

External Admissions

2023-2024

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 (IB DP) 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).

External Admission Process IB DP1 for Dutch or students

Applicant students attending other schools can apply for the programme:

1. Submit an application motivation letter to 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 can:
 - Follow Language acquisition Dutch ab initio standard level.
 - Arrange with ALASCA¹ for a Standard Level tutor for a Self Taught Language A. Furthermore, other appropriate language options will be discussed with the DP Coordinator or Career Counselor during the admission interview.

¹ The applicant will be responsible for organisation and payment of a tutor, ALASCA will provide a language supervisor.

External 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.
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 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.