

ADMISSION POLICY

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR IB DP CANDIDATES

at Sokrates International High School

THE FIRST STAGE – INTERVIEW

The interview is the first stage of the admission process for IB DP candidates. It is conducted by the IB Diploma Coordinator, and/or the High School headmaster. The purpose of the interview is to:

- check on the candidate's fluency in spoken English (minimum requirement is B1 according to the CEFR Levels);
- inform the school about the candidate's academic experience and motivation to do the IB DP;
- discuss and guide the candidate on their subject choices (if need be, the teachers of the chosen subjects are invited and take part in the interview and guide the candidate, ask & answer specific questions to clarify the student's provisional choice).

The interview is to consider the applicant's potential to succeed not only in their individual subjects but also in the core components of CAS, theory of knowledge and the extended essay.

Required documents

The candidates are expected to submit the following documents for the interview:

- the most recent school report
- transcript from the present academic year stating the to-date academic results, behaviour assessment and the attendance rate;
- the results of the most recent school leaving examinations (if available),
- diplomas certifying academic, artistic or sports achievements (if available),
- diplomas awarded for volunteering (if available).

Behaviour assessment and attendance

A candidate's application will be considered during the application process provided their behaviour assessment is not lower than 'good' (4). Students who are from outside Poland deliver the descriptive report of the behavior prepared by the form teacher and signed by the head of the previous school.

The candidate's attendance rate cannot be lower than 85%.

THE SECOND STAGE – ENGLISH WRITTEN ENTRANCE EXAMS and subjects' choice

The entrance exams can be taken on each of the school's open days and on other days that will be announced on the school website and agreed upon with the head of the school .

Candidates sit written entrance exams in English and additionally provide their predicted/final marks of the selected subjects, specified during the interview.

A candidate meets the entry requirements provided that they have scored minimum 80% in the written English exam and:

3 in a subject selected on a standard level, and

4 in a subject selected on a higher level.

The subjects are decided on during the interview with the IB DP Coordinator and students are assessed in the scale 1-6, with 6 being the highest.

THE LAST STAGE

If a candidate has passed the English entrance exams and their subject choices meet the criteria and have been confirmed by the school, the admission can be finalized.

In order to finalize the admission process, the candidate's parents or legal guardians are obliged to:

- submit the required documents
- sign the contract;
- make the payments as mandated by the contract.

All candidates must sign a learning contract indicating their awareness of the rigorous nature of the programme and constituting their commitment to meeting its academic deadlines.

All candidates and their parents must sign a contract in which full and absolute compliance is mandated with all school policies. By signing the contract they acknowledge having read and accepted the school policies.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

A. Students who transfer from other IB DP schools are welcome. Sokrates will work closely with parents and other DP coordinators to ensure as smooth a transition as possible.

B. Where appropriate subject or level is not available at Sokrates, parents may need to pay the cost of tutoring or of an online course.

The criteria outlined above do not, on their own, determine a candidate's eligibility. Individual circumstances and student interest are also taken into account.

In all admissions cases, the head of school makes the final decision.

Admission Policy links to SEN School Policy and Language Policy and procedural documents.

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