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THE PERFORMANCE

OF THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) DIPLOMA

PORGRAMME AT VI LICEUM OGÓLNOKSZTAŁCĄCE IM. JULIUSZA SŁOWACKIEGO IN KIELCE

# Mission Statement:

The Mission of VI Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Juliusza Słowackiego in Kielce is to develop an open-minded and inquiring young man who always obeys the principles of academic honesty and appreciates the value of education without borders as well as independently and responsibly functions in modern society respecting both native and foreign tradition.

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# Legal basis:

- The Act of 14 December 2016. Educational Law (Journal of Laws of 2017, items 59, 949 and 2203)
- Act of 14 December 2016. Provisions introducing the Act Educational Law (Journal of Laws of 2017, item 60, 949 and 2203)
- Rules for IB World Schools: Diploma Programme, April 2014
- General Regulations: Diploma Programme, September 2016
- Programme standards and practices, January 2014 (updated March 2016)
- The Statue of VI Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Juliusza Słowackiego in Kielce

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## INTRODUCTION

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is based on the authorization of the International Baccalaureate Organization in Geneva and in accordance with the regulations set in the educational law of the Polish educational system. These regulations were developed on the basis of International Baccalaureate Organization rules, the Ministry of National Education acts of law and taking into account the arrangements established in the statute of the school. As a consequence of above, this document contains the regulations of the school statute and the procedures developed in the school according to the philosophy of the International Baccalaureate Organization. The *Internal Regulations* comprise a set of requirements and procedures to ensure an effective implementation of the Diploma Program at the VI Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Juliusza Słowackiego in Kielce.

#### PART I

THE STATUTE OF VI LICEUM OGÓLNOKSZTAŁCĄCE IM. JULIUSZA SŁOWACKIEGO IN KIELCE

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- 1. The school ensures for its students in the scope of teaching:
  - 3) the acquisition of knowledge and skills enabling them to pass the International Diploma exam and study at a chosen school of higher education,
  - 5) learning about the heritage of regional and national culture, perceived in the context of European and world culture.
- 5. To accomplish the school's objectives and tasks:
  - 3) the school observes the rules specified in the policy papers of the International Baccalaureate Organization,
  - 8) organizing international exchange of students' groups to learn about the culture and language of other nations.

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4. The school runs an internal vocational guidance system and classes related to the choice of students' future career implemented by form teachers and employees of the Municipal Complex of Psychological and Pedagogical Counselling Clinics and other institutions.

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3. Classes performing two year (IB) Diploma Programme are formed at school and they are subject to the rules established by the International Baccalaureate Organization in Geneva (General Regulations valid in the IB Diploma Programme) and Internal regulations valid throughout the performance of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

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6. Teachers conducting classes in the Diploma Programme form an interdisciplinary team whose aim is to coordinate activities as well as to express opinions concerning the possibility of studying in a class in the IB Diploma Programme for students finishing a pre-IB class.

# PART II

THE STATUTE OF VI LICEUM OGÓLNOKSZTAŁCĄCE IM. JULIUSZA SŁOWACKIEGO IN KIELCE – DETAILED CONDITIONS AND WAYS OF INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

Detailed conditions and ways of internal assessment are stated in:

- General Regulations valid in the IB Diploma Programme
- IB DP Subjects' Guides
- Subjects' Specific Assessment Policies

as well as

the Statute of VI Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Juliusza Słowackiego in Kielce (chapter VII in particular)

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3. The marking scheme valid in the documents of the International Baccalaureate Ogranization is employed in classes following two year IB Diploma Programme and it is expressed by digits 1-7, where 1 is the lowest mark and 7 is the highest one.

very poor performance	1
poor performance	2
mediocre performance	3
satisfactory performance	4
good performance	5
very good performance	6
excellent performance	7

- 13. The number of tests predicted in a term and a school year is arranged by subject teachers according to the respective subject curriculum. In classes following the Diploma Programme the number and form of oral and written tasks are defined in the Guides for their respective subjects, published by the International Baccalaureate Organization.
- 14. Tests are compulsory. If a student's absence is excused, he or she is obliged to take a test on a date and in a form agreed on with a subject teacher. If a student's absence is not excused from an agreed date of a test then a student takes a test at a date assigned by a

subject teacher. 16. If a student is absent from at least 25% of all conducted classes in a subject (absence as a result of representing the school is not taken into account) a teacher has the right to give a written **attendance test**, making allowances for the following rules:

- if a student has already taken an attendance test, then the number of student's absent hours is counted from the date of notifying a student or parent/legal guardian of the last attendance test,
- 2) notifying is considered to be successful when a student or his/her parent/legal guardian is directly notified at school or the written notification is sent by a registered letter to the address given in the class register (the third day after sending the notification is considered as the date of notifying); the fact of notifying is taken down in a register,
- 3) the date and the scope of the material included in a test are assigned by a teacher, and the given mark is the final one,
- 4) a subject teacher defines the form and assessment criteria of an attendance test in accordance with the tools provided in Subject Assessment Criteria and adjusted to the tested course material.
- 5) if a student may justify his or her absence from an attendance test, then a new date is agreed on. An unjustified absence is tantamount to taking a test by a student during the next classes.

