

Admissions policy

The purpose of this document is to describe how the admissions process works in our school community.

Introduction

The IB DP is a two-year programme. To fit into the Swedish three-year upper secondary education system, there is a Pre-DP year to prepare students for the DP experience. The vast majority of all our students at Sven Eriksonsgymnasiet enter via the Pre-DP.

Pre-DP Entry

Admission to the Pre-DP is primarily based on grades from year 9 in the Swedish national school system. Any student with grade E in English, mathematics, and Swedish and nine other subjects is formally eligible to apply. However, since the IB DP is a challenging, academic programme taught in English, students need solid prior knowledge. We recommend students to have “good knowledge”, corresponding to grade C, in English and mathematics in order to succeed in the IB.

All students who apply to the IB as 1st to 3rd choice, during the first application period, will be called to take entrance tests in English and mathematics. These tests will be taken in March for entrance in August. A second date for entrance exams may be organized in June if there are late applicants. For formally eligible students, the results will form the basis of a recommendation, from the school to the student, whether the IB DP is a suitable option.

International students

Students who do not have formal eligibility from Swedish year 9 can also apply to the IB DP to access one of our quota places. (We have a maximum of five quota places.) First, the students apply via *Antagningsenheten Sjuhärad*:

<https://gymnasievalsjuharad.se/download/18.5cac3888192499472ed5ac/1727861214980/Ans%C3%B6kan%20till%20gymnasieskolans%20program.pdf>

When the students have taken the entrance tests, they will be placed on a list ranked according to their results. The five best ranking students will be accepted.

Students with grades that we are able to validate, e.g. MYP or GCSE grades, can be accepted without taking the entrance tests. If there is competition to be accepted, however, these students must also take the entrance tests.

DP1 Entry

There are two ways to enter DP1: via Pre-DP or via DP entrance exams.

From Pre-DP

To enter DP1 from Pre-DP, the student must pass all the subjects regardless of which subjects they choose to study in the DP.

International students

Students who have finished year 10 in another school system can access the IB DP (in DP1) directly under the condition that they have a place to live in Borås Stad. The school does not offer and cannot assist with finding accommodation.

First, such students contact the IB DP Coordinator (martin.idehall@edu.boras.se). Secondly, they submit evidence of satisfactory school results at the appropriate level. Thirdly, they take DP1 entrance tests in English and mathematics. This can be organized in cooperation with a school or other public institution in the country from which they are applying. If the results on both exams are satisfactory and there is a place in the class, the student will be accepted.

Approach to learning

In addition, all potential IB students should have a positive approach to learning, a will to learn, and a dynamic mindset. Considering the nature of the IB DP, all students should also have an interest in academic work.

Review period

This policy is reviewed and updated annually by the IB team during conference time the last week of the spring semester.

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