

A survey on MH student 's experiences FALL 2020

Response to comments (comments are rephrased/merged):

The library loan is too short.

The library loans are similar in other school libraries. For general books is two weeks. It is easy to renew for another two weeks. The role of the library is not to loan subject text books, but students can use the books within the library and in some cases, students can borrow novels (e.g. in English/Icelandic) for three days. There are few copies at the library and they need to be available to all students.

Tests shouldn't be online, because many students get external help. Students should be able to take tests within the school, it should be easy to fulfil Covid rules.

I agree strongly that tests within the school would be better. The teachers are aware that some students might be getting external help. The IBO emphasizes on academic integrity and in my opinion, it is a disappointment that so many students disrespect that important aspect of being an IB student. It would not be difficult to allow one group to take tests. But, there are 1100 students in the school and all of them have different timetables. We need to take into consideration travel time, so most students would not be able to join the classes before and after each test. In addition, at each time, there are around 30-40 groups within MH. Allowing tests in one subject requires test in other subjects etc. etc. It would be too complicated and without control. The school management team allows as few exceptions from the rules as possible.

Most of the comments were about the organization within MH, students don't like the half-days and/or are confused because the organization changes from week to week. Others live far away and think it is waste of time to travel to school.

The school is dealing with extremely complicated situation. It is an institute with 1100 students and around 100 staff members. The national programme is a course credit system so mixing of students can't be avoided. The school management team tries to find the best acceptable solution each time. No solution will suit everyone, and no one is satisfied with the situation. It is our belief that meeting students, although limited, is valuable and very important. In addition, it has been encouraged by the Minister of education, that we meet students as much as possible. We just must stay positive and accept the organization each time, no matter whether it suits us or not. Students, that have some problems, are encouraged to contact Soffía or Ásdís Birgis.

The school WiFi isn't good enough.

The information will be passed on to the IT team. This is not a new problem, and the IT team has been working on a solution.

Comments regarding teachers/teaching methods/subject contents/etc. are passed on to the teachers if relevant.

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