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- 5. A Diploma Programme student receives a certificate with his or her school results after each school term. Mid-year certificates may as well contain so called "warning letters" to students and their parents\_when meeting the requirements of the IB Diploma Programme poses a problem to a student. "Warning letters" are intended to be disciplinary measures.
- 11. If a student of the Diploma Programme fails to fulfill the requirements for being awarded the Diploma, has a poor attendance, his or her classroom code of conduct is below correct, his or her attitude is in contrast with the profile of IB student, he or she might be expelled from the Diploma Programme at any of its stages.
- 12. A student can request permission of the Headmaster to repeat a year of the Diploma Programme under certain circumstances (e.g. a chronic disease, the change of place of residence).
- 13. A student can be refused admission to the exam session if his or her teachers decide that he or she does not fulfill the requirements for being awarded the Diploma.

- 17. A student in the Diploma Programme is awarded with both the Diploma and the prize when his or her classroom code of conduct is at least very good and he or she has gained 34 points or more in subjects studied.
- 19. A student that changes a school, a class, a subject, resigns or is expelled from the Diploma Programme, is obliged to take a test to equalize the differences in the curriculum, if there are such in the scope of the subject in question. Passing the test is a necessary requirement for a student to be transferred to a class. The rules of conducting the test are the same as for a classifying test and the test is set for the last week of summer holiday.
- 20. If a student cannot be given the final mark (mid-year or end of a school year) as a result of his or her absence from more than half of the subject classes, he or she might not be classified in the subject. Where applicable instead of a mark, there should be "non-classified".
- 21. The student that has not been classified owing to his/her justified absence may take a classifying exam. If a student has not been classified owing to his/her unjustified absence, he/she or his /her parents (legal guardians) may submit an application to the teacher's council, in which he or she expresses his/her willingness to take a classifying exam. The teacher's council may assent to a classifying exam. An application should be submitted before a classifying meeting of the teacher's council.
- 23. Both oral and written classifying exam is taken at a date agreed with a student and his/her parents (legal guardians) but not later than on the last but one day before the end of a school year. Computer science, information technology and physical education classifying exams are mainly practical exams. Subject Assessment Criteria contain detailed rules of administering classifying exams.
- 24. If there are extenuating circumstances and a student cannot take a classifying exam on the agreed date, he or she can take it at a later date given by the Headmaster.

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2. As it is necessary to inform parents (legal guardians) of student's school results and classroom code of conduct, parents (legal guardians) should be present at all meetings arranged by the Headmaster. If the need arises, a form teacher will arrange an extra meeting. The parents (legal guardians) who do not participate in the majority of school's open days and parents' meetings or do not contact a form teacher and other teachers can never plead ignorance over their child's progress and predicted end- of- the- school year grades.

# **PARTIII**

# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY)

# A. The Primary School alumni

§ 1

- 1. A student who intends to pursue the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme may choose one of the following ways of applying for admission to the Programme:
- a) being a Primary School alumnus after completing the 8<sup>th</sup> class a student starts four year course at Liceum (secondary school) which includes two years of pre-IB class and two years of Diploma Programme;
- b) having completed the 1<sup>st</sup> class of Liceum a student attends the second year of pre-IB class and next starts the full two year IB Diploma Programme;
- c) having completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> class of Liceum a student starts the full two year IB Diploma Programme.

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Having completed the 8<sup>th</sup> class of Primary School a student applies for admission to pre-IB class as follows:

- 1. A student files a written application to the Headmaster for taking an English language competence test along with the list of final grades received in the 8<sup>th</sup> class of Primary School.
- 2. A student presents documents exempting him or her from taking an English language competence test (FCE certificate grade A, B or C, CAE certificate grade A, B or C, CPE certificate grade A, B or C, notification of receiving the title of laureate in English language subject contest).
- 3. A student takes an English language competence test, which takes place at the end of May or at the beginning of June every year, or he /she is exempt from it.
- 4. After passing the test a student is subject to electronic recruitment and results of final Primary School exam and grades on the certificate of completion of the Middle School are taken into account. Detailed criteria are announced in School Admission Policy every year.

Having completed two years of pre-IB class a student applies for admission to the IB class as follows:

- 1. A student submits approved by his/ her teachers declaration of chosen subject to the IB Coordinator.
- 2. A student presents documents exempting him or her from taking an English language diagnosis (FCE certificate grade A, CAE certificate grade A, B or C, CPE certificate grade A, B or C).
- 3. A student takes an English language diagnosis, which takes place in at the end of May or at the beginning of June every year, or he /she is exempt from it.
- 4. A student receives at least a satisfactory mark in the classroom code of conduct and attendance not lower than 90%.
- 5. A student obtains progression to the 3<sup>rd</sup> class of Liceum.
- 6. The team of teachers conducting classes in the pre-IB class express a good opinion on student's admission to the IB class.

