	4 hrs	ENG
		FRENCH A <i>OR</i> FRENCH B	4	FR
	2	LANGUAGE 3	3	SPA / GER / ARA
	3	WORLD HISTORY + US HISTORY	4	ENG
	4	EARTH & LIFE SCI. + PHY/CHEM	4	FR / ENG
	5	MATHEMATICS	4	ENG
	6	VISUAL ARTS + MUSIC	4	FR / ENG
	7	PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION	2	FR
	8	DESIGN	2	FR

Year 5 (2nde) IB MYP SUBJECTS

	1	ENGLISH A	4 hrs	ENG
		FRENCH A OR FRENCH B	4	FR
	2	LANGUAGE 3	3	SPA / GER / ARA
	3	WORLD GEOGRAPHY	4	FR & ENG
	4	BIO, PHY, CHEM (<i>choose 2</i>)	4	FR / ENG
	5	MATHEMATICS	4	ENG
	6	FILM + THEATER	4	ENG
	7	PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION	2	FR
	8	DESIGN	2	FR



A PRESCRIBED APPROACH, BUT NO PRESCRIBED CONTENT

Our curriculum will combine new concepts and content with content from the French Program and High School Diploma requirements

CONCEPTUAL LEARNING & TEACHING

6 global contexts help frame a curriculum that promotes **multilingualism**, **intercultural understanding** and **global engagement**

SERVICE & INDEPENDENT WORK



CONNECTIONS BETWEEN SUBJECTS AND INTERDISCIPLINARITY



An extended *Vie de Classe*

Key IB MYP SKILLS



**Communication
skills**



**Self-Management
skills**



Social skills



Research skills



Thinking skills

Because the IB MYP focuses on students' independent reflection and capacity for autonomy, it represents a transition

- ❖ 2 hours/week with the *professeur.e principal.e* and key staff (School Counselor, Guidance Counselor, *Vie Scolaire*...)
- ❖ To support students' transition to the IB MYP
- ❖ To support students' learning and the development of key skills in the areas of
 - Well-being and healthy relationships
 - Study skills, autonomy and organization
- ❖ In 2nde (Year 5), to support student's work on their Personal Project.



How much work will the MYP represent for a student?

The numbers correspond to the total hours of class and do not account for regular personal work (e.g. reading, homework...).

	3ème	2nde	Research & Service
French Program	~33 hrs	~31 hrs	
Fr. Pr. with SIA	~36 hrs	~33 hrs	
Fr. Pr. electives (US Math, Latin...)	35-40 hrs*	33-37 hrs*	
MYP	33 hrs	33 hrs	75 hrs minimum/year

*Numbers vary depending on whether a student is enrolled in the SIA and if they choose to do 1 or 2 electives.



Q5. What is the place of languages in the MYP?

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- ☐ How do students choose languages?
- ☐ How are languages taught in the MYP?
- ☐ Are there admission criteria in languages? What is the expected level of mastery of English? French?



Languages “A”? Languages “B”?

All IB language courses aim to develop students skills in listening, writing, speaking, and reading

The IB MYP offers two types of language courses to suit a student’s language profile



A. Language & Literature courses:

critical, creative, personal approaches to studying and analyzing literary and non-literary texts (in a student’s best or second best language)



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At Rochambeau, each student will study **3 languages**

Language A	English	4
Language A	French	4
Language B	Arabic German Spanish	3

OR

Language A	English	4
Language B	French	4
Language B	Arabic German Spanish	3



	1	English A	ENG
		French A <i>OR</i> French B	FR
	2	Language 3	SPA/ GER/ARA
	3	Individuals & Societies	FR / ENG
	4	Science	FR / ENG
	5	Mathematics	ENG
	6	Arts	FR / ENG
	7	Physical & Health Ed.	FR
	8	Design	FR

Language Learning through Subjects

Languages of instruction:

English ~54-60%

French ~36-30%

Language ~10%

Percentages vary slightly between 3ème/9th grade and 2nde/10th grade MYP. See slides #22 or 23 for the details of each grade level.



THE IB MYP IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS



Level of English

This program will be taught primarily in English. Applicants need to be proficient in English to join the program:

- ☐ **Recommendation** from current English teacher
For external applicants:
- ☐ *At least level B2 or equivalent*
- ☐ *A letter grade equivalent to a B for US students in a Standard/Honors English level class*



Level of French

- ☐ Different levels of French are welcome
- ☐ For external applicants: we will look at your child's language profile and make a placement recommendation in either French A or French B.



