

Dear Candidate,

On behalf of the International Baccalaureate, I wish you well as you begin your current program of study, which I am sure you will find stimulating and rewarding.

You may be aware that the International Baccalaureate (IB), as part of an initiative known as the IB educator certificates, works with institutions around the world to recognize programs that explore teaching and learning in the IB programmes. Your current program has been recognized by the IB under this initiative as meeting the academic requirements of one of our certificates. Students who complete this program of study are therefore eligible to register for the corresponding certificate. An IB educator or leadership certificate indicates that you have acquired a deep level of knowledge and understanding about the principles and practices associated with the IB's mission, values, and goals. It signifies you have a broad appreciation of what it means to be an IB teacher and to contribute to an IB World School or an IB interested school.

In addition to supporting you in your career advancement, an IB educator or leadership certificate means that you have met the IB professional development requirements for programme authorization and evaluation purposes. This will be of direct benefit to schools as they will not need to incur the cost of sending certificate holders to otherwise required IB programme-specific professional development.

An IB educator or leadership certificate entitles you to two years of access to the IB's Online curriculum centre (OCC) after completion of your program of study, regardless of whether you are currently working in an IB school. This gives you the opportunity to interact with the global IB community and to keep up to date with IB programme developments. You will also receive *IB World*, the IB's official magazine, which keeps readers informed of news and stories happening within the ever-widening IB community.

If you are interested in receiving the IB educator or leadership certificate related to your program of study, there is a simple two-stage enrollment and registration process to complete. First, we ask you to complete an enrollment form, which is provided with this letter, and submit it to your program's point of contact. This will enable us to add your name to the IB's professional development database, provide you with access to the OCC and keep you better informed about developments in the IB educator certificate initiative.

Upon successful completion of the program of study, you may register for the corresponding IB educator or leadership certificate by submitting a registration form, also provided by your program's point of contact, and paying a registration fee of USD \$263. Your status as a certificate holder will be then be confirmed on the IB's database, and a certificate will be mailed to you.

Once again, we wish you well on your academic endeavor, and look forward to welcoming you into the IB educator certificate community.

Yours sincerely,



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