



# Approaches to teaching and learning in the DP

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Approaches to teaching and learning now appear at the centre of the programme model







### Approaches to teaching and learning

### Inspired by best practice in our schools

Approaches to teaching and learning are deliberate strategies, skills and attitudes that permeate the teaching and learning environment. These approaches and tools, intrinsically linked with the IB learner profile attributes, enhance student learning and assist student preparation for DP assessment and beyond.





### **5 Categories of ATL Skills:**

Thinking Skills

Communication Skills

Self Management Skills

Research Skills

Social Skills





### 6 Approaches to Teaching:

Based on inquiry

Focused on conceptual understanding

Developed in local and global contexts

Focused on effective teamwork and collaboration

Differentiated to meet the needs of all learners

Informed by assessment (formative and summative)



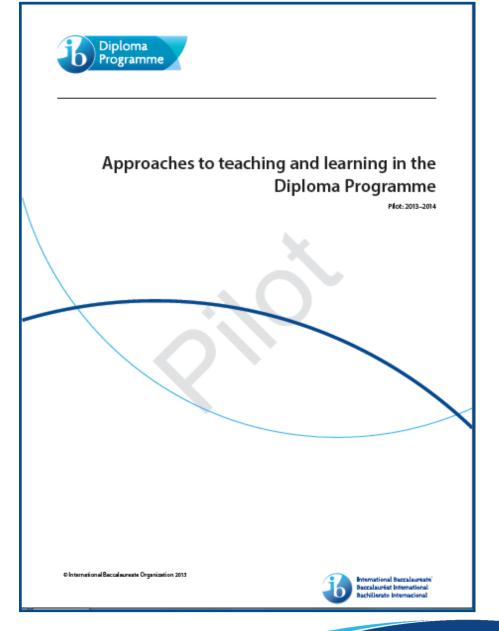


## Research and Pilot

ATL guide/ summary document

First draft completed September 2013

Piloted by 142 DP schools







## What did the pilot schools do?

- •They provided feedback on the draft ATL document and example unit planners
- They completed a questionnaire on teaching and learning in DP classrooms
- •They planned and implemented a small scale ATL initiative in their school, and then provided feedback on their initiative
- •A small selection of pilot schools were visited and filmed to create a series of short videos featuring classroom lessons, as well as interviews with teachers, students, and school leaders
- •A small group of teachers took part in a user test of the wireframe for the online version of the materials

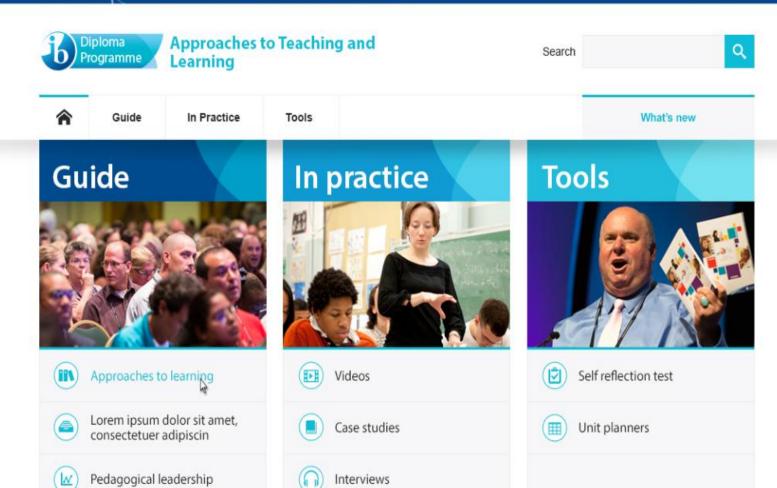




## Outputs of the project

- •A summary document *Approaches to teaching and learning in the Diploma Programme*
- •26 short (5 minute) videos
- Unit planner and examples of completed unit plans
- •6 interviews with experts in the field, e.g. Grant Wiggins
- •12 mini 2 page "case studies" of pilot school initiatives
- •A "self reflection tool" for teachers
- •A more detailed section in the next *DP Principles into Practice* document





#### What's new

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## Important dates to note

- •The planned publication date for all DP ATL materials is January 2015
- •First official use by schools is envisioned in September 2015
- •Category 3 workshops specifically on DP ATL will be running in early 2015
- •New subjects for first teaching in 2015 (history, global politics and ESS) will include explicit guidance on ATL in their subject

