

FAQs – IB Programme | Kunskapsskolan Gurgaon

School Timings:

Programme	Timings
Early Years	8:00 am – 12:30 pm
PYP 1–2	8:00 am – 2:30 pm
PYP 3–5	8:00 am – 2:30 pm
MYP 1–5	8:00 am – 2:30 pm
IBDP	8:00 am – 2:30 pm

The KED Programme, implemented alongside the IB Programme, uses personal coaching, goal setting, and a structured yet flexible learning framework. Students take greater ownership of their learning journey supported by individual study plans and regular mentor sessions.

1. What is the IB Programme?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a globally recognised education programme that develops students academically, socially, emotionally, and physically, encouraging them to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners. It includes:

- **EYP:** Early Years Programme (ages 3–5)
- **PYP:** Primary Years Programme (ages 6–10/11)
- **MYP:** Middle Years Programme (ages 11–15/16)
- **DP:** Diploma Programme (ages 16–18)

2. Is the IB Diploma Programme recognised internationally?

Yes, the IB Diploma is highly regarded by universities in more than 162 countries, including major English-speaking countries such as:

- USA
- UK
- Canada
- Australia
- Singapore
- Dubai (UAE)
- New Zealand

Top universities in these countries value the academic rigour and holistic development offered by the IB. Many also award university credits for high IB scores.

3. Do IB teachers receive special training?

Yes. All IB teachers undergo regular professional development led by certified IB workshop leaders. This training focuses on the IB's approaches to teaching and learning, ensuring the high-quality delivery of the programme.

4. Does the IB align with local or national curricula?

Yes. The IB ensures that its programmes meet or exceed local and national standards. Schools are required to map the IB curriculum to their national curriculum to ensure relevance and compliance. Host culture is celebrated and integrated into the learning experience.

5. What is the Primary Years Programme (PYP)?

The PYP is the International Baccalaureate's programme for students aged 3–5 (EYP) and 6–10 (PYP). It focuses on development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside. The programme promotes a transdisciplinary model of learning, encouraging students to think critically, creatively, and reflectively while connecting their learning across subject areas. Students have real-life connections that empower them to take action and create an impact in their communities and environment.

6. What are the benefits of the PYP?

- Focus on inquiry-based and skill-based learning
- Development of the IB Learner Profile attributes
- Emphasis on international-mindedness and intercultural understanding
- Encourages student agency, voice, and choice
- Prepares students for lifelong learning and success in future IB programmes

7. How is the PYP assessed?

Assessment in the PYP is ongoing and integrated into the daily teaching and learning process. Teachers use both formative and summative assessments to guide student progress and strengthen understanding. The PYP Exhibition, held in the final year of the programme, is a culminating project that showcases students' ability to conduct independent inquiry and demonstrate what they have learnt.

8. What is the Middle Years Programme (MYP)?

The MYP is a curriculum framework designed for learners aged 11–16. It encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world. The programme is designed to be inclusive and can be implemented over two to five years. Students engage with eight subject groups and complete a Personal Project that demonstrates their learning. The curriculum emphasises on conceptual understanding, global contexts, and interdisciplinary teaching and learning.

9. What are the benefits of the MYP?

The MYP offers a holistic educational experience that focuses on:

- Critical and reflective thinking
- International-mindedness
- Multilingualism
- Student-centered learning
- Teaching how to learn
- Independent research and project work

These elements foster a lifelong love of learning and prepare students for further education, such as the Diploma Programme (DP) or the Career-related Programme (CP).

10. How are students assessed in the MYP?

Assessment in the MYP includes both formative and summative assessment methods. In the final year, schools may offer MYP eAssessment, which includes:

- On-screen examinations in key subject areas
- Moderated portfolios of student work
- A Personal Project—a project driven by students' passions and involving research

These assessments are age-appropriate and focus on students' ability to apply their knowledge and skills in unfamiliar situations.

11. What is the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP)?

The IBDP is a two-year educational programme for students aged 16–18. It is academically challenging and balanced, preparing students for success in university and beyond. Students study three Higher Level (HL) subjects and three Standard Level (SL) subjects, along with the three core components: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), the Extended Essay (EE), and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS).