# § 4

Having completed the 1st class of Liceum other than the pre-IB class at VI Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. J. Słowackiego in Kielce a student applies for admission to the IB class in the following way:

- 1. A student files a written application to the Headmaster for taking an English language competence test along with the list of final grades received in the 1<sup>st</sup> class of Liceum.
- 2. A student presents documents exempting him or her from taking an English language competence test (FCE certificate grade A, CAE certificate grade A, B or C, CPE certificate grade A, B or C).
- 3. A student takes an English language competence test, which takes place at the end of May or at the beginning of June every year, or he /she is exempt from it.
- 4. A student receives at least a satisfactory mark in the classroom code of conduct and at least good subjects grades.
- 5. A student obtains progression to the  $2^{nd}$  class of Liceum.
- 6. A student is admitted to the second pre-IB class, if there are vacancies. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, the acceptance is determined by the results of the language competence test and the results of teaching in the subjects taught in the pre-IB class.

7. A student is obliged to compensate for program differences resulting from the innovation implemented in the pre-IB class.

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Having completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> class of Liceum other than the pre-IB class at VI Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. J. Słowackiego in Kielce a student applies for admission to the IB class in the following way:

- 1. A student files a written application to the Headmaster for taking an English language competence test along with the list of final grades received in the 2<sup>nd</sup> class of Liceum.
- 2. A student presents documents exempting him or her from taking an English language competence test (FCE certificate grade A, CAE certificate grade A, B or C, CPE certificate grade A, B or C).
- 3. A student takes an English language competence test, which takes place at the end of May or at the beginning of June every year, or he /she is exempt from it.
- 4. A student submits the declaration of chosen subjects to the IB Coordinator.
- 5. A student receives at least a satisfactory mark in the classroom code of conduct.
- 6. A student obtains progression to the 3<sup>rd</sup> class of Liceum.
- 7. A student presents his or her certificate of completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> class of Liceum with at least good marks (4) from the subjects chosen on Higher Level and at least satisfactory marks (3) from the subjects chosen on Standard Level.
- 8. A student is admitted to 1M class (the IB DP first year), if there are vacancies. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, the acceptance is determined by the results of the language competence test and the results of teaching in the subjects declared as IB DP subjects.
- 9. A student is obliged to compensate for program differences resulting from the innovation implemented in the pre-IB class.

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A student returning from abroad applies for admission to the pre-IB and IB class pursuant to the ordinance of *Ministry of Education Regulation of August 23, 2017 on the education of persons who are not Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens who received education in schools functioning in the education systems of other countries as follows:* 

1. A student presents certificates confirming the total number of years of student's schooling both in Poland and abroad (certificates issued abroad should be presented both in the original and translated into Polish language by a sworn translator).

- 2. A student should prove 8 years of schooling to be accepted to the pre-IB class, and 10 years of schooling to be accepted to the IB class.
- 3. A student files a written application to the Headmaster for taking an English language competence test.
- 4. A student presents documents exempting him or her from taking an English language competence test: FCE certificate grade A, B or C, CAE certificate grade A, B or C, CPE certificate grade A, B or C to the pre- IB class; and FCE certificate grade A, CAE certificate grade A, B or C, CPE certificate grade A, B or C to the IB class.
- 5. A student takes an English language competence test, which takes place at the end of May or at the beginning of June every year, or he /she is exempt from it.
- 6. A student submits the declaration of chosen subjects to the IB Coordinator.

# B. The Middle School Alumni

§ 7

- 1. A student who intends to pursue the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme may choose one of the following ways of applying for admission to the Programme:
- a) being a Middle School alumnus a student starts three year course at Liceum (secondary school) which includes pre-Ib class and lasts one year and two year Diploma Programme;
- b) having completed the 1<sup>st</sup> class of Liceum a student starts the full two year IB Diploma Programme.

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Having completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> class of Middle School a student applies for admission to pre-IB class as follows:

- 1. A student files a written application to the Headmaster for taking an English language competence test along with the list of final grades received in the 3<sup>rd</sup> class of Middle School.
- 2. A student presents documents exempting him or her from taking an English language competence test (FCE certificate grade A, B or C, CAE certificate grade A, B or C, CPE certificate grade A, B or C, notification of receiving the title of laureate in English language subject contest).
- 3. A student takes an English language competence test, which takes place at the end of May or at the beginning of June every year, or he /she is exempt from it.
- 4. After passing the test a student is subject to electronic recruitment and results of final Middle School exam and grades on the certificate of completion of the Middle School are

taken into account. Detailed criteria are announced in School Admission Policy every year.

§ 9

Having completed the pre-IB class a student applies for admission to the IB class as follows:

- 1. A student submits approved by his/ her teachers declaration of chosen subject to the IB Coordinator.
- 2. A student presents documents exempting him or her from taking an English language diagnosis (FCE certificate grade A, CAE certificate grade A, B or C, CPE certificate grade A, B or C).
- 3. A student takes an English language diagnosis, which takes place in at the end of May or at the beginning of June every year, or he /she is exempt from it.
- 4. A student receives at least a satisfactory mark in the classroom code of conduct and attendance not lower than 90%.
- 5. A student obtains progression to the 2<sup>nd</sup> class of Liceum.
- 6. The team of teachers conducting classes in the pre-IB class express a good opinion on student's admission to the IB class.

