# George Mason University College of Education and Human Development FAST TRAIN IB Certificate Program

#### **EDUC 622:**

### Curriculum Development Across IB Programs Spring 2013 Syllabus

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**Meeting Time/ Location:** asynchronous (web)

**Course Description:** Explores the development of practical knowledge about the design and structure of the IB programs' curricula. Provides the foundation for understanding how the programs are implemented and how student learning developed within them is assessed.

<u>Prerequisites:</u> Admission to GSE, enrollment in FASTTRAIN IB certificate program and completion of EDUC 621: *Teaching and Learning in the International Baccalaureate Programs* or permission of instructor.

**Nature of Course:** This course is delivered in a series of inquiry-based learning experiences that include didactic instruction, cooperative groups, individual assignments, informed discussion, simulations, Blackboard, reflective practice and cooperation between and among all participants.

**Learner Outcomes:** This course is designed to enable students to:

- a. Develop an understanding of international education
- b. Develop an awareness of the relationship between IBO's mission and the programmes' philosophy (PYP, MYP and Diploma)
- c. Develop an understanding of the curricular frameworks, the associated structure and the principles of learning which underpin it
- d. Learn how to develop a program of inquiry including essential questions, elements and processes
- e. Compare and contrast the PYP, MYP and Diploma programmes
- f. Work in collaborative cross-programmatic teams to apply principles of the learner profile, IB continuum and assessment
- g. Create an inquiry based curriculum using the planner appropriate to the level of programme
- h. Use technology effectively to enhance teaching and learning
- i. Engage in critical evaluation and reflective practice

**Standards:** The following standards will be addressed in this course:

National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)

Proposition 1. Teachers are committed to students and their learning.

Proposition 2. Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects.

Proposition 3. Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning.

Proposition 4. Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience.

Proposition 5. Teachers are members of learning communities

ASTL 6. Teachers attend to the needs of culturally, linguistically and cognitively diverse learners.

ASTL 7. Teachers are change agents, teacher leaders, and partners with colleagues and families.

#### IB Teacher Award Inquiry Strands, Level 1:

# Area of Inquiry 1. Curriculum processes

- a. What is international education and how does the IBO's mission and programme philosophy promote it?
- b. How is the Programme curricula framework structured and what principles of learning underpin it?
- c. What is a programme of inquiry and how are they constructed?
- d. What are the essential elements and processes of developing a program of learning?
- e. What are the essential features of the IB programme continuum?

#### Area of Inquiry 4: Professional learning

- n. What is reflective practice and how does it support program implementation and enhance practice?
- o. What is the role of collaborative working practice in supporting the programme learning outcomes?
- p. How does the online curriculum center and other similar information and communication technologies enable program practitioners to professionally engage with each other?

#### *Technology (ISTE):*

IV. Teachers use technology to enhance their productivity and professional practice

#### **Standards and Outcomes Matrix:**

Outcomes	NBPTS/ASTL	IB	Technology
a	1, 6	1a	
b	1, 2	1b, 4p	
С	2, 6	1b, 1c	
d	3, 4	1c	
e	4, 5, 7	1d, 1e	
f	5, 7	40	
g	2	1c, 1d	IV
h		4p	
i	4, 7	4n	

#### **Required Course Texts:**

Erickson, H.L. (2002). *Concept-based curriculum and instruction: Teaching beyond the facts.* Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.

Ritchhart, R. (2002). *Intellectual character: What it is, why it matters, and how to get it.* San Francisco, CA: Jossey Bass.

#### **Suggested Texts:**

Erickson, H.L. (2007). Concept-Based Curriculum and Instruction for the Thinking Classroom. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.

Wiggins, G. and J. McTighe. (1998). *Understanding By Design*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Merrill-Prentice Hall.

Willingham, D. T. (2009). Why Don't Students Like School? San Francisco, CA: Jossey Bass.

#### **Technology Resources:**

\*All students are required to have access to a computer with Internet access and a current GMU email account.

\*All students will be enrolled in the online Curriculum Center through the International Baccalaureate Organization.

