



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
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I. Overview

International School at Dundee Language Policy

The International School at Dundee recognizes that language is fundamental to all learning because it permeates the entire curriculum. Therefore, throughout our curriculum we foster the development of the language of instruction, world languages and mother tongue.

Every teacher at the International School at Dundee is a language teacher, and recognizes the importance of this role within the IB philosophy. By integrating language into every aspect of the curriculum we are teaching students the importance of culture, diversity, and sensitivity towards others, which in turn enhances their personal growth, cognitive development, and facilitates international understanding. Through the strong emphasis on language, our goal is to foster a deep understanding about language and a love of literature.

For our English Language Learners, we offer a comprehensive program through which they acquire the skills and knowledge needed to access the regular curriculum. We provide support to our students and their families to enable them to adjust to a new language, learning environment and culture.

For our entire student population (K-5), we offer Spanish as a world language. The program both supports and extends the IB units. Students also learn about the cultures of people in Spanish speaking countries.

We promote maintenance and enrichment of the mother tongue by encouraging families to continue speaking, reading and writing the language at home. We also recommend that families take advantage of the many mother tongue instructional opportunities available in our community.

All aspects of our language program require formal as well as ongoing informal assessments. These assessments are used to plan appropriate instruction and to evaluate student progress.