§ 10

Having completed the 1<sup>st</sup> class of Liceum other than the pre-IB class at VI Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. J. Słowackiego in Kielce a student applies for admission to the IB class in the following way:

- 1. A student files a written application to the Headmaster for taking an English language competence test along with the list of final grades received in the 1<sup>st</sup> class of Liceum.
- 2. A student presents documents exempting him or her from taking an English language competence test (FCE certificate grade A, CAE certificate grade A, B or C, CPE certificate grade A, B or C).
- 3. A student takes an English language competence test, which takes place at the end of May or at the beginning of June every year, or he /she is exempt from it.
- 4. A student submits the declaration of chosen subjects to the IB Coordinator.
- 5. A student receives at least a satisfactory mark in the classroom code of conduct.
- 6. A student obtains progression to the 2<sup>nd</sup> class of Liceum.
- 7. A student presents his or her certificate of completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> class of Liceum with at least good marks (4) from the subjects chosen on Higher Level and at least satisfactory marks (3) from the subjects chosen on Standard Level.

A student returning from abroad applies for admission to the pre-IB and IB class pursuant to the ordinance of *Ministry of Education Regulation of September 9, 2016 on the education of persons who are not Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens who received education in schools functioning in the education systems of other countries as follows:* 

- 1. A student presents certificates confirming the total number of years of student's schooling both in Poland and abroad (certificates issued abroad should be presented both in the original and translated into Polish language by a sworn translator).
- 2. A student should prove 9 years of schooling to be accepted to the pre-IB class, and 10 years of schooling to be accepted to the IB class.
- 3. A student files a written application to the Headmaster for taking an English language competence test.
- 4. A student presents documents exempting him or her from taking an English language competence test: FCE certificate grade A, B or C, CAE certificate grade A, B or C, CPE certificate grade A, B or C to the pre- IB class; and FCE certificate grade A, CAE certificate grade A, B or C, CPE certificate grade A, B or C to the IB class.
- 5. A student takes an English language competence test, which takes place at the end of May or at the beginning of June every year, or he /she is exempt from it.
- 6. A student submits the declaration of chosen subjects to the IB Coordinator.

#### **PART IV**

## THE RULES OF LANGUAGE TEACHING AT SCHOOL

§ 1

- 1. The language studied as the first language in Group 1 is Polish language.
- 2. Apart from studying the language in Group 1 students are provided with extracurricular classes (e.g. theatre classes) or can participate in cultural activities on school premises and in local area to develop their language skills of their mother tongue.
- 3. There is a possibility of following an individual course of a native language for foreign students at their expense pursuant to the instructions in the documents of the International Baccalaureate Organization.

§ 2

- 1. The language of instruction in the Diploma Programme is English language.
- 2. The course of English in a Pre-IB class (6 hours of teaching the language per week is assigned) is designed to enable students to use the language of instruction fluently.
- 3. Students are introduced to the specialized vocabulary in subjects studied at a Pre-IB class, which is to facilitate learning in the Diploma Programme.
- 4. During the diploma program, English teachers support language skills of students taking in account their individual needs (task differentiation, additional meetings for students who require more attention).
- 5. During the Diploma Programme, teachers of all subjects care about constant improvement of students' language of instruction skills (enrichment of specialist vocabulary by indicating additional materials, scientific and press texts in a given area of knowledge, correcting mistakes in speech and writing).
- 6. The school enables students to take part in international projects, youth exchanges, lectures and meetings with foreign guests conducted in English in order to achieve a high level of competence in the scope of using the language of instruction.

- 1. The school ensures for the students of the Diploma Programme learning the other modern language at a chosen level (HL or SL).
- 2. German language is the other modern language offered at present.

- 1. Documents provided by the school to the International Baccalaureate Organization are completed in English.
- 2. *General Regulations* (detailing rules in the Diploma Programme) is the basic document of the International Baccalaureate Organization and it has been translated into Polish to inform parents and education authorities.
- 3. Internal school documents informing parents and local education authorities of the programme's organization and requirements are compiled in Polish or both Polish and English language.
- 4. Promotional materials aimed at promoting the Diploma Programme among the local community are created in Polish or both Polish and English language.

#### PART V

# THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AT SCHOOL

# § 1

- 1. The basic documents presenting the Diploma Programme's organization and requirements for students and their parents are *General Regulations* the document issued by the International Baccalaureate Organization, *Internal regulations valid throughout the performance of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme at VI Liceum Ogólnoksztalcące im. Juliusza Słowackiego in Kielce* –an internal school document containing detailed rules pursuant to regulations of the International Baccalaureate Organization and adjusted to the working conditions of the school and Subject Assessment Criteria.
- 2. Above mentioned documents are available in the school library and from the Coordinator and form teachers. *General Regulations* and *Internal Regulations*... are also available on the school website, and Subject Assessment Criteria can be obtained from subject teachers.
- 3. *Guides, From Principles into Practice, DP Assessment Procedures* are the basic documents supporting teachers in the performance of the programme.