\*Relevant Websites:

International Baccalaureate Organization – Online Curriculum Center (OCC) http://www.ibo.org/

Practitioner Research as Staff Development:

http://www.valrc.org/publications/research/index.html

#### **GSE Student Expectations:**

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See <a href="http://academicintegrity.gmu.edu/honorcode/">http://academicintegrity.gmu.edu/honorcode/</a>].
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the George Mason University Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform their instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester [See <a href="http://ods.gmu.edu/">http://ods.gmu.edu/</a>].
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See <a href="http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/1301gen.html">http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/1301gen.html</a>].
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their George Mason University email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.
- Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

#### **Campus Resources:**

• The George Mason University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance [See http://caps.gmu.edu/].

• The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing [See <a href="http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/">http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/</a>].

# **Grading Scale for FAST TRAIN:**

A+ = 100 A = 94-99 A- = 90-93 B+ = 85-89

B = 80-84 (no B- grades)

C = 70-79 – does not meet licensure requirements or Level I award recommendation

F = Does not meet requirements of the Graduate School of Education

All students will receive an IP or "In Progress" at the conclusion of this course. Students will be required to turn in the required Fieldwork Log, Fieldwork Evaluation Form, and the final assignment (Performance Based Assessment) to the instructor according to the FAST TRAIN Fieldwork Timeline posted here: <a href="http://fasttrain.gmu.edu/current-students/field-req/">http://fasttrain.gmu.edu/current-students/field-req/</a>. The deadline for posting the PBA to TaskStream and for completing the required fieldwork document in this course is **January 15, 2013**. Failure to submit this work to the instructor by this deadline will result an "F" for the course.

**Incomplete (IN):** This grade may be given to students who are in good standing, but who may be unable to complete scheduled course work for a cause beyond reasonable control. The student must then complete all the requirements by the end of the ninth week of the next semester, not including summer term, and the instructor must turn in the final grade by the end of the 10th week. Unless an explicit written extension is filed with the Registrar's Office by the faculty deadline, the grade of IN is changed by the registrar to an F. (Mason catalog); Faculty may grant an incomplete with a contract developed by the student with a reasonable time to complete the course at the discretion of the faculty member. The faculty member does not need to allow up to the following semester for the student to complete the course. A copy of the contract will be kept on file in the FAST TRAIN office.

**Attendance Policy:** FAST TRAIN students are expected to attend *all* class periods of courses for which they register. In class participation is important not only to the individual student, but to the class as whole. Class participation is a factor in grading; instructors may use absence, tardiness, or early departure as de facto evidence of nonparticipation and as a result lower the grade as stated in the course syllabus (Mason Catalog). Any unexcused absences will result in a 3-point deduction from your participation grade.

**Technology in Class:** Students will not be permitted to use cell phones during class. Please silence cell phones (not vibrate) while class is in session. Students may not use laptops unless specifically directly by instructor to do so during class.

**GMU E-mail & Web Policy:** Mason uses electronic mail (<a href="www.gmu.edu/email">www.gmu.edu/email</a>) to provide official information to students. Examples include notices from the library, notices about academic standing, financial aid information, class materials, assignments, questions, and instructor feedback. Students are responsible for the content of university communication sent to their Mason e-mail account and are required to activate that account and check it regularly (Mason catalog).

**Course Withdrawal with Dean Approval:** For graduate and non-degree students, withdrawal after the last day for dropping a course requires approval by the student's academic dean, and is permitted only for nonacademic reasons that prevent course completion. (Mason catalog). Students must contact an academic

advisor in FAST TRAIN to withdraw after the deadline. There is no guarantee that such withdraws will be permitted.

**Performance Based Assessment (PBA):** All courses in the Certificate Program in Advanced IB studies will have a required Performance Based Assessment (PBA). The required PBA for this course is Reflective Essay. This assignment must be posted to Task Stream, where it will be reviewed and scored. Please see the FAST TRAIN website: <a href="http://fasttrain.gmu.edu/assets/docs/fast\_train/IB-Archive.pdf">http://fasttrain.gmu.edu/assets/docs/fast\_train/IB-Archive.pdf</a> for more guidelines about the PBA requirement.

