



Grenaa Gymnasium's Admissions Policy for use in the IB department

Admissions policy

Grenaa Gymnasium welcomes applications from all applicants, who qualify for admission into the IB Diploma programme.

Grenaa Gymnasium only accepts applicants, who apply for the full IB Diploma programme.

Grenaa Gymnasium welcomes applicants of all nationalities, however, international applicants must hold a study and residence permit for Denmark.

The IB programme generally requires good academic skills and dedication.

To qualify for admission into the IB Diploma programme, the applicant must have:

- completed a pre-DP/pre-IB year in Denmark, or the first year of the Danish STX with satisfying results, or
- completed the IB MYP, or a pre-IB level year (often year 10) at an English speaking school with satisfying results, or
- have completed 11 years of schooling. The academic level must be satisfactory.

As all our applicants enter the programme with very diverse backgrounds, all applicants are assessed individually. Therefore, it is not possible to state firmly, which exact standards are needed for every school background. However, the level of English and mathematics must be strong to enter the programme successfully, and the grade point average required generally follows the requirements set for students entering the IB Diploma programme through the pre-IB year. Please see below.

If requested by the Grenaa Gymnasium, the applicants must be willing to participate in an entrance test in English and Mathematics and a subsequent interview.

Students entering the IB Diploma programme on the basis of the pre-IB year need a grade point average of 4 (IB scale 1-7- please refer to Grenaa Gymnasium's assessment policy for more information) to be promoted to the IB Diploma, unless there are special circumstances and needs that justify that a student with results below this average should enter the IB Diploma programme. The pre-IB year is concluded by several end-of-year exams which serve as entrance tests to the programme and tests guiding the final choice of subjects in the IB Diploma programme.

To inform external applicants about the subject choices on offer, Grenaa Gymnasium's webpage holds more information about each of the subjects on offer in the IB Diploma programme and their demands, as well as the assessment needed to complete the courses.



All applications are entered into the online application platform (Open Apply) which can be accessed via the school homepage. The deadline for applications is March 1st every year for enrollment in the following school year, starting in August. Only fully completed applications will be considered. The applicants will receive their answers at the end of March in the school year before enrollment. Late applications are accepted, if there are any places available in classes.

All communication between applicant and school is made through the online application system (Open Apply). This provides safe data transfer compatible with the GDPR rules for data protection.

Advice on choosing the right subjects for the IB Diploma programme:

The options for the choice of subjects and levels are found on the school webpage, where descriptions of the subjects are available, but all applicants and their families are welcome to contact the IB student counsellor or IB Coordinator for additional advice on the choice of subjects and career counselling/choice of further education, before applying.

Students entering the IB Diploma programme on the basis of the pre-IB year will receive guidance on subject choice and higher education possibilities throughout the pre-IB school-year.

When commencing the IB Diploma programme in August, the IB counsellor and IB coordinator will be available for consultation about the choice of subjects in relation to higher education and/ or if the student has changed his/her mind about the original choices of subjects.

The school will submit the students to a mathematics and reading-screening, to be able to finalize the placement in the mathematics classes and to provide extra support, if any mathematics or reading difficulties are detected.

We urge families and applicants to forward all information about special needs to the school before July 1st, in order to plan and provide the support and have support in place before the school starts in August. More information about the different possibilities for support is available in Grenaa Gymnasium's Access and Inclusion policy.

How to get more information about admission and the choice of subjects in the IB Diploma programme:

The school hosts "Open house" events twice a year: one in November and one in January. Both are held on Saturdays to enable families to travel to Grenaa. The dates and times will be published on the school website, on "Optagelse.dk", in the Youth Education guide for Eastern Jutland and in local media. You can also book individual visits through a request on our application system, or by calling/emailing the school.

Contact information can be found on the school webpage.



Admission to the pre-IB year:

Applicants living in Denmark must apply to pre-IB through the Danish national application system:

www.optagelse.dk.

The applicants applying through www.optagelse.dk are admitted according to the Danish national standard admission criteria of Bekendtgørelse om optagelse på de gymnasiale uddannelser, art. 15 and 21.

Applicants who do not qualify for admission according to national standard admission criteria of Bekendtgørelse om optagelse på de gymnasiale uddannelser, art. 15 and 21 will be subject to individual assessment of qualifications. The Head of School assesses any previous qualifications and grades, exam results and school references that the candidate might have and conducts an interview and a test in one or more subjects.

Credit

Candidates applying for credit that exempts them from one or several subjects in the upper secondary programme for which they have applied, will be subject to individual assessment of qualifications. A precondition for this is the Head of School's assessment that the candidate has "partly or fully acquired the academic qualifications that are prescribed for the subject/subjects in question, or that the candidate has relevant substitute academic qualifications." (Bekendtgørelse om merit i de gymnasiale uddannelser, art. 1)

Policy review:

This policy is reviewed by the IB Coordinator, IB counsellor and Head of school every year in December – or more often as needed - to include all changes to the laws that govern admissions in Denmark, any changes in other school policies or IB rules and standards that might have an impact on the admission to the IB Diploma programme or pre-IB year at Grenaa Gymnasium.