

# Understanding IB MYP Assessment

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## What are the assessment strategies used in the MYP that provide students with opportunities to succeed?

MYP assesses students through a mix of formative and summative assessments that allow them to demonstrate their skills and knowledge. Teachers use a range of strategies including inquiry-based tasks, collaborative projects, and practical assessments to cater to different learning styles.

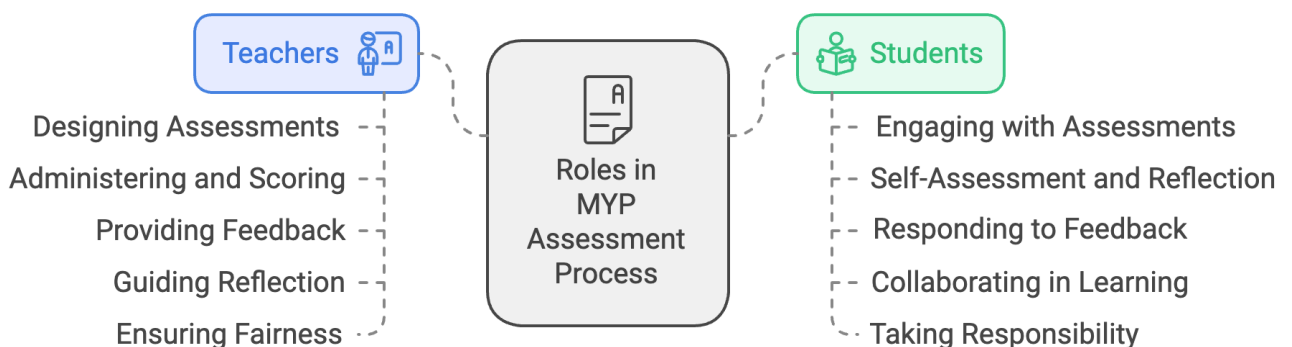
## What are the different types of assessments in MYP?

**Formative** assessments are ongoing and help monitor students' understanding and identify areas for improvement. In contrast, **summative** assessments, conducted at the end of a unit or course, evaluate student achievement using MYP subject-group-specific criteria. This includes tests, projects, portfolios, performance, and so on.

## What is the role of teachers & students in the assessment process?

Teachers play a central role in designing, developing, and implementing assessments. They use their professional judgment, guided by the MYP assessment criteria, to determine student achievement levels. This approach ensures that assessment is transparent and aligned with the programme's philosophy.

Students play an active role in their assessment process in the MYP by engaging with assessments, self-assessing, responding to feedback, collaborating with peers, and taking responsibility for their learning journey.



## How does the MYP ensure fairness in assessment for students with diverse learning needs?

The MYP acknowledges the importance of inclusivity in assessment. When designing assessment tasks, teachers must consider students' diverse learning needs, including those requiring learning support or those learning in a language other than their mother tongue. Tasks can be differentiated or modified to accommodate these needs, with parents and students informed accordingly.

## What are task-specific clarifications, and how do they benefit students?

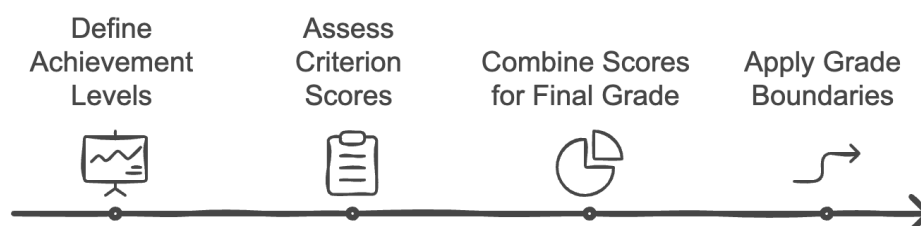
Task-specific clarifications help students understand the assessment criteria better by providing specific examples of how they apply to a particular task. Teachers create these clarifications by adapting the generic criteria to the context of the assignment. This process ensures that students clearly understand the expected standards and can strive to achieve their best.

## How does the MYP approach assessment for students who are learning in a language other than their mother tongue?

When designing assessment tasks, teachers should consider the needs of students learning in a language other than their mother tongue. They can differentiate or modify tasks to make them accessible while ensuring these adjustments are communicated to parents and students.