#### **Course requirements:**

- 1. Culminating Program Standards Synthesis Assessment (*Performance Based Assessment PBA*) Students will design a unit of instruction appropriate to the level that they will teach (PYP, MYP or DP) incorporating the IB standards for written curriculum, taught curriculum and learned curriculum and the roles of the teacher/student in the learning community. More detailed directions and the grading rubric for this activity are presented at the end of the syllabus.
- 2. **Critical Response Journal** Students will write *two* critical response journal entries to assigned reading and a given prompt. Each response will be a minimum of 500 words, written in APA format and written at the caliber expected at the graduate level. Each response will be focused on an essential question and will be structured as the following:
  - a. A 150 word maximum summary of reading that accurately reflects the author's intent;
  - b. The remaining of the minimum word count (at least 350): Reflection on reading that identifies key understandings and makes personal connections to the participants' experience and purpose as an educator.
- 3. **Multimedia IB Presentation Project** working in teams of 2, students will access appropriate media (Prezi, iMovie, PowerPoint, etc) and will design a presentation for parents. The presentation will include two essential elements: describe the role of the Learner Profile in the PYP, MYP or DP, and include a clear, concise description of what this "looks like," in their supposed school, such as an activity, as way to give them a clear idea of what they can expect during the school year. In other words, how can a school/teachers purposefully incorporate the Learner Profile into instruction and activities, and what might this look like?
- 4. **Curriculum Inquiry Paper** Each student will write a 4-5 page curriculum inquiry/analysis paper **and** Intent Outline, with appropriate documentation of resources. Students will complete the following for this assignment:
  - a. *Analysis (2-3 pages):* Choose a published IB curriculum document/ unit and discuss its potential to develop students' and teachers' understanding of international mindedness.
  - b. *Personal reflection (minimum 1 page):* Demonstrate that you understand and can reflect critically and creatively on contemporary international education and issues of global significance.
  - c. *Intent Outline (1 page):* Identify 5-7 units of instruction that you are familiar with for the grade/subject you teach, and in outline format, identify ways in which you can incorporate education for international mindedness (including service learning/ responsible action) into each unit.

Assignment	Prerequisite Reading	Due Date
Critical Response #1	*General IB documents	3 December 2012
	*Ritchhart Part 1	
	*Erickson Chapter 1	
Critical Response #2	*Ritchhart Part 2	7 January 2013
-	*Erickson Chapter 2-3	-
Multimedia IB Presentation	*IB documents	15 December 2015
	*classroom readings	
Curriculum Inquiry Paper	*Additional research	14 January 2013
Culminating Program Standards	*All readings	31 January 2013
Synthesis Assessment (PBA)***	_	-

**Due Dates:** Please note, all assignments will be submitted by midnight EST on the due date through Courses/ My Mason.

# Grading

Assignment	Percent of Final Grade	Outcomes Addressed
Critical Responses	20	A, C, H, I
Multimedia IB Presentation	20	A, B, C, H
Curriculum Inquiry Paper	20	B, C, D, I
Culminating Program Standards Synthesis Assessment (PBA)	30	B, C, E
Professionalism**	10	E, F

<sup>\*\*</sup> Organization (preparation and time management), collaborative interaction & participation

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Designated Performance Based Assessment- must be entered into Taskstream®

# **Class Schedule**

Date	Curriculum "Big Idea"	Inquiry	Essential Understanding	Learner Outcome(s)	Assigned Reading
Nov 12	Internationalized	What makes a curriculum "international?"		A, B, E	Davey position paper; What is an IB education; Learner profile literature review
Nov 19+	Concept-Based	What are the hallmarks of conceptually-rich curriculum?		С	Erickson, Chapter 1 Ritchhart Part 1 Erickson position paper
Dec 3	Contextualized	Why does context matter?			MYP Next Chapter documents; Milligan and Wood article
Dec 10	Coherent	How does the IB ensure curriculum coherence in its educational programs?		F	Erickson, Chapter 2 Watermeyer position paper; MYP lit review (curriculum integration)
Dec 17	Interdisciplinary	What is the role of interdisciplinary study in the IB?		D	Erickson, Chapter 3 Bois Mansilla, Interdisciplinary teaching and learning in the MYP
Dec 31+	Thoughtful	How do IB teachers create a curriculum that is intellectually worthwhile?		F, G	Ritchhart, Part 2 Allen position paper
Jan 7	Active	How do we develop authentic action rooted in IB curricula?		B, F, H	Erickson, Chapter 4
Jan 14	Replicable	What is the process for developing consistently high quality teaching and learning in IB programmes?		E, G	Ritchhart, Part 3
Jan 21	Renewable	How do IB teachers integrate principles of effective curriculum into ongoing classroom practice?		H, I	Erickson, Chapter 5

<sup>\*</sup> On these dates, assignments are due.

