

# IB-MYP Update

August 2022

It has been an amazing start to the year! In what feels like forever, we have been able to hit the ground running and really dive into the IB experience.

An integral component of IB is character development as defined by the ten IB Learner Profiles. Each month throughout the year, we will be focusing on a different Learner Profile attribute so students are immersed in the language and expectations of IB. The Learner Profile starting us off for August is:

**“RISK-TAKER”** Being a “Risk-Taker” means we try new things. We know in order to grow, we must be able to take risks. We work outside our comfort zone.

Teachers and staff have been working with students to emphasize the importance of taking risks in your learning. We are encouraging students to try new things and work outside their comfort zone. This is their opportunity to grow as learners.

Approaches to Learning (ATLs) Skills and Strategies are not new to most of us, they are just “new” in how they are articulated. ATLs in IB are what we typically refer to as “Study Skills/Life-Long Learning Skills.” Our role as teachers is to explicitly provide instruction about how we can use these skills in our content areas. We are providing students opportunities to use these skills with guidance, and independently, when working on classwork and projects.

The first ATL we introduced is under the category of “Self-Management” and the sub-category of “Organization.”

**ATL: Self-Management/Organization**

We are learning how to manage our time and tasks effectively.

- Keep and use a weekly planner for assignments
- Bring necessary equipment and supplies to class
- Meet deadlines

You may be noticing assignments listed under the category “ATL-Approaches to Learning” in the gradebook (Home Access Center: HAC). This category has been designated to distinguish between content understanding and work habits. If you see an assignment listed under the ATL category, chances are it was *practice applying a skill* and not scored at for accuracy of content. You will be hearing more about IB grading practices as the year unfolds. Please reach out if you have questions.

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