

House System at IAS

What is it?

Students in each class will be divided evenly and randomly between 4 Houses. The Houses currently have the names, Orange, Yellow, Teal and Pink. Each House will represent a cross section ages, genders and countries at IAS. The overarching idea is that members of each House can receive points for extra-curricular achievement and/or good behavior while losing points for inappropriate behavior.

Each House is competing to be the winning House at the end of the year through

1) the individual day to day contributions of the House members and 2) the involvement of members in school events.

Behavior Points Structure:

Students can gain and lose points based on their behavior in and out of the classroom. These behaviors are tiered so that higher level behavior represents higher points. Incidents of inappropriate behavior are recorded on the Managebac system under the Behavior tab for homeroom teachers, administrators and parents to review. Behavior points are awarded at the discretion of the teacher. Requests for points from students are discouraged.

Behavior Points structure:

Tier 1 = 1 point

Tier 2 = 2points

Tier 3 = 3 points

Positive behavior includes:

Tier 1: Exemplary classwork/homework

Tier 2: Taking initiative to help a peer

Tier 3: Random act of kindness

Negative behavior includes:

Tier 1: Tardiness, Incomplete homework, unsafe movement through the school and grounds

Tier 2: Dress code violation, Digital policy violation,

Tier 3: Any behavior that results in a meeting with an administrator and/or parent

Competition structure (new!):

D18 and D12 have every year a separated house competition named after:

D18: ‘house competition league’ and D12: ‘Junior house competition league’. In each school, we have a winner in June. At the end of the academic year, by adding up points from both schools we would also have the winner of the winners, for example:

- D18: Green house wins (only D18)
- D12: Purple house wins (only D12)
- Winner of the winners: Green house (D18+D12 cumulated points)

We would then have up to 3 winners per year.

Extracurricular Points Structure:

Each House can gain and lose points depending on the presence and active participation of its members in school events. These points will be applied in bulk and can be appealed at the Student Council meeting if perceived as unfair. Purview over House points designation is currently under the stewardship of the principal. However, this can be delegated to other members of the Administration. Typical point boundaries are as follows:

Tier 1: 3rd place, 5-10 points

Tier 2: 2nd place, 10-25 points

Tier 1: 1st place, 25-50 points

Students can also receive points for participation and leadership in extracurricular events. All details are shared prior the event by the organizing subject teacher or administrator.

House leader role

The role of the house leader is to motivate their team in order to perform all along the academic year. The house leader is encouraged to cultivate a house culture by creating a logo, anthem and dance to represent their own team. They are also in charge of naming a house captain. A house leader should also be helped and receive all the support necessary from the teachers assigned to their house.

Encouraging the house competition within our school

The house competition is stimulated by the teachers and should be through events/games/scores... Those events can be made during or after the lessons. Each teacher should have at least **2 events/games** related to house points per semester.

Here are a couple of propositions to inspire the house competition:

- The top 3 students for each **unit exam** would score points for their house (such as 15 points – 10 points - 5 points)
- Kahoot/quizzes/online games and tournament
- Art Exhibition
- Basketball/Football tournament (once per semester)
- The students of the month would score 10 points for their houses
- Videogame tournament
- Math/Essay contest
- Christmas card design
- Dance off
- Debating
- Dodgeball

- Domino rally
- Football
- Masterchef
- Music performances
- Poetry
- Photography
- Reading challenge
- Scrabble
- Singer/songwriter
- Sports Day
- Swimming
- Table tennis
- Tennis tournament