

### Curriculum and Assessment Policy

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## School

Empowering Minds, Enriching Hearts, Expanding Horizons

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Smart Innovations School is dedicated to providing a comprehensive and dynamic educational experience rooted in the principles of the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum. This policy outlines the school's approach to curriculum design, delivery, and assessment practices.

#### <u>Curriculum Design:</u>

IB Curriculum Framework: The school follows the IB framework, encompassing Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP), and Diploma Programme (DP), offering a cohesive and inquiry-based educational journey. The school is a proud PYP candidate school, we hope soon to be PYP authorized.

<u>Subject Integration:</u> Integration of subjects across disciplines to promote holistic learning, critical thinking, and real-world application of knowledge.

<u>Cultural Relevance:</u> Incorporation of local and global perspectives to foster cultural awareness and international-mindedness among students.

#### Teaching and Learning Approaches:

<u>Inquiry-Based Learning:</u> Emphasis is on inquiry-based methodologies to encourage curiosity, exploration, and independent thinking.

<u>Differentiated Instruction:</u> Teachers employ varied instructional strategies to meet diverse learning needs, adapting teaching methods and materials to cater to individual student strengths and challenges.

<u>Use of Technology:</u> Integration of technology as a tool for learning and collaboration, ensuring responsible and effective use of digital resources.

#### **Assessment Practices:**

<u>Assessment Criteria:</u> Use of IB assessment criteria to evaluate student performance, focusing on knowledge acquisition, conceptual understanding, skills development, and critical thinking abilities.

<u>Formative Assessment:</u> Ongoing formative assessments to provide feedback and guide instruction, fostering student growth and development.

<u>Summative Assessment:</u> Periodic summative assessments to measure student achievement against established learning objectives and standards. Usually the summative are held twice a year at SIS marking the end of each semester.

#### **Assessment Authenticity and Integrity:**

<u>Authentic Tasks:</u> Designing assessments that reflect real-world challenges, enabling students to apply learned concepts in practical scenarios.

<u>Academic Integrity:</u> Ensuring assessments uphold academic honesty, integrity, and respect for intellectual property through proper citation and acknowledgment of sources.

#### Reporting and Feedback:

Comprehensive Reporting through Report Cards, Unit Reports and Parents' 'planners: Regular and comprehensive reporting to parents on student progress, including academic achievements, areas for improvement, and social-emotional development.

<u>Parent-Teacher Collaboration through Student led</u> <u>conferences</u>, <u>3 way conferences</u>, <u>and independent meetings</u>: Encouragement of open communication between teachers and parents to facilitate a supportive learning environment.

#### **Professional Development:**

<u>Teacher Training:</u> Ongoing professional development opportunities for educators to enhance teaching methodologies, assessment practices, and curriculum implementation aligned with the school's philosophy.

#### **Policy Review:**

This curriculum and assessment policy will be regularly reviewed to ensure alignment with educational best practices, IB standards, and the evolving needs of our students.