#### § 2

- 1. The Coordinator and form teachers are held accountable for informing students and parents of the Diploma Programme's organization and requirements.
- 2. Form teachers and subject teachers are held accountable for informing students and parents of the educational progress and attendance.

- 1. Students are informed of the Diploma Programme's organization and requirements during form periods and their parents during the scheduled parents' meetings.
- 2. Parents are informed of the Diploma Programme's organization and requirements during the first parents' meeting every school year.
- 3. Parents are introduced to the assessment plan of assignments, including the deadline for submitting the Extended Essay on the first parents' meeting of 1M class.
- 4. The parents of Pre-IB students are introduced to the rules of choosing subjects in the Diploma Programme in October.

- 5. The parents of 1M students are introduced to the requirements of Extended Essay and the rules of academic honesty in October.
- 6. Parents are informed of the exam fees and the procedures of paying them at parents' meeting at the end of the first year of the Diploma Programme.
- 7. The parents of 2M students are informed of the procedures of Diploma exams in October and then again in March, two months before the exam.
- 8. Students are introduced to the above mentioned regulations during their form periods at the same time as their parents.
- 9. Students and their parents receive information about predicted grades in writing during the parents' meeting at about one month before the end of a semester or school year, and the information about predicted grades for the Diploma is provided during the last parents' meeting.

#### PART VI

# THE ORGANISATION AND SUPERVISION OF EXTENDED ESSAY

- 1. During the first year of the Diploma Programme after being provided with the detailed information on the requirements of Extended Essay students choose the approved Diploma Programme subject for the extended essay, suggest a topic and formulate a well-focused research question.
- 2. A student discusses an Exended Essay idea with a subject teacher and after accepting it submits EE Declaration in writing to IB DP coordinator.
- 3. EE Declaration is signed by both: a student and a teacher.
- 4. One teacher can supervise 3 or 4 students writing Extended Essay in the given school year.
- 5. The supervisor of Extended Essay can be a teacher employed in the school and familiar with the Diploma Programme and the requirements for Extended Essay. However, it does not have to be a teacher giving lessons to a student.
- 6. A student is obliged to take part in three reflection sessions and three check-in sessions. Each session has to be recorded on School Meeting Chart. In addition, reflection sessions should be accompanied by Reflections on planning and progress form filled in no later than one week after the session.
- 7. Failure to meet the deadlines and lack of cooperation with a supervisor might result in not sending the essay to an examiner due on time and, in consequence, failure to meet the Diploma requirements.
- 8. It may be that under certain circumstances when the full cooperation between a student and a teacher-supervisor is impossible (e.g. due to prolonged absence of a teacher) the following steps can be taken:
- a) phone and e-mail contact between a student and a teacher,
- b) the cooperation with the other IB teacher of the same subject,
- c) the cooperation with the other non-IB teacher who will be introduced to the regulations governing the extended essay and the assessment criteria,
- d) The IB coordinator and IB teachers can give their consent to extend the deadline for submitting Extended Essay under exceptional circumstances.

9. The organization and supervision of Extended Essay is further described in the document *Extended Essay School User Guide* accessible for all teachers, students and parents within IB Diploma Programme.

§ 2

The research and writing process – stages and timing of EE							
No.	Activity	Timing	Meeting	Documentation			
		TORY STAGE					
1.	The form teacher presents the EE	1 <sup>st</sup> year					
	requirements in general and subject teachers	200					
	give subject specific guidance.	December					
		(1 <sup>st</sup> week)					
2.	Students discuss with subject teachers their	1 <sup>st</sup> year					
	EE ideas (interest in this chosen subject	1.cth r	Check-in	>School Meeting			
	area, background reading, provisional	15 <sup>th</sup> January	session 1	Chart			
	research question, general organization of						
3.	RRS, the first version of a title).  After accepting student's EE title the EE	1 St					
٠.	declaration is filled in, signed by the	1 <sup>st</sup> year		>EE declaration			
	supervisor and the student and it is moved	February		>EE declaration			
	to IB DP coordinator.	February (by 10 <sup>th</sup>					
	to 15 51 coordinator.	February)					
4.	The student discusses with the supervisor	1 <sup>st</sup> year		>RRS			
	the resource-gathering, developing of	1 year	Check-in	- KKS			
	research question and RRS details.	1 <sup>st</sup> March	session 2	>School Meeting			
			30331011 2	Chart			
5.	The student's preparation for first formal	1 <sup>st</sup> year					
	session takes place.	,		>RRS			
		March					
6.	The student has RRS, the working research	1 <sup>st</sup> year					
	question and the research methods proposal.		First formal	>RRS			
	It is recommended that the student sends	15 <sup>th</sup> March	reflection				
	these materials to the supervisor ahead of		session	>RPPF			
	the meeting in order to give the supervisor						
	the opportunity to review their work. The			>School Meeting			
	outline of next steps is worked out during			Chart			
	this meeting. RPPF is filled in and signed						
	by the student no later than one week after the meeting and moved to the supervisor.						
		CHETAGE					
7.	The planning process: research question	1 <sup>st</sup> year					
, .	refined, research planned, methodology	i year	The interim	\DDC			
	defined in details; information, data and	30 <sup>th</sup> May	reflection	>RRS			
	general plan of essay in RRS, bibliography	30 May	session	>RPPF			
	gathered and worked out in RRS. The		50551011	-KITI			
	student should show the progress in critical			>School Meeting			
	evaluation of sources, accurate range of			Chart			
	sources.			Chart			
8.	The research process: experiments, data	1 <sup>st</sup> year					
	collection, modifying research question,	J		>RRS			