† We will develop essential understandings together throughout the course.

#### Performance Based Assessment: Individual IB Unit Planner

During your field work, you will design a unit using an MYP unit planner, PYP planner, or an agreed format for DP course units of instruction. You should focus your unit based on your field work placement observations and the content being taught. If you are planning for PYP or MYP it should be a transdisciplinary or interdisciplinary plan; if you are planning for DP it should relate directly to required subject content and learning objectives in the course syllabus, with clear connections to at least one aspect of the DP core.

The unit plan should be 2 weeks in length. Complete an overview chart for the two-week unit and attach as an appendix to the final paper. Each candidate should have the opportunity to teach all or part of the unit. A minimum requirement is that each candidate teach two (2) of the lessons. It is vital that your planner is aligned with the content you observe. Each participant will need to determine which reflection scenario will work best for your Unit planner and field experience placement in order to complete the Reflection section of the planner template. Attach the planner with reflection as an appendix to the final paper.

A final paper (10 pages MAXIMUM) should accompany the unit planner and supporting documentation. The paper should be deeply reflective and make connections with the IB curricular framework, readings in the course, and your own experiences in the IB. You should introduce your classroom and context, defend your instructional choices in the unit plan citing research and their connections to the IB curricular framework, discuss more broadly how this unit was planned and implemented reflecting IB principles and practices and reflect on the overall experience. You must specifically discuss how your unit plan reflects the IB philosophy and programme principles and principles listed in the unit plan rubric.

To support your paper and reflection, include appropriate assessments, rubrics, and student work samples as appendices to the final paper.

The final paper, along with appropriate appendices, must be also be submitted to TaskStream.

Unit Planner Overview Chart				
Unit Planner Title:	Grade Level:			
Transdisciplinary/Content Theme:				
Organizing Theme (PYP)/Area of Interaction (MYP):				
Central Idea (PYP)/Significant Concept (MYP):				

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Objective(s)	Objective(s)	Objective(s)	Objective(s)	Objective(s)
Learning	Learning	Learning	Learning	Learning
Engagements	Engagements	Engagements	Engagements	Engagements
Assessment	Assessment	Assessment	Assessment	Assessment
Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Objective(s)	Objective(s)	Objective(s)	Objective(s)	Objective(s)
Learning	Learning	Learning	Learning	Learning
Engagements	Engagements	Engagements	Engagements	Engagements
Assessment	Assessment	Assessment	Assessment	Assessment

# IB- Planner Rubric (Individual Unit Planners) FAST TRAIN George Mason University

Name	_ Date
Unit Title:	
Content/ Scope and Sequence/ Syllabus:	
Transdisciplinary Theme (PYP)/Area of Interaction	ction (MYP):
Key and related concepts (PYP)/Significant Co	ncept (MYP):

