

## Position description – DP/MYP Mathematics Teacher

Secondary school teachers are supervised by the head of the secondary school. They are ultimately responsible to the principal

As well as the requirements outlined in his/her individual appointment terms and conditions of service, each secondary school teacher has the following specific responsibilities. In addition, he/she is expected to undertake any other reasonable task assigned by the head of the secondary school or the principal.

#### **Contract overview**

- The contract for each secondary school teacher stipulates:
  - the teaching day is from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - teachers are entitled to up to six working days of medical leave during the course of any school year
  - each teacher is expected to be a home room teacher and participate in the delivery of the school pastoral programme
  - each faculty member is expected to run an after school club/activity at least once per week.
  - teachers will be involved in duties, lunchtime detention supervision and community clubs within the school day
  - It is the expectation that faculty are available for special school events (graduation, open houses, school celebrations, parent -teacher evenings) which may take place on evenings and weekends as deemed by the principal
  - each secondary school teacher will be allocated at least one student to mentor through their Extended Essay and at least one student to mentor through their Personal Project

# Organizational

- Each secondary school teacher is accountable for:
  - maintaining a personal and professional commitment to the school's core values, as expressed in its statement of philosophy
  - maintaining professional ethical standards in all areas, particularly confidentiality
  - assisting in parents' programmes of all kinds
  - assisting the head of the secondary school in determining budgetary priorities
  - assisting the head of the secondary school, the MYP coordinator and the DP coordinator in effectively communicating to parents information relating to curricular matters in the secondary school
  - ensuring consistent implementation of school policies and procedures relating to the curriculum
  - meeting at various times outside regular school hours in order to develop and improve the school's curriculum
  - supporting the school's implementation of appropriate practice in the secondary years of education
  - compiling accurate reports for all students at specified times in the academic year
  - Registering the attendance of students and supervising learners, before, during or after school lessons as appropriate and as requested
  - Participate in and carry out any administrative and organizational tasks that are deemed appropriate







- Work collaboratively with others to develop effective professional relationships
- Communicate effectively with parents with regard to pupils' achievements and well-being using school systems/processes as appropriate
- Communicate and co-operate with relevant external bodies
- Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school
- Espouse the traits and attitudes of the IB learner profile

#### **Planning**

- Each secondary school teacher is accountable for:
  - planning collaboratively for student learning
  - planning which is based on agreed student learning outcomes, in the context of the school-wide programme
  - involving students in planning for their own learning and assessment
  - planning work which builds on students' prior knowledge and experience
  - planning significant units of inquiry, to be explored in depth
  - addressing assessment issues through the planning process
  - planning work which emphasizes connections between and among curriculum areas
  - planning work which accommodates a range of ability levels
  - Experience using ManageBac would be an advantage.

# **Teaching**

- Each secondary school teacher is accountable for:
  - using a range and balance of teaching strategies
  - grouping strategies using a variety of different learning situations
  - viewing students as thinkers with their own emerging theories
  - building on what students bring to the learning experience in the way of prior understanding, knowledge and skills
  - using a variety of resources representing multiple perspectives
  - empowering students to feel responsible and to take action
  - involving students actively in their own learning
  - pursuing open-ended inquiry and real life investigations
  - maintaining constant awareness of the needs of any children to whom English is a second or even a third or fourth language
  - addressing the individual needs of students with different levels and types of abilities
  - devoting extra time to students who may be struggling academically or who may need further challenging
  - ensuring that children with learning differences are provided with appropriate programmes
  - teaching Mathematics in the Middle Years Programme
  - teaching Mathematics in the Diploma Programme
  - has taught IB DP Mathematics Applications and Interpretations SL and IB DP Mathematics Analysis and Approaches SL and preferably Mathematics HL
  - Is aware of the changes in the IB mathematics syllabi and is comfortable in teaching either Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL and/or Mathematics: Applications and Interpretations SL
  - Is familiar with the IB DP explorations as part of the Internal assessment component of the course.
  - teaching all abilities and should, at least, have experience in teaching up to Mathematics SL in the Diploma Programme.
  - should be cognizant of the recent changes in the MYP and DP syllabi and assessments.
  - delivering the curriculum as relevant to the age and subject/s that you teach
  - being knowledgeable and comfortable with the recent changes in the MYP with regards to the "Next Chapter"
  - the attainment, progress and outcomes of students taught

- Being aware of students' capabilities, their prior knowledge and planning teaching and differentiation as appropriate
- demonstrating an understanding of and taking responsibility for promoting high standards of literacy
- ensuring the documentation of curricula units and lesson plans on the platform and within the timelines set forth by the administration

### **Assessing**

- Each secondary school teacher is accountable for:
  - viewing planning, teaching and assessing as interconnected processes
  - Using an appropriate range of observation, assessment, monitoring and recording strategies as a basis for setting challenging learning objectives for students and monitoring students' progress and levels of attainment
  - Making accurate and productive use of assessment to secure students' progress
  - Giving pupils regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage students to respond to
    the feedback, reflect on progress, their emerging needs and to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to
    their own work and study
  - Using relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent lessons
  - Set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding students have acquired as appropriate
  - Participating in arrangements for examinations and assessments
  - maintaining students' individual records of achievement
  - involving students, parents and colleagues in the assessment process
  - involving students in shared reflection during and at the end of each unit of inquiry
  - evaluating the programme collaboratively, using approved, flexible systems
  - enabling students to see assessment as a means of describing their learning
  - assessing the levels of students' current experience and understanding before embarking on new learning

### Professional appraisal and development

- Each secondary school teacher is accountable for:
  - active participation in constructive professional appraisal based directly on the points in this job description, thus continually working to improve learning for students
  - reading good professional literature on a regular basis
  - utilizing any professional development allowances granted, in order to grow and develop professionally
  - actively seeking professional development in any of the above points which are considered by either the teacher or the administration as being factors in need of strengthening

### **Behaviour and Safety**

- Establishing a safe, purposeful and stimulating environment for students, rooted in mutual respect and establish a framework for discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly
- Managing classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to students' needs in order to inspire, motivate and challenge pupils
- Maintaining good relationships with students and exercising appropriate authority
- Being a positive role model and demonstrating consistently the IB learner profile traits and attitudes
- Having high expectations of behaviour, promoting self-control and independence of all learners
- Carrying out playground and other duties as directed
- Being responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people within the school, raising any concerns following school protocol/procedures

### Team work and collaboration

- Participating in any relevant meetings/professional development opportunities at the school, which relate to the learners, curriculum or organisation of the school including pastoral arrangements and assemblies
- Working as a team member and identifying opportunities for working with colleagues and sharing the development of effective practice with them
- Contributing to the selection and professional development of other teachers and support staff including the induction and assessment of new teachers
- Ensuring that colleagues working with you are appropriately involved in supporting learning and understand the roles they are expected to fulfill.
- Participating fully in any and all IB Evaluation processes.
- Taking part as required in the review, development and management of the activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the school
- Covering for absent colleagues

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