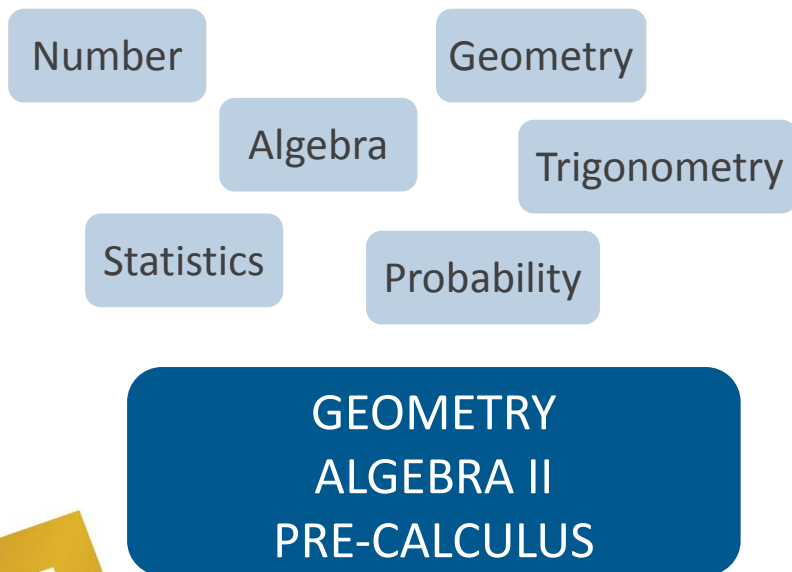
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- ❏ **What is MYP Math?: Math offering and level of Math**
- ❏ **How many & which sciences can a student take?**

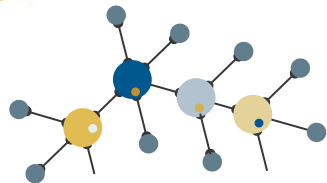


What is MYP MATH ?



4 branches of Math study

1. Numerical and abstract reasoning
2. Thinking with models
3. Spatial reasoning
4. Reasoning with data



How many & which SCIENCES can a student take?

In 3ème MYP

A common foundation
No choice

Eart & Life Science
(2 hrs, in FR)

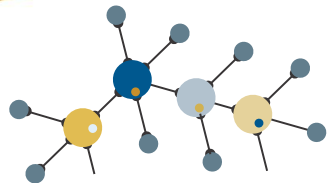
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Physics & Chemistry
(2 hrs, in EN)

In 2nde MYP

A choice of 2 sciences
from

Biology (2 hrs, in FR)
Chemistry (2 hrs, in EN)
Physics (2hrs in EN)



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Chemistry (2 hrs, in EN)
Physics (2hrs in EN)

In 1ère IB DP

1 mandatory Science

Biology (FR)
OR
Physics (EN)

+

Art, Lang. 3 **OR**
another science:
Chemistry (EN)



Q7. How is learning assessed in the MYP?

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- ❑ **What does assessment look like in the MYP?**
- ❑ **Is there an exam at the end of the MYP (like the Brevet in the French Program)?**



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4

Criteria in each subject group and each grade level of the MYP

- ❑ Criteria are learning objectives that assess the specific knowledge, skills and attitudes required for success in each subject area.
- ❑ Each criterion is weighted equally and indicates a level of achievement from 0 to 8.

Ex. of criteria	Criterion A	Criterion B	Criterion C	Criterion D
Lang. & Lit. (A)	Analyzing	Organizing	Producing text	Using language
Math	Knowing and understanding	Investigating patterns	Communicating	Applying Math in real-world contexts



1-7

Grades are reported on a 1 to 7 scale

 Each grade corresponds to an MYP descriptor that indicates a level of achievement

7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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.



At the end of the MYP, No mandatory exam, but an optional qualification eAssessment

- ❑ Conducted at the end of Year 5 (2nde/10th grade)

- ❑ 5 to 8 on-screen exams
- ❑ + ePortfolios
- ❑ + Personal Project

- ❑ Measures students' ability to transfer understanding to unfamiliar situations
- ❑ their capacity to connect academic study with the world beyond the classroom

Schools can register students for the eAssessment after the completion of the authorization process (for Rochambeau, in 2025-2026).

Rochambeau is currently studying the option of offering the eAssessment to its 2025-2026 MYP cohort.



Q8. And after the MYP?

