

Supporting school improvement

A vision for evaluation and differentiated new services

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Who are we talking to?







Refinements & improvements to programme evaluation

Implemented in 2013

- Synchronized visits
- Continuum pilot
- DP Reporting improvements
- Screen casts to support IB Educators

Coming in 2014

- Multi programme
- Innovative tools for DP schools







Revisions and new developments in programme evaluation

Coming in 2014

- MYP Next Chapter—new requirements
- IBCC—new context, new tools
- First ever evaluation review





Areas where action is needed

from the 2012 School Satisfaction Survey

- Clear explanation of the process for self-study
- An evaluation report that accurately summarizes your school's capacity to implement the IB programme
- An evaluation report that clearly identified the steps you need to take to improve your IB programme
- An evaluation report that focuses on what is most important in the IB programme

Does this reflect your experience?





Evaluation review

Questions addressed in current IB Research

- What is effective schooling?
- How does IB authorization and evaluation compare with similar processes in other organizations globally?
- What tools can the IB provide that track improvement over the life of a school?







Evaluation tools and timing

Consider a school at one of these stages:

- 1. Between authorization and the 1st programme evaluation
- 2. Engaging in their 1st programme evaluation
- 3. Successfully completed several programme evaluations

Address these questions

Purpose Formative? summative? Differentiated?

Timing When will it happen and how often?

New tools Virtual interactions? digital evidence?





Proposed evaluation review timeline

Planning and review of research

- 2013 research phase
- 2014 Design Phase
- 2015 Pilot new processes
- 2016 Reporting and revision*
- 2017 Publish guides/resources*
- * To be confirmed, dependent upon results of earlier stages.







Refinements & Improvements to IB Authorization

Completed in 2013

- Global authorization timeline
- HTML version of IB Educator software
- Screen casts to support IB Educators
- Revised "Authorization Support " online course
- Guidelines for the training of IB Educators
- Streamlined IBCC authorization







Refinements & Improvements to IB Authorization

On the horizon (2014 and beyond)

- Criteria-based differentiated authorization timelines
- Exploration of differentiated authorization for groups of schools
- Development of new technological systems to support staff, schools, and educators
- Piloting of new services aimed at pre-authorization schools







2012 - Q2 2013

- Differentiated Services for Schools project gathered information on what IB schools need, and want.
 - Review of School Satisfaction Survey and Professional Development QAF Data
 - Interviews with IB World School Heads and Faculty, IB Staff, and leaders of Groups of Schools
 - Large-Scale survey of IB Schools
- Project Report identified priority areas for differentiation, including:
 - Core Services (authorization & evaluation)
 - IB Administrative Functions
 - New Services for Schools







Curriculum

- Curriculum planning
 - Support and feedback on PYP programmes of inquiry, MYP unit plans or DP course outlines/plans.
- Curriculum alignment
 - Support for schools in aligning the IB curriculum requirements with national, state, provincial, or local requirements.
- DP assessment related support
 - Assistance for schools in consolidating and analyzing individual school, regional, and global data from DP assessments to inform curriculum planning and instructional approaches.







Leadership

- School leadership, including new coordinator support
 - Support for school leadership teams, including coordinators who are new to the position in authorized schools with an existing programme.
- Groups of schools leadership support
 - Support for group-level leaders who have responsibility for groups of IB schools, such as school districts or networks of private schools.











Whole School

- Action plan diagnosis
 - Support for schools in assessing their needs and creating a viable action plan that drives improvements in IB implementation.
- Collaborative planning support
 - Support to help teams learn how to use collaborative planning time effectively to deepen their IB implementation.
- Whole programme change
 - Help for schools facing major changes in the IB programme(s) they offer.







Late 2013 – Design Phase

January - May 2013

Ongoing information gathering DSS project report Decisions on initial services June - September 2013

Identification of design team members

Development of team tools and expectations

Team Managers' kick off meeting

October - December 2013

New Service Design Teams working period
Initial planning for 2014
Service pilots

December 2013

Initial design phase ends

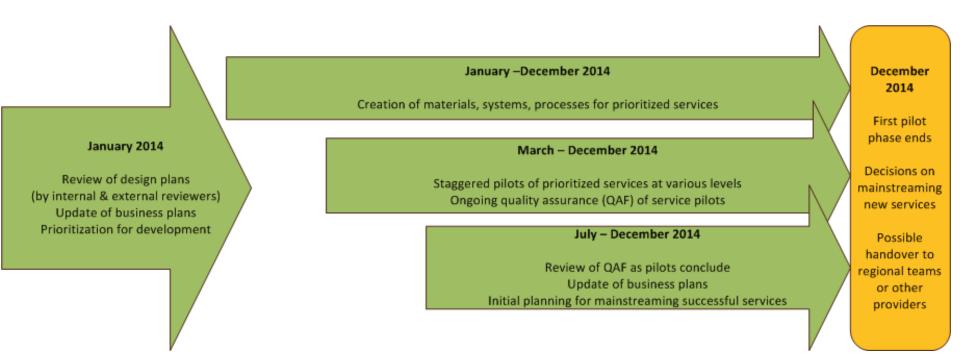
Design plans submitted







2014 – Pilots & Moving to Implementation









2015 and beyond

- Successful pilots become mainstream offerings
- Continuous quality assurance of services
- Ongoing analysis of service needs
- Further design and pilot phases









Authorization and New Services for Schools

Q&A







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