

CAS EXPERIENCE



Instructions: Complete this form for all of your CAS experiences, and keep them in your portfolio as a record of each experience.

Student Name: _____

CAS Experience: _____

Date(s) of the experience: _____

CAS GUIDELINES: A CAS experience must:

- fit within one or more of the CAS strands
- be based on a personal interest, skill, talent or opportunity for growth
- provide opportunities to develop the attributes of the IB learner profile
- not be used or included in the student's Diploma course requirements

BEFORE YOU START: Guiding Questions – Ask yourself these questions before you begin *(feel free to take notes & keep in your portfolio):*

1. Does the event meet the guidelines for a CAS experience?
2. What attributes of the Learner Profile can be emphasized in the proposed experience, what may be left out? Why?

Inquirers Knowledgeable Thinkers Communicators	Principled Open-minded Caring	Risk-takers Balanced Reflective
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3. Does the event or organization respect the differences of other individuals and groups?
4. Will the event or organization increase my understanding of language, culture, other perspectives or international mindedness?
5. What are the stated goals of the organization with which you will be undertaking the experiences? How do these goals relate to the mission statement of the IB or the attributes of the learner profile?
6. Does the event have the potential to impact the environment?
7. How have you considered the legal or health and safety implications of your CAS experience?

1. **CAS Experience** (briefly explain what you did or plan to do)?

2. **CAS STRAND** – Circle one or more of the three strands below that were met by your CAS experience.

CREATIVITY	ACTIVITY	SERVICE
Exploring and extending ideas leading to an original or interpretive product or performance.	Physical exertion contributing to a healthy lifestyle.	Meaningful contribution to your community and society.

3. **CAS Learning Outcomes** - Check the learning outcomes that apply to this CAS Experience.

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1	Identify own strengths and develop areas for growth	
2	Demonstrate that challenges have been undertaken developing new skills in the process	
3	Demonstrate how to initiate and plan a CAS experience	
4	Show commitment to and perseverance in CAS experiences	
5	Demonstrate the skills and recognize the benefits of working collaborative	
6	Demonstrate engagement with issues of global significance	
7	Recognize and consider the ethics of choices and actions.	

While it is not necessary for each CAS experience to address a CAS learning outcome, upon completion of the CAS programme, CAS students are required to present evidence demonstrating achievement of all CAS learning outcomes.

Portfolio:

Consider how you will demonstrate the five CAS stages (below) in your portfolio.

1. **Investigation:** Students identify their interests, skills and talents to be used in considering opportunities for CAS experiences, as well as areas for personal growth and development. Students investigate what they want to do and determine the purpose for their CAS experience. In the case of service, students identify a need they want to address.
2. **Preparation:** Students clarify roles and responsibilities, develop a plan of actions to be taken, identify specified resources and timelines, and acquire any skills as needed to engage in the CAS experience.
3. **Action:** Students implement their idea or plan. This often requires decision-making and problem-solving. Students may work individually, with partners, or in groups.
4. **Reflection:** Students describe what happened, express feelings, generate ideas, and raise questions. Reflection can occur at any time during CAS to further understanding, to assist with revising plans, to learn from the experience, and to make explicit connections between their growth, accomplishments, and the learning outcomes for personal awareness. Reflection may lead to new action.
5. **Demonstration:** Students make explicit what and how they learned and what they have accomplished, for example, by sharing their CAS experience through their CAS portfolio or with others in an informal or formal manner. Through demonstration and communication, students solidify their understanding and evoke response from others.