

Association of IB World Schools (AIBWS): Criteria for Recognition

The IB has developed the following criteria by which it evaluates the appropriateness of recognizing a particular group of IB World Schools that wish to create a formal, legal entity, known by the IB as an Association of IB World Schools (AIBWS).

These criteria may be modified, amended and updated from time to time by the IB at its discretion. The IB's decision to recognize a group of IB World schools as an AIBWS is at its discretion.

In order to be recognized by the IB, a candidate AIBWS shall:

1. Have registered as a non-for-profit organization with the relevant local authorities, and their Chair/Head/President must have the required authority to sign legal documents.
2. Have a constitution (or similar document) establishing the purpose for the AIBWS that is appropriately aligned with the mission statement and learner profile of the IB and shows equal support for each of the four (4) IB Programmes. It should also describe the AIBWS's structure, membership and financial responsibilities in order to demonstrate a sustainable and viable organization;
3. Submit a detailed description of its proposed activities (for the coming three-year period) to ensure there is no conflict or competition with, or duplication of, the IB or the IB's services and activities, as may be determined by the IB;
4. Submit indications of support from heads, principals, and coordinators of IB World Schools (IBWS) that are seeking to become members of the AIBWS;
5. Make membership available only to IBWS within the geographic region served by the AIBWS and regardless of:
 - a. Which, or the number of, IB Programmes any such individual IBWS may offer;
 - b. their IB status i.e. candidate or authorized;
 - c. their country/regional status i.e. international, local, private and public;
6. Have a public profile (including websites, stationery and social media accounts) which does not reproduce in any language the following trademark protected terms 'International Baccalaureate', 'Baccalauréat International', 'Bachillerato Internacional', or any IB logo/artwork and creates a distinct and separate identity to avoid the impression that the AIBWS is part of the IB or vice versa;
7. Where necessary, in order to avoid the possible confusion in criterion 6 above, and at the request of the IB, adopt and use a new public name that preserves the distinct and separate identity and avoids the impression that the AIBWS is part of the IB or vice versa. This public name must not contain the words "international baccalaureate" (in any language) but may contain the letters 'IB' (or 'BI') next to 'Schools/World Schools'. The preferred format for both the registered and public name of the candidate AIBWS is the following: *"[Region/Country] Association of IB World Schools"*;
8. During the candidate phase, abide by the terms and conditions outlined in ["Establishing Association of IB World Schools \(AIBWS\) guidelines"](#);
9. During the period of the validity of its Agreement with the IB, the AIBWS is to execute and abide by the terms of the standard "Cooperation and Licence Agreement" developed by the IB for recognized AIBWS; and
10. Maintain a physical address (i.e. either a registered address or in care of (c/o) a member school) with contact details for the chair, president, or other officers of the AIBWS, and will notify the IB of changes to such address and contact information.