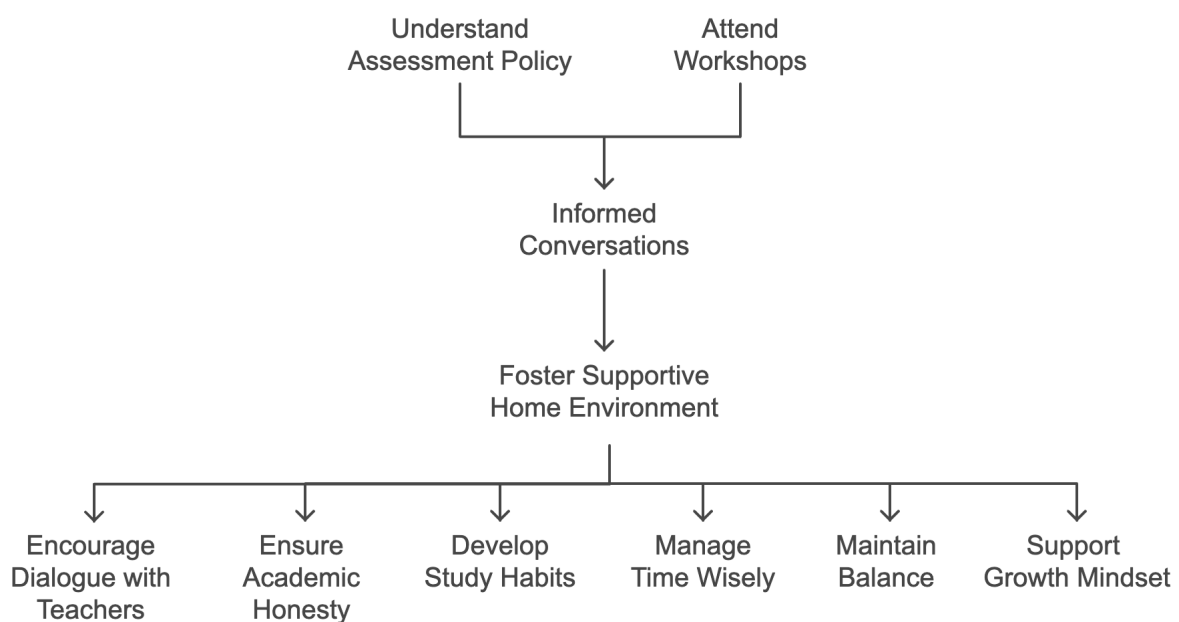
## How is the MYP final grade calculated in the MYP?

- **Achievement Levels:** Each criterion is assessed on a scale of 1 to 8, with clear descriptions of what is required to achieve each level.
- **Criterion Scores:** Teachers assess students' work against these criteria throughout the course, assigning a score for each criterion based on the evidence collected.
- **Final Grade:** At the end of the course, the scores for each criterion are combined to generate a final grade, typically on a scale from 1 (lowest) to 7 (highest). This is done using a grade boundary table that is standardized to ensure fairness and alignment with IB's expectations.
- **Maximum Scores:** The maximum total score for the IB MYP certificate is 56, covering a total of 8 subjects.



## How can parents support their child in managing assessment-related stress?

Parents can support their children in managing assessment-related stress in the MYP by understanding the school's assessment policy, including grading procedures, reporting cycles, assessment calendars, and expectations for academic honesty. This knowledge enables informed conversations with their child and teachers and fosters a supportive home environment focused on learning and growth. Encouraging dialogue with teachers and ensuring adherence to the academic honesty policy are crucial. Parents should help their child develop effective study habits, manage time wisely, and maintain balance. You can empower your child to handle academic pressure with confidence and resilience by supporting a growth mindset and attending workshops.



## MYP Assessment Guidance Handbook

It is important for students and parents to read and understand the MYP assessment principles and how the assessment criteria are used to evaluate students' academic performance. We encourage parents to read the [MYP Assessment Guidance Handbook](#) together with their child(ren) and assist them in setting their own learning goals in collaboration with the teachers.

