

IB Admissions Policy

New Westminster Secondary
IB World School



International Baccalaureate (IB) World Schools are required to have a written admissions policy that describes the conditions for participation in the Diploma Programme. This is the admissions policy at New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS). (Culture 1.1)

Philosophy

At NWSS we are aligned with the IB philosophy of providing access and opportunity to the Diploma Programme for the broadest possible range of students. The Programme at NWSS offers students a range of courses that offer many different pathways to attaining an IB Diploma, making the Diploma accessible to a wide range of students of various strengths and interests. (Culture 1.3) NWSS also believes students should have opportunities to pursue a partial IB Courses program if it best suits their future goals. At NWSS, our goal is to provide as much equal opportunity for students to pursue the IB programming of their choice.

Eligibility

Students in grade 10 are eligible to apply for admission into the IB Diploma or IB courses programme. Application forms are posted to the school website in the fall and are also available in the IB Office and Main Office with the IB Secretary. Applications are due January 31st of each year.

As IB is a rigorous academic program, students are required to demonstrate a high level of maturity and intrinsic motivation. This is done through the questions on the application form. The application also requires students to provide two academic references that are able to speak to their suitability for IB. IB students must exhibit a willingness to put in considerable time on their studies and to do so with a minimum of supervision.

Grades: While there is no specific grade requirement for admission into the IB program, grades are often a reliable indicator of success in the IB program. We recommend students achieve at least a B average in grade 10.

IB classes have limited space available, however. Grades, as well as the overall strength of application are taken into account for admission into the program.

Special subject requirements:

IB Mathematics: Pre-Calculus 11 is a required pre-requisite for IB Analysis and Approaches and is recommended for IB Applications and Interpretation.

IB Physics: Physics 11 is a required pre-requisite for IB Physics

IB French HL: French Immersion 10 is a pre-requisite for IB French B HL