

Assessment Policy

Assessment - the evaluation or estimation of the nature, quality, or ability of someone or something.

Effective assessment places students at the center of their learning by allowing teachers to monitor student progress and adjust instruction to improve achievement. Assessment determines students' levels of understanding. **Formative** assessment, seeks to identify their learning needs as students are in the midst of a unit of study. **Summative** assessment occurs at the end of a unit and determines the student's mastery of content based on a course specific grading rubric. Our school's assessment policy is in alignment with International Baccalaureate guidelines and those of Dallas ISD and the State of Texas.

Types of Assessment

Examples of formative assessments are quizzes, one-on-one exchanges, "think, pair, share", etc. Summative assessment can be oral presentations, multiple choice tests, essays, performances, etc. What all assessments have in common for every subject is a course specific grading rubric with learning outcomes specifically designed for that course by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IB).

Monitoring Overall Student Progress

In keeping with HSMA - IB World School (MYP)'s goal of developing students who are responsible and successful learners, grading rubrics are given at the beginning of the assessment process so students are aware of learning expectations and expected outcomes. We encourage parents/ guardians and students to monitor academic progress through the use of, but not limited to:

- Progress reports given to students midway through each grading period
- Parent Portal to check on grades. Students should also have access to Parent Portal passwords to encourage self management of their own learning
- Google Classroom/ Calendar

Academic Support Services

Stone teachers, staff and students pride themselves on open and respectful communication about learning and teaching expectations. Parents are encouraged to email teachers and request conferences for their academic queries. Teachers are available during and after the school day for one on one talks. Please, refer to the school's website under the pulldown tab of "Faculty" to access teachers' emails.