	clear vision of the writing process.	June		
		September		
	WRITI	NG STAGE		
9.	The student writes an essay according to the detailed plan and sends the full draft to the supervisor ahead of appointed check-in session. At this stage the student can continue to see the supervisor as appropriate to the needs.	2 <sup>nd</sup> year September		
10.	The supervisor discusses the full draft of EE with the student (clear introduction and conclusion, accurate main body, correct references, formatting).	2 <sup>nd</sup> year 30 September	Check-in session 3	>RRS >School Meeting Chart
11.	The student continue working on essay after the supervisor's comments are made on the basis of first draft. At this stage the next support from the supervisor is expected. It is the occasion for the student to ask questions (ex. connected with formal presentation, conclusions), but essay should not be corrected by the supervisor.	2 <sup>nd</sup> year 15 November		Chart
		L STAGE		
12.	Final version of EE is sent to the supervisor before the viva voce session. Once this version has been submitted to the supervisor and discussed, students are not permitted to make any further changes to it, unless deemed appropriate by the supervisor because of an administrative error. Students should bring to this session: extracts from their RRS that illustrate how they have grown as learners through the process of reflection, a willingness to share their personal experience and to discuss the skills and development of conceptual understandings that they have acquired through the completion of the extended essay.	2 <sup>nd</sup> year 30 November	Viva voce session	>RRS >RPPF >School Meeting Chart
13.	Final activities are taken for both the student and the supervisor: the final stage of RPPF is filled in, dated, signed by the student and moved to the supervisor. RPPF is filled in by the supervisor and saved for uploading on IBIS. The final version of EE is rewritten into PDF document (not to allow any changes) and saved for uploading.	2 <sup>nd</sup> year		>RPPF
14.	The EE is uploaded on IBIS according to the schedule. The student uploads the final version of EE and the supervisor uploads RPPF, confirm the authenticity, states the amount of time spent and submits the whole component.	2 <sup>nd</sup> year 15 January		

#### PART VII

# IB DIPLOMA PROGAMME COORDINATOR'S JOB DESCRIPTION

§ 1

#### Coordinator's role:

- 1. The coordinator of the Diploma Programme is a member of school managing staff and has the position of Deputy Headmaster which results in full organizational and financial support offered to the management team.
- 2. The coordinator uses the support of the school secretariat, financial office, human resources department, parents' council, as well as, within the scope of planned activities, from the school's budget.
- 3.The coordinator participates in the process of planning the school's work related to curriculum and organizational issues, including budget planning when it comes to implementation and developing the Diploma Programme.
- 4.The coordinator supervises the implementation of the International Baccalaureate programme in accordance with the IBO requirements, in particular by playing the role of pedagogical leadership and by performing administrative and organizational tasks for IBO, teachers, students and their parents.

§ 2

Coordinator's tasks and the philosophy of the International Baccalaureate Organization:

- 1. The coordinator ensures the consistency of the school's mission with the IBO philosophy.
- 2. The coordinator ensures compliance of the regulations in force in the Diploma Programme with the IBO philosophy, including the assessment policy, the academic honesty policy and the language policy.
- 3.In cooperation with the Headmaster the Coordinator arranges information meetings for students and their parents interested in IB Diploma Programme.
- 4.In cooperation with IB DP form teachers the Coordinator ensures the regular meetings with parents to inform about Diploma Programme philosophy, regulations valid throughout the performance of the Diploma Programme, students' results and achievements or to solve current affairs if the need arises.
- 5. The coordinator supports the dissemination of knowledge about IB Diploma Programme using the school's website.

6.In cooperation with the Headmaster and teachers the Coordinator aims at promoting the Diploma Programme in a local area.

§ 3

Coordinator's tasks and the pedagogical leadership:

1.In the field of pedagogical leadership the Coordinator ensures proper understanding among teachers of philosophy promoted by the IBO, informs about new IBO documents and initiates discussion over them, encourages subjects' teachers to reflect on the core elements of the Diploma Programme (TOK, EE, CAS), takes care of the substantive preparing teachers to conduct the examination session, initiates teachers cooperation, in cooperation with the Headmaster sets the directions of teachers' professional development, monitors the ways the Diploma Programme documentation works and supports its review as a result of discussions with teachers.

