

Vision

Our Vision for the International High School is to be a leading international educator with a community of passionate life-long learners, inspiring, global citizens to embrace diversity and explore the world.

Mission

The International High School with students aged from 15 to 19, which fosters a culture of learning with respect and open mindedness.

Based on IB world and Swedish national standards, we tailor our curriculum to provide students with the tools to be life-long learners in a stimulating and nurturing environment. We value authentic learning experiences with a global perspective. We learn together for the future.

Admissions and Progression Policy

Admissions

Students who apply to the first year of the International High School

All students are welcome to apply to The International High School. Applications to the first year of high school (PreIB, NA and SA) are coordinated by the central admissions centre for Gothenburg (*Gymnasieantagningen*). Only students with a pass grade (E) in ninth grade are eligible to apply for the Natural Science Programme, Social Science Programme and Social Science Programme with Advanced English. Prospective students should contact the central admission centre and obtain log-in details for Indra2, an online platform where students can monitor the status of their application. Students applying from schools in Sweden will have their ninth grade results automatically uploaded to the platform. Overseas students should submit relevant grades to the central admissions centre manually.

First application deadline - March

Preliminary placement offer - April

Final application deadline - May

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Students who apply to the Natural Science Programme and the Social Science Programme are offered places based upon their grades from ninth grade. Students who apply to the Social Science Programme with advanced courses in English or the International Baccalaureate (PreIB) are offered places based upon a combination of their grades from ninth grade and the results of their Entrance exam.

The first opportunity to sit the Entrance exams is in February. There is one further opportunity in May. For overseas students applying to the International Baccalaureate (both PrelB and the IBDP) who have not arrived in Sweden at the time of the test, it is possible to have the exam sent to the current school where a responsible school employee invigilates them.

Students who apply to the second year of the International High School

Students wishing to transfer schools and apply to the Natural Science Programme or Social Science Programme must contact the study guidance counsellor at The International High School. Transfer students will be expected to present their grades from the first year of their current school.

Students wishing to apply to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme should use the Application form <https://forms.office.com/e/6wXg5ybtrh>. All applications should be supported with school reports from the most current school, together with the most updated health records. All applicants will be requested to sit the Entrance exam to clarify the Maths and English levels. Students meeting the requirements may be offered a place upon availability.

An evaluation of knowledge will be done for all IH Pre IB students to ensure that their subject choices have been wisely made before the commencement of the IB Diploma Programme.

Ultimate responsibility for all IB admissions rests with the principal, who makes the final decisions following consultations with the IB coordinator (this is in accordance with the SKOLFS 2002:7, §6)

Exam fees and registration deadlines

The International High School currently charges an exam fee of SEK 7500 for the IB final exams, including the administration fee. A cost of SEK 1200 per subject will be incurred for retakes. The student should notify the school no later than October 15th if they choose not to resit the exams. Your registration will be automatically withdrawn if payment is not received by November 30th. Should the student decide to withdraw from the exams after January 15th, the examination fee will not be refunded. If the student has not paid by January 1st, the student will be withdrawn from the exams.

Publication of IB Examination Results

Any IB students sitting the May Examinations will receive their results on <https://candidates.ibo.org/>. The results are released on July 6th at 15.30. Before this date,

the Diploma Coordinator will ensure that all students have valid login details to the candidates.ibo.org site.

Once the results are published for the IB exams, students and guardians should remember that any communication with IB needs to be done through the IB Coordinator and not directly to IB. Should a student, after receiving the final results, wish to lodge an Enquiry Upon Results (EUR), this needs to be lodged before August 15th. There is a cost of 1200 SEK for any grade appeal unless IB change the grade. There is a possibility of a grade change as late as September 30th. The students must always log into their candidates.ibo.org account to ensure their final grades are correct and updated grades are submitted to the relevant universities.

Progression or Discontinuation of Studies

Students at The International High School who wish to change programmes after the first year must contact the career guidance counsellor. Any change made will be based on the suitability of the request from the student and the availability of a place in the chosen programme.

Students who are absent over a longer period of time without a valid reason risk not being permitted to continue their studies at The International High School. For more information about our attendance procedures, please see our Attendance Policy.

Students in PreIB are required to pass all their courses in order to continue to the IB Diploma Program. Prospective students for the IB DP English A HL/SL course must complete both English Level 1 and English Level 2 in Pre-IB, achieving a minimum grade of C in Level 2.

Students who wish to retake the IB exams must contact the IB coordinator. An exam fee will be charged based on the number of exams the student intends to take. There is no possibility of retaking any internal assessments at the International High School.

To earn an IB Diploma, students must successfully complete their IB subjects and the core components and receive no lower than 24 points, including the special requirements for standard and higher level grades. Should students score lower than 24 points on the IB Mock exams or who do not sit the IB Mock exams in the first year of the Diploma Programme will not be eligible to continue to the final year. The student and guardians will be called to a meeting with the IB coordinator and the deputy principal should the student fail the IB Mock exams, and other academic paths will be discussed. The career guidance counsellor will be called upon to find alternative options.

Any act of serious misconduct or misbehaviour may have serious consequences, and could lead to suspension, or, expulsion. This includes physical violence, cyber bullying, consumption of illegal drugs or alcohol.

Implementation, Evaluation and Review

- All new staff will be made aware of the **Admissions and Progressions Policy** and receive a copy when they begin their employment at the school. Students and guardians are made aware of the document and can access it via Vklass and on the International High School website.
- The International High School acknowledges that **the Admissions and Progressions Policy** is a working document and should therefore be updated on a yearly basis.

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