

Endeavor International School

Language Policy

Language forms the basis of all learning so all teachers at Endeavor International School are part of language teaching.

Through language, students are able to explore areas of interest and communicate in a diverse, multicultural world. Being able to speak and write effectively in all classes including the core components such as CAS, Extended Essay, and Theory of Knowledge, is a high priority for our IB Diploma Program.

English is the main language of instruction for all students at Endeavor International School with the exception of the foreign language classes of Spanish. The language profile of our school indicates that all our high school students are English speakers. While all of our current student population is proficient in English, we are prepared to assist students who need the extra language support to succeed in the DP through tutoring or small group work.

Language A: Literature

Language A is English Literature and students are taught English syntax, grammar, and communication skills in all IB classes. All students are involved in Language A learning from grade nine through twelve which is aligned with the Georgia's requirements and IB Language A objectives.

We acknowledge the importance of including the teaching and learning of language continuously throughout the program as a connection across the curriculum.

Teachers are encouraged to help students develop language skills by reading and using oral language through oral presentations, debates, speeches, songs, and dramatic reading. As all teachers are language teachers, they model the correct language usage in conversations and lessons presentation while maintaining sensitivity to the students' cultural background.

Students are encouraged to develop their language skills through writing in all subject areas. Writing skills are fostered by giving students real purpose for expressing themselves through writing using journaling, essays, blogging, and lab reports.

Language B: Spanish

We recognize the importance of students becoming linguistically and culturally proficient. All Endeavor International School students are encouraged to pursue proficiency in a second language. Reading, writing, listening and speaking are all vital parts of language development. Our students can develop these skills in Spanish.

The Spanish courses are assessed using the assessments required by Georgia State and IB Language B objectives and assessment tools.

Students are encouraged to choose CAS projects and activities which have personal meaning and that give back to the cultures that their families represent. This way, these activities provide students opportunities to use the language of their heritage and develop communication skills in both languages.

Students have access to other resources such as newspapers and magazines in a variety of languages, which help them to be aware of current affairs, to foster an interest in reading, and to develop confidence, fluency, and comprehension.

Even though the majority of the students at Endeavor International School are considered English speakers, within the student body are many students who are bilingual and multilingual. These students are encouraged to develop their mother tongue through the wealth of media center resources. It is our hope that the interactions among different cultures represented in the student body will encourage all students to be life-long learners and inquirers who can communicate and be open minded about the differences in the world.

This policy is reviewed every two years by the staff of Endeavor International School and made available to all families.

Sources:

- Language and Learning in IB Programmes
- www.ibo.org; Language -policy-en