Which of these statements resonate?

It is important to reflect on what we know, what we have heard, what we have seen, and more importantly, how our understanding of IB education has been constructed. Educators value learning that is continuous, and therefore are open to grow and deepen understanding.

With each of the statements provided below, consider which resonate, which align to your personal understanding, and which beliefs or claims are you sure may also be valued by others in your community. It may also be worth thinking about which are most important to you and make some notes to consider why certain beliefs or claims resonate with you.

You may establish that there are lots of contrasting perspectives help by different people or stakeholder groups in your community. If so, what steps might you take to understand why there are so many different narratives about the IB?

Check any that align to your beliefs and understanding

What is an IB education?

___ A very challenging program that is for the best students in the school
___ It is just good teaching. It is all the practices and theory we learned in our teacher training
___ It’s an alternative to Advanced Placement courses
___ IB programmes are designed to educate the whole child
___ IB is a pathway that students can take to prepare them for college
___ The IB is college level coursework which some universities accept, and some don’t
___ IB teaches students how to learn and grow their skillsets
___ The IB is an international credential
___ The IB is a set curriculum
___ IB courses are like taking honors courses
___ IB creates programmes so students can make their own connections across subject disciplines
___ A way of approaching learning and teaching that puts the learner at the center

Who is an IB student?

___ The IB Diploma Programme is too difficult for most students
___ IB students have to be very organized and goal oriented
___ [insert student name] is “not IB material”
___ All students benefit from the way the IB approaches learning and teaching
___ You have to have at least a B average to get into the programme
___ The rigor of DP courses isn’t suitable for the average student
___ Students with a wide range of learning needs and styles can take at least one or two IB courses
___ Every student should have access to a world class education, and IB offers that
___ IB students are the most driven and motivated students
___ A student who doubted their own abilities can experience success
___ Any student can be an IB student because the IB is centered on learning and learners

add any of your own or others you have heard from those around you