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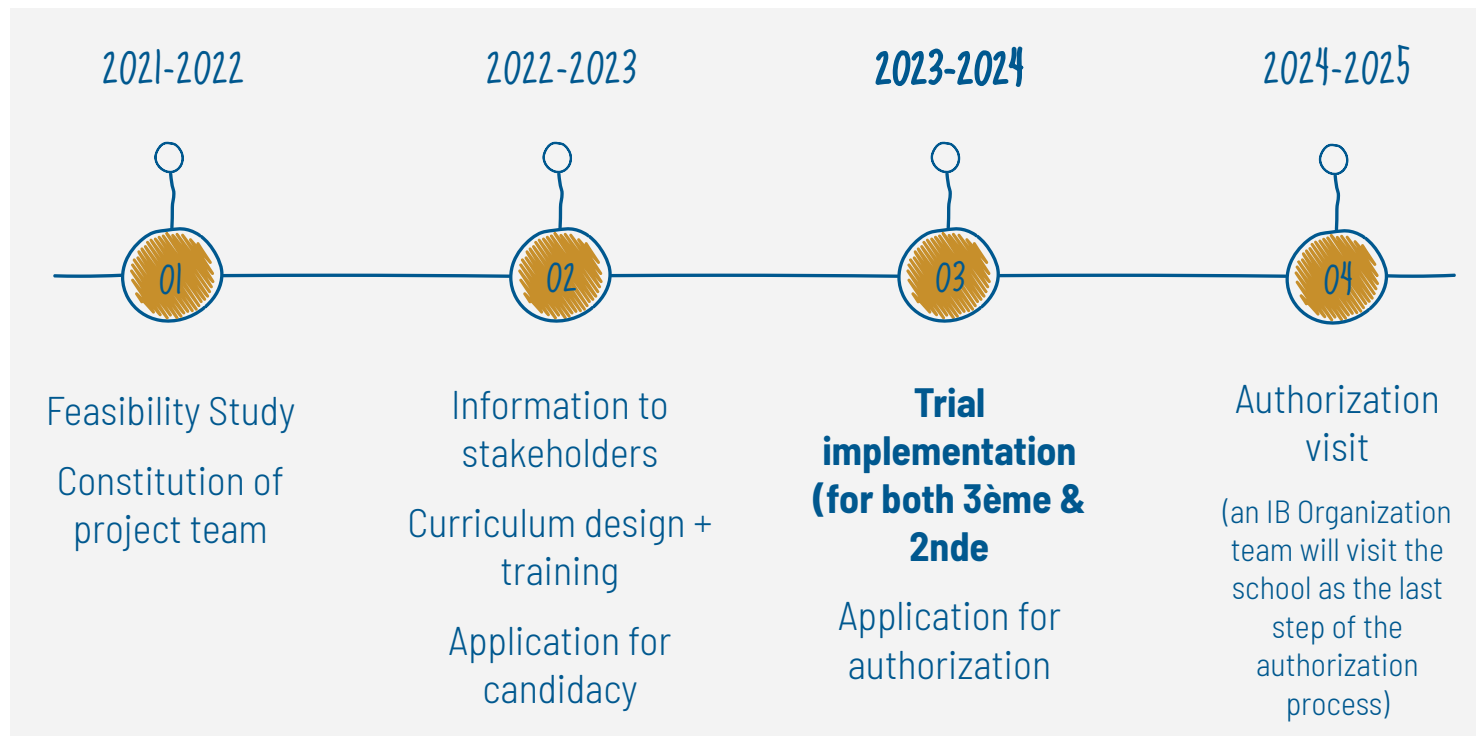
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IB MYP		IB DP
5 approaches to learning/key skills: Thinking skills; Social skills; Communication skills; Self-Management skills; Research skills		
8 subject groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and Lit. (Languages A) • Language Acquisition (Languages B) • Individuals and Society • Science • Math • Arts • Physical and Health Education • Design 	Curriculum Continuum	6 subject groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and Lit. (Languages A) • Language Acquisition (Languages B) • Individuals and Society • Science • Math • Arts
Personal project: independent project resulting from the students' own initiative, learning interest and experience, and creativity.	Consolidation of Learning Continuum	Extended essay: individual inquiry and research into a focused question of students' own choice using disciplinary methodology.
Service as action	Service Continuum	CAS (Creativity, Action, Service)



TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION of the IB MYP





IN CONCLUSION



Is the MYP for my child?

My child:

- ☐ Is fluent in English and prefers to study in this language.
- ☐ Enjoys project-based learning.
- ☐ Is organized and enjoys independent work
- ☐ Collaborates and likes to work in a team.
- ☐ Is curious about world issues.
- ☐ Is a critical thinker who asks “how” and “why” questions rather than “what”.



10 Reasons



why the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)
encourages you to become a creative, critical and
reflective learner



Based on IB research - www.ibo.org/research

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Essential resources

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