

# External Admissions

2022-2023

## IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

The IB Diploma Programme is a rigorous academic programme requiring academic ability combined with commitment and resilience to succeed. ALASCA offers its students the possibility to pursue the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) as a continuation of the Liberal Arts and Science education. All students enrolled for the Diploma Programme are required to meet the requirements of the core subjects and a choice of 6 school subject courses: 3 at a standard level and 3 at a higher level.

## Enrolment

Open to the following categories of students:

- Students admitted to 5 vwo.
- Students with a 5 havo Diploma.
- Students - Dutch or expatriate - attending (international) schools abroad, who are proficient in English *and* have an academic record sufficient to enter year 5 of pre-university education (vwo).

## Admission Process IB DP1 for Dutch or students from other schools

Applicant students attending other schools can apply for the programme:

1. Submit an application motivation letter to [ib@alasca.espritscholen.nl](mailto:ib@alasca.espritscholen.nl).
2. Submit an academic record of the previous two years of school.
3. Have an admission interview with the DP coordinator and/or career counselor. The following needs to be made evident:
  - Specific educational and support needs of the applicant;
  - Appropriate subject choices;
  - Proficiency in using English as a language of instruction (minimally at B2 level, determined by a test in case of doubt).
  - If students are not proficient in Dutch as a language of instruction (minimally at B2 level), they must arrange<sup>1</sup> for a Standard Level tutor for a Self Taught Language A.
4. The admissions team will determine the admissibility of each applicant utilizing the admission criteria: the applicant's motivation, English proficiency and qualification for the DP. If after this procedure the coordinator thinks that the DP is the right fit, the student can join DP1.

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<sup>1</sup> The applicant will be responsible for organization and payment of a tutor, ALASCA will provide a language supervisor.

### Admission Criteria IB (DP1)

Applicant students can be admitted to DP year 1 when the following entry requirements are met:

1. **Assessment results**
  - Results of vwo year 4 sufficient to be admitted to vwo year 5 or a havo diploma with Math *or* similar (pre-academic) level abroad.
2. **English language Proficiency**
  - Advised to be at least at B2.
  - Evidence of this proficiency is provided by the student's achievement in English courses and modules taught in English during vwo year 4 *or* similar (pre-academic) level abroad.
  - Writing skills: essay type tasks.
  - Speaking and listening skills.
  - Reading skills: comprehension test and a list of books read in English.
3. **Motivation** to follow the Diploma Programme. This should be made evident in the application letter by displaying:
  - A clear understanding of the opportunities and challenges of the Diploma Programme that ALASCA offers;
  - A reflection on the input from a tutor and relevant subject teachers on achieved level and work ethics (especially English and Math);
  - A general idea of the benefits of having an IB diploma;
  - Eagerness to learn in English and further develop their English language skills;
  - Eagerness to learn about the subjects offered.

### Deadlines for admission

Applications will be taken into consideration until all spots are filled.