

IB Bilingual Diploma

School-Supported Self-Taught Language A

Information and Questionnaire for Students

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP) school-supported self-taught (SSST) programme is a literature-based course that allows Years 12 and 13 students to take two languages in the category of 'Language A', offering the opportunity to obtain the IB Bilingual Diploma.

The DP Language A SSST course aims to develop an understanding of the techniques involved in literary criticism and enhance the ability to form independent literary judgments to support ideas. SSST courses are offered at Standard Level (SL) only.

Being a self-taught student offers a unique opportunity to study the literature of a language that may not be offered at your school as a taught subject. A certain level of autonomy is expected, for example, you will be asked to develop a list of literary works and a timeline. You will also be expected to autonomously administer the 150 hours required for the study of the course.

(IBO Language A: literature school-supported self-taught student guide, 2019)

Further information may be found in the *IB Language A: literature school-supported self-taught student guide* (shorturl.at/xyDNU). The IB has also provided a short video to further explain the programme (shorturl.at/drER5).

The SSST programme is designed as an option for students who are able to demonstrate they:

- Are self-motivated and independent learners.
- Have an interest in literature in their first/target language.
- Have a high standard of proficiency in the first/target language (in all four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking).
- Are able to read and write to an academic proficiency in the first/target language (a benchmark test will be taken prior to enrollment in the programme).
- Are able to commit to additional tutorial support in the target language. Your school is able to assist with this.

Please respond to the following questionnaire to see if the IB Bilingual Diploma or the DP Language A SSST option is suitable for you.

Student Questionnaire

Questions	Yes	No	Unsure
1. At home, I speak a language other than, or in addition to , English or Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese). If your answer is “Yes”, please proceed to answer questions 2-8. If your answer is “No”, please close the questionnaire.			
2. I am proficient in my first/target language with regard to speaking and listening.			
3. I can read and write to an academic proficiency in my first/target language.			
4. My first/target language has been supported through schooling, independent tutoring, distance studies, etc.			
5. I am confident in reading and studying literature in my first/target language.			
6. I am an independent and motivated learner.			
7. I am interested in obtaining the IB Bilingual Diploma.			
8. I have read the information available on the first page of this document.			

Next Steps:

If you have answered at least 6 “Yes” and / or if you are interested in pursuing the IB Bilingual Diploma and would like to receive further information about the SSST programme, please contact
> **Insert the name of the school contact person here (e.g. 1st Language Coordinator, DP Coordinator, Head of Year, Head of Languages).**

Student details:

Your full name	
Your email address	
Language A option that you would like to take as a SSST DP subject	
Type of support you have received so far in your first/target language	