	1	2	3	4
	(Not Met)	(Partially Met)	(Largely Met)	(Completely Met)
Central	*There is no central	*The central idea and the	*The central idea and the	*The central idea and the
Idea and	idea or inquiry into	inquiry into could not be	inquiry into could be	inquiry into could be
Inquiry	*The central idea is not	transported to a school	transported to a school and	transported to a school and
Into	global and not clearly	and make sense without	make sense if they were	make sense
	related to the	significant editing	edited	*The central idea is global and
	organizing theme	*The central idea is not	*The central idea is global	clearly related to the
INTASC	*The inquiry into is not	global and/or not clearly	but not clearly related to	organizing theme
Standard 7:	related to the central	related to the organizing	the organizing theme	*The inquiry into is directly
	idea and does not	theme	*The inquiry into is not	related to the central idea and
Planning	clarify it	*The inquiry into is not	significantly related to the	clarifies it
	*The unit of inquiry	related to the central idea	central idea and/or does	*The unit of inquiry demands
IB 1:	places no demands on	and/or does not clarify it	not clarifies it	that students search for in-
Curriculum	students for an in-depth	*The unit of inquiry	*The unit of inquiry places	depth understandings through
Processes	understanding through	places few demands on	some demands on the	research and inquiry
1B, 1C, 2B	research, inquiry,	students for an in-depth	students for an in-depth	*The inquiry provides
	critical thinking and	understanding through	understanding through	significant opportunity for
	problem solving	research, inquiry, critical	research, inquiry, critical	critical thinking and problem
	*The unit has no	thinking and problem	thinking and problem	solving
	significance, relevance,	solving	solving	*The unit is significant,
	or engagement	*The unit lacks	*The unit lacks some	relevant, and engaging
		significance, relevance,	significance, relevance,	
		and/or engagement	and/or engagement	
Resources	*The resources list is	*The resources list is	*The resources list is	*The resources list is varied
	not varied and not	somewhat varied or	somewhat varied and	and realistic
INTASC	realistic	somewhat realistic	realistic	*Technology is included and
Standard 4:	*Technology is not	*Technology is included	*Some technology is	appropriate
	included	but is not appropriate	included and appropriate	*Visual and performing arts
Instruction	*No performing or	*Some of the arts are	*The performing and	are included and are
	visual arts resources	included but not	visual arts are included	appropriate for the content
IB 2:	are included	appropriate		
Teaching				
and				
Learning,				
2F, 2G, 2H				