12. What are the benefits of the IBDP?

- Recognised and respected by leading universities worldwide
- Encourages breadth and depth of learning
- Promotes critical thinking, research, and time management skills
- Supports students' holistically development through creativity, physical activity, and service
- Offers university credit and advanced standing at many institutions

13. How is the IBDP assessed?

Assessment in the IBDP includes both internal assessments (graded by teachers and moderated externally) and external assessments (including final examinations). Students are graded on a scale of 1 to 7 for each subject. The three core components contribute up to an additional three points, for a maximum score of 45 points.

14. What kind of support do students receive in the IBDP?

IBDP students receive structured support from trained teachers, counsellors, and coordinators. Emphasis is placed on time management, study skills, and well-being. Schools also guide students through the university application process and the development of CAS experiences and project.

15. Is the IBDP accepted in India and internationally?

Yes. The IBDP is widely recognised by universities in India and around the world. In India, the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) recognises the IB Diploma as equivalent to the 10+2 qualification. Depending on the course and institution, IB graduates may be required to meet specific subject prerequisites or appear for entrance examinations.

16. How do IB students apply to international universities?

IB students follow the same application process as other international applicants, but have several advantages:

- Transcripts and predicted scores from the school
- IB grades are widely understood and are recognised by universities
- IB students are considered to be well prepared for the academic demands of university
- Some universities waive entrance tests or offer advanced placement or credit based on IB scores

17. Can IB students apply to Indian universities?

Yes. IB students can apply to Indian universities.

Key points:

- The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) recognises the IB Diploma to the 10+2 system.
- Students need to obtain an Equivalency Certificate from AIU
- IB students may also need to appear for national entrance examinations, such as:
 - CUET (Common University Entrance Test)
 - NEET (for medical)
 - JEE (for engineering)
 - SAT (required by some private universities)
 - CLAT or LSAT (for law)

18. Is it easy for IB students to get into Indian colleges?

It depends on the course and institution:

- For liberal arts or private universities (like Ashoka, KREA, FLAME), IB students are often at an advantage due to their profile and academic approach.

- For professional courses (engineering, medicine), students must still qualify for entrance exams, for which all students seek support from tuition centres that are geared to train students to crack the exams.

The IB converts the students' grades into percentage for admission purposes.

19. Are there specific Indian universities that support IB applicants?

Yes. Some Indian universities and colleges are more IB-friendly, including:

- Ashoka University
- FLAME University
- KREA University
- Shiv Nadar University
- O.P. Jindal Global University
- Delhi University
- Mumbai University
- Symbiosis University

These institutions assess candidates holistically and often accept predicted scores, portfolios, and personal statements.

20. What are the advantages of studying the IB in India?

- **Exposure to global learning standards** aligned with international education systems.
- **Development of key 21st-century skills** including *creativity, communication, research, and presentation*.
- **Strengthening of critical thinking, academic writing, and analytical abilities** through inquiry-based and interdisciplinary learning.
- **Strong college readiness** for admissions in India and abroad, supported by rigorous academic preparation.
- **Opportunities to build a well-rounded extracurricular profile**, enhancing both personal development and university applications.
- **Emphasis on self-management, intercultural understanding, and international mindedness**, promoting global citizenship and personal responsibility.

21. Can IB students apply for scholarships?

Yes, many international and Indian universities offer scholarships based on:

- IB scores
- Personal achievements
- Extracurricular excellence
- Essays and interviews

9. Apart from academics, Kunskapsskolan Gurgaon offers its students:

Sports	Co-curricular/super curricular	Service
Football	International level Olympiads -AMC CMC	Inhouse service initiatives in PYP
Basket ball	Writing and publishing research papers in recognized journals	Service in Action- a mandatory component of MYP
Tennis	Oxford and Harvard MUN	CAS- Creativity, Activity, Service- a mandatory component of DP
Gymnastics	AI internship with National University of Singapore	
Table Tennis	F1 in Schools- the greatest STEM challenge in the world	
Badminton	Exchange Programme with Sweden French Immersion	
Archery	Inter and Intra School events	
Taekwondo	Annual Production	
	Internships from Grade 9 based on areas of interest	
	IDL- Indian Debating League	

22. Where can I learn more about the IB Programme?

- Visit school website: www.ked.edu.in
- Visit the IB website: www.ibo.org

We at Kunskapsskolan are happy to help set up a meeting with our IB Coordinators. Please get in touch with our Admission Team.

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