- 2.The Coordinator promotes methods of working with students in accordance with the directions set by the IBO in *Approaches to Teaching and Learning*.
- 3.In cooperation with the Headmaster and IB DP teachers the Coordinator prepares a fiveyear and annual action plan, and then takes care of its implementation.
- 4.In cooperation with the Headmaster, librarians and administration staff the Coordinator guarantee the increase of school library resources as well as supporting teachers and students while the school multimedia center is used.
- 5. Along with the team of teachers, the Coordinator organizes work to implement the Diploma Programme effectively, and arranges the date and subject areas of the teachers' meetings within collaborative planning.
- 6.The Coordinator organizes the process of evaluation of the programme meeting the requirements of IBO and cooperating with the teachers involved in the programme.
- 7.The Coordinator encourages teachers to comment examination papers after each examination session.

§ 4

Coordinator's tasks – organization and administration:

- 1.In cooperation with the Headmaster and School Recruitment Commission the Coordinator establishes the rules and oversees the recruitment procedures into Pre-IB and IB classes, assigns teachers a task of conducting placement tests in the scope of English language.
- 2. The Coordinator ensures that a student declares subjects for Diploma properly at the beginning of the programme.

- 3.In cooperation with form teacher the Coordinator informs students and their parents about examination session procedures and the access to examination session results.
- 4. The Coordinator and subject teachers establish the deadlines for submitting assessment and Extended Essay schedule.
- 5. The Coordinator's task is to register students for exam sessions, to organize the course of exam sessions following the requirements of the International Baccalaureate Organization, to send assessment material to examiners and moderators by the stated deadline and to give predicted grades.
- 6.On behalf of students and parents, the Coordinator applies to the IBO in matters relating to non-regular diploma programme, inclusive arrangements, adverse circumstances and enquiry upon results.
- 7. The Coordinator is available to students and parents on all matters regarding IB Diploma Programme, the applicable procedures, including those after the issue of examination session results.
- 8. The Coordinator plans and organizes professional development workshops for teachers as well as registers teachers' participation in workshops.
- 9. The Coordinator provides teachers with the access data to on-line IBO resources (MyIB, IBIS).
- 10. The Coordinator collaborates with Headmaster and financial department in order to meet financial requirements towards to IBO.
- 11. The Coordinator cooperates closely with IBO to ensure that the school complies with the requirements of the organization.

# **PART VIII**

# REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIFIC EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

- 1. Before joining the Diploma Programme a student or/and his or her parents (legal guardians) are obliged to inform the Coordinator of the specific learning difficulties. After careful consideration the Coordinator decides whether to accept a student as a candidate for the Diploma Programme.
- 2. After reporting specific learning difficulties and being accepted to the Diploma Programme, a student consults his or her choice of subjects with the Coordinator.
- 3. The Coordinator cooperates with a school guidance counsellor, psychologist, form teachers and other subject teachers to ensure that the methods of working with a student with specific learning difficulties are devised. The methods are devised pursuant to recommendations on student's dysfunction and the methods of working with a student that can be found in the documents used in Polish Education System as well as in the document issued by the International Baccalaureate Organization: *Teaching students with particular special educational and learning needs- a resource for schools, Candidates with assessment access requirements, Access and inclusion policy.*
- 4. Diploma program teachers implement methods of working with students according to their individual needs, which result from the specifics of the subject being taught. Teachers follow a set procedure: they get acquainted with the psychological and pedagogical opinion, meet at a meeting organized by the coordinator with the participation of a school guidance counsellor and a school psychologist, can consult the psychological and pedagogical counseling staff, set work methods, create the student assistance card using the support of school qualified staff (a school guidance counsellor and a school psychologist).
- 5. Teachers use the following forms of support for dealing with students with specific educational needs: they take part in workshops at the school devoted to methods of working with students with specific educational needs, are familiarized by the coordinator with current International Baccalaureate documents regarding forms and methods of working with students about specific educational needs and possible inclusive arrangements during examination session to include these methods in daily school routine, all teachers supervising the examination session are trained on the International Baccalaureate requirements regarding the inclusive arrangements approved to particular students.

- 6. Teachers who take up work with a gifted student, the school provides organizational support as well as (if necessary and possessed) financial resources
- 7. The school guarantees each student of the Diploma Programme psychological counseling upon the conditions specified in the School Statute. Psychological counseling can be given to a student on his or her own initiative or it can be offered to him or her by a teacher or other people designated in the regulation on the rules for providing psychological and educational support in public nursery schools, schools and institutions.

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- 1. If a student is affected by a prolonged illness during the performance of the Diploma Programme or if a sudden illness occurs during an exam session special arrangements can be provided but they must not give a candidate an advantage in any assessment component.
- 2. If a student is affected by a prolonged illness during the final year of the Diploma Programme and it has resulted in failing to accomplish any of the obligatory tasks, he or she applies to the Coordinator for submitting the request for special arrangements to the International Baccalaureate Organisation. All supporting documentation should be attached to the completed form and all the documents should be translated into English by a professional translator.
- 3. The Coordinator submits a completed copy of the appropriate form to the International Baccalaureate Organisation and IB decides whether or not to approve of incomplete exam material.
- 4. If a student is affected by a sudden illness during the exam sessions the procedure is as described in point 3.
- 5. Appropriate medical documentation on a prolonged or sudden illness should be given to the Coordinator promptly after it occurred but no longer than within 10 days after the candidate's final examination.
- 6. If a student's health accounts for it, the Coordinator can submit the request for special arrangements to the International Baccalaureate Organisation on behalf of a student. It can include:
  - an extension to a deadline for mailing assessment material to an examiner (a request for an extension must be received at the International Baccalaureate Organisation before the normal deadline)
  - assistance with practical work
  - exemption from an assignment