T I==24	*The unit is content	*The teacher questions	*There are fewer than 3	*Thora are 2 or 4 area and -1
Unit	*The unit is content	*The teacher questions		*There are 3 or 4 open-ended
Question/	rather than inquiry-	are not open-ended	high-quality open-ended	meaningful teacher questions
Lines of	based	*The questions do not	teacher questions; or the	*The questions get to the
inquiry	*The questions are not	get to the essence of the	questions are not open-	essence of the central idea and
	at all related to the	central idea or inquiry	ended	inquiry
	essence of the central	*There no real plans for	*The questions are	*There are robust plans for
INTASC	idea and/or inquiry	gathering, anticipating	beginning to get to the	gathering, anticipating and
Standard 7:	*There are no	and responding to	essence of the central idea	responding to student-
	questions using	student-generated inquiry	and inquiry	generated inquiry
Planning	responsibility,	*The plan reflects little	*There are general plans	*The plan reflects integration
	perspective and/or	integration across	for gathering, anticipating	across content domains and
IB 1:	reflection	content domains and few	and responding to student-	specific Engagements to apply
Curriculum	*The plan reflects no	specific content	generated inquiry	such knowledge
Processes,	integration or specific	Engagements	*The plan reflects some	
2C	content applications		integration and some	
			specific content	
			application	
Approaches	* None or few of the	* Some of the learning	* Most of the learning	* All of the learning
to teaching	learning engagements	engagements	engagements demonstrate	engagements demonstrate that
	demonstrate that they	demonstrate that they	that they are or are	they are creatively
INTASC	are	are or are emerging	emerging toward being	<ul> <li>Conceptually-focused</li> </ul>
Standard 4:	<ul> <li>Conceptually-</li> </ul>	toward being	<ul> <li>Conceptually-</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Contextualized</li> </ul>
	focused	<ul> <li>Conceptually-</li> </ul>	focused	<ul> <li>Collaborative</li> </ul>
Instruction	<ul> <li>Contextualize</li> </ul>	focused	<ul> <li>Contextualized</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Differentiated for</li> </ul>
	d	<ul> <li>Contextualized</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Collaborative</li> </ul>	diverse learners
IB 2:	<ul> <li>Collaborative</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Collaborative</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Differentiated for</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Informed by</li> </ul>
Teaching	<ul> <li>Differentiated</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Differentiated</li> </ul>	diverse learners	assessment
and	for diverse	for diverse	<ul> <li>Informed by</li> </ul>	*All of the Engagements are
Learning,	learners	learners	assessment	developmentally appropriate
2G	<ul> <li>Informed by</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Informed by</li> </ul>	*Most of the Engagements	
	assessment	assessment	are developmentally	
	*None or few of the	*Some of the	appropriate	
	Engagements are	Engagements are		
	developmentally	developmentally		
	appropriate	appropriate		
Action	*The unit provides no	*The unit provides few	*The unit provides some	*The unit provides
	opportunities for	opportunities for students	opportunities for students	opportunities for students to
INTASC	students to choose, act,	to choose, act, and/or	to choose, act, and/or	choose, act, and/or reflect
Standard 5:	and/or reflect	reflect	reflect	*The choice, action, and/or
	*The choice, action,	*The choice, action,	*The choice, action, and/or	reflection is authentic
Motivation	and/or reflection is not	and/or reflection is not	reflection is not completely	*Multiple opportunities are
	authentic	authentic	authentic	provided for positive social
IB 2:	*No opportunities are	*Few opportunities are	*Some opportunities are	interaction
Teaching	provided for positive	provided for positive	provided for positive social	
and	social interaction	social interaction	interaction	
Learning,	Boolai interaction	Boolai iliteraction	interaction	
2F				
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Assessment	*There are no	*There are few formative	*There are some formative	*There are multiple formative
	formative and	and summative	and summative	and summative assessments
INTASC	summative assessments	assessments	assessments	*Students are given the
Standard 8:	*Students are not given	*Students are given only	*Students are given some	standards for assessment
	the standards for	a few of the standards for	of the standards for	(criteria, models, rubrics)
Assessment	assessment	assessment	assessment	*There are many opportunities
	*There are no	*There are few	*There are some	for students to self-assess
IB3:	opportunities for	opportunities for students	opportunities for students	*The assessment allows for
Assessment	students to self-assess	to self-assess	to self-assess	student choice of content or
and	*Almost none of the	*Very little of the	*Some of the assessment	strategies
Learning,	assessment allows for	assessment allows for	allows for student choice	*The assessment addresses the
3J, 3K, 3L,	student choice of	student choice of content	of content or strategies	central idea, inquiry into, and
3M	content or strategies	or strategies	*Some of the assessment	key questions
	*Almost none of the	*Little of the assessment	addresses the central idea,	
	assessment address the	addresses the central	inquiry into, and key	
	central idea, inquiry	idea, inquiry into, and	questions	
	into, and key questions	key questions	-	
	, ,	, ,		
Reflection	*Paper has many	*Paper has several	*Paper has few mechanical	*Paper is well written with
	serious mechanical	serious mechanical errors	errors	rich detail
	errors that interfere	*There is not enough	*Paper provides some	*Paper displays clear
	with understanding	detail of the classroom	detail of the classroom	reflection on the experience
	*Little to no detail is	and context to measure	context	*Paper includes clear
	provided on the	appropriateness of lesson	*There is some reflection	connections to IB principles
	classroom on context	*There is little self-	on the experience but lacks	with citations as appropriate
	*Limited self-reflection	reflection on the	depth and examples	*Instructional choices are
	*No connections made	implementation of the	*Some connection to IB	explained and analyzed in the
	with IB curriculum	lesson	principles is made	context of the IB curricular
		*Connections made with	and there is evidence that	framework
		IB principles are not well	the unit was planned with	
		described in the paper	IB principles and	
		with little citation	curricular framework in	
			mind	

Adapted from Ellen Alquist, Primary Years Programme: Sample Planner IB Teacher Award Standards (Combined), 2007 George Mason University

#### **Critical Reflections: Guidelines**

To be effective and constructive, reflective writing needs to go beyond descriptions of events, the reading, or your own personal experience. You need to:

- step back, explore and analyze
- consider different perspectives such as those found in your own teaching practice, discussions in class, or other materials you may have studied
- make connections to relevant theories, supporting your ideas by references to other literature and to research
- consider legal and organizational implications
- show awareness of social and political influences
- show what you have learned from your reading, this could include implications, predictions or conclusions you have drawn

As you construct your critical reflections about your readings for this course the quality of the reflections will be guided by the following criteria:

States of Critical Reflection (Biggs, 1999).

Transformative Learning Meaningful, reflective, restructured by

the learner – idiosyncratic or creative

Working with Meaning Meaningful, reflective, well structured

Making Meaning Meaningful, well integrated, ideas linked

Making Sense Reproduction of ideas, ideas not well

linked

Noticing Memorized representation

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