- 1. The student who has been provided with special assessment conditions on the basis of a certificate/ opinion issued by psychological and pedagogical support centres may apply for similar conditions during an examination session.
- 2. The initiative concerning adjusting assessment conditions may be launched by a student, form teacher or subject teacher and must be consistent with what is recorded in a student assistance card in which a problem diagnosis, forms of assistance and special assessment conditions applied to a student can be found.
- 3. If there is a necessity to adjust the conditions of the Diploma Examinations to the individual needs, a student or/and his or her parents (legal guardians) apply to the Coordinator for submitting the request for adjusting the conditions of the examinations to the International Baccalaureate Organisation. All supporting documentation issued by a psychological and pedagogical support centre should be attached to the completed form and all the documents should be translated into English by a professional translator. Documentation submitted by a student is supplied with a student assistance card and other proof of psychological and pedagogical support given to a student by a school.
- 4. The subjects to be adjusted and the scope of the adjustment should be specified by a student in the application for adjusting of the conditions of the examinations.
- 5. On the basis of a student's application an appropriate form that specifies exactly which arrangements are being requested is completed by the Coordinator and submitted to the International Baccalaureate Organisation to consider authorizing. The appropriate form must be completed by the Coordinator on behalf of a student and a student must not apply directly to the International Baccalaureate Organisation.
- 6. Full documentation on adjusting the conditions of the examination must be submitted to the office of the International Baccalaureate Organisation 6 months before an examination session at the latest that is by the 15<sup>th</sup> of November in the second year of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, which means that the application with supporting documentation (certifications, opinions, rulings) must be submitted to the Coordinator by the 1<sup>st</sup> October in the second year of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.
- 7. The supporting documentation attached to the application for adjusting the conditions of the examination must be issued not earlier than in the year of attending Pre-IB class.
- 8. The documentation must be issued by the authorised body (medical or psychological service). The person who undertakes the evaluation and diagnosis must not be a relative of the student.

- 9. The aforementioned documentation must include:
  - the date and signature of the person who has undertaken the evaluation and diagnosis of the student
  - the name of the institution undertaking the evaluation and diagnosis
  - the title, name and professional credentials of the person who has undertaken the evaluation and diagnosis
  - the description of a problem
  - recommendations as to which special assessment arrangements are appropriate
- 10. The International Baccalaureate Organisation, after obtaining an electronic form of student's documentation, makes a decision on adjustment and passes it on to the Coordinator.
- 11. Depending on the nature of an illness or dysfunction special arrangements can include:
  - additional time allowance
  - a rest period in an examination
  - devices or people to assist a student with his or her examination tasks
  - modifications to examination papers
  - alternative venues for examinations

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- 1. DP Assessment Procedures, Candidates with assessment access requirements, Access and inclusion policy, Teaching students with particular special educational and learning needs- a resource for schools are the documents stating the policy of the International Baccalaureate (IB) for Diploma Programme students with special assessment needs.
- 2. A student, who is given psychological and pedagogical support may also be provided with the solutions put forward by the Coordinator, which do not need to be accepted by the International Baccalaureate Organistaion. In that case a student or/and his or her parents (legal guardians) apply for special solutions and the application may be submitted by a form teacher, subject teacher or school guidance counsellor. The solutions, possible during the Diploma Programme, may concern:
  - the consent to extend the time of submitting the compulsory components of the Programme (TOK, Extended Essay, Internal Assessment), provided there are valid reasons for that and it does not affect the deadlines for submitting the components imposed by the International Baccalaureate Organisation,
  - the consent to take written examinations in a separate classroom, consent to take medicine and/or have a meal during an examination, consent to an additional break.

#### PART IX

## THE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

- 1.Students are obliged to observe the rules of academic honesty specified in the documents of the International Baccalaureate Organisation. Breaching the rules of academic honesty when submitting their work for assessment results in the failure mark awarded without the possibility of retaking the subject concerned.
- 2.Students are obliged to meet the assessment deadlines, Extended Essay schedule and take part in all mock exams according to their choice of subjects. In the case of absence from any mock exam, the student is required to complete the task at the date set by the teacher. A student may apply to the Coordinator for extending the deadline under unusual and extenuating circumstances.
- 3.If the student does not fulfill the regulations described in point 2, teachers do not prepare reference letters as part of recruitment process for universities or higher education institutions for him.
- 4.A student who has received a poor or very poor mark in a subject at the end of a school year is obliged to catch up on work by completing assignment given by a teacher. The deadline and form of the assignment is given by a teacher, but the assessment may not be later than 20<sup>th</sup> September the following school year.
- 5. A student who has not submitted the first version of the Extended Essay (first draft) by 30 September of the second year of IB Diploma Programme cannot be registered for the examination session.

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