



Admissions Policy for the Diploma Programme at Kristiansand katedralskole Gimle (KKG)

Kristiansand katedralskole Gimle (KKG) is a state school that is primarily an offer for students living in Agder. According to Norwegian law, all students between the ages of 16 to 24 have the right to admission to an upper secondary programme. The IB Diploma Programme is a challenging, broad and balanced two-year programme of international education for students aged 16 to 19. The programme is designed to equip students with the academic skills needed for university study, further education and their chosen profession, as well as developing the values and life-skills needed to live a fulfilled and purposeful life.

Requirements

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at KKG requires students to study languages, social sciences, natural sciences and mathematics over two years. It is offered as a continuation of the first year of Norwegian videregående skole (upper secondary education) or similar academic preparation. The IB Diploma course is taught in English and is designed to cater for internationally mobile student applicants and Norwegian students interested in a secondary school education preparing them for universities in Norway and abroad.

Necessary qualifications:

- Completed Vg1 studiespesialisering or Vg1 studieforbereidende
- Grade 4 or better in Vg1 English – or a similar English course
- Grade 4 in Vg1 1T Mathematics – or similar level of Mathematics
- A fulfilled IB middle years program (MYP5) – with 5,8 in average grade
 - 3 in all subjects, but 5 in Mathematics
 - A minimum of Norwegian phase 4
 - Approved soft skills
- Completed 10th grade in the Norwegian school system if students are mature and have completed Matematikk 1T and Vg1 English
- Equivalent qualifications to any of the above, including a minimum of 10 years of schooling
- Norwegian skills: All IB Diploma Programme students at KKG must qualify to study both at universities in Norway and abroad, so students must have enough Norwegian skills to be able to pass Norwegian B HL (with a grade of 3). If necessary, they need to attend a Norwegian course outside school at their own expense.

Criteria for admission

We look for candidates:

- who are motivated and determined
- whose academic performance is average to excellent
- whose conduct is good overall, and who are respectful to others
- who are committed to the school's vision, mission and philosophy
- who are internationally-minded
- who would benefit from the IBDP curriculum
- who want to take a full IB Diploma Programme
- whose qualities would enrich the IB community and be a positive contribution to it
- who have a registered address in Agder county by the application deadline which is March 1.

Applicants who are in the process of moving to the region before July 1. are eligible to apply for a place. They will, however, not secure a place until they provide documentation to prove that they have moved to an address in Agder together with or in order to join their parents/family before the start of the school year. Students must have a registered address in Agder county throughout the time they attend KKG.

Students should usually follow the same age cohort as Vg2 and Vg3 students in Norwegian public schools. Students at Upper Secondary courses typically begin at Vg2 in their 17th year.

The Admissions Committee has the right to accept or refuse any applicant based on their assessment of the applicant's suitability.

Admission rules for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme for Agder county from 01.01.2024 (in Norwegian)

§ 9. Inntak til International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB)

I tillegg til elektronisk søknad, må det sendes inn en individuell søknad til skolene som har tilbudet innen 1. mars.

Skolene som har tilbudet, vurderer hvilke søkere som er kvalifiserte og anbefaler hvem som får tilbud. Fylkeskommunedirektøren gir inntak etter innstilling fra skolen.

English translation:

§ 9. Admission to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB)

In addition to the electronic application, an individual application must be submitted to the schools offering the program by March 1st. The schools offering the program assess which applicants are qualified and recommend who should be offered admission. The County Director grants admission based on the school's recommendation.

Admissions Committee and decision-making process

All students that have completed Vg1 studiespesialisering or Vg1 studieforbereidende in the national school system in Agder may apply to the IB Diploma Programme (DP). However, we recommend that students attend Pre IB Vg1 (Studiespesialisering med fokus på internasjonalisering) at KKG to be prepared for the DP.

The Admissions Committee is comprised of the IB coordinator, the school's education counsellor for the IB and Pre IB Vg1 subject teachers (especially home room teachers). There are several meetings about the students during Vg1 (called klasselærerråd og trippelmøter) where students are evaluated, and the students are recommended or not recommended to apply for the IB. Application files are reviewed by the committee in accordance with the GDPR regulations.

The final decision on all applications rests with the IBDP coordinator.

Admissions meeting

The IB Coordinator meets with the applicants before the deadline for application which is March 1. The meeting will focus on the candidate's motivation and choice of subjects. External applicants, bring their grades (including their attendance record) and we also receive information about the students from their former school.

We have meeting with Kristiansand International School MYP to assess their applicants.

If the student has not attended schools in Norway or the IB system, we decide whether they do Pre IB before attending IB. If the educational background of the student is hard to determine, the student might have to take an entrance test in Mathematics and English. An interview will be required to discuss the application. We prefer to arrange a visit to our school, at least before school starts in August.

To stay in the IB Programme

Students will need to meet all requirements listed in the Master time schedule before they can start 3IB, including CAS, first draft of the EE and having completed any IA processes listed in the schedule.

Students will have the first six weeks of the 2IB year to “switch” between IB courses. Students’ grades will be reviewed at Christmas and at the end of 2IB. Students with predicted grades lower than a total of 24 marks (no grade 1s, and not more than two grade 2s awarded in the subjects), will be advised to start Vg2 or Vg3 studiespesialiserende instead of moving to 3IB.

Undocumented absence should not exceed 10 % in any of the subjects.

- *The IBO expects students to participate in the IB curriculum as structured and required by the school, to comply with all subject-specific regulations and internal school deadlines, and to complete the diploma over a period of two years.*

Students are registered for the exam by November of the final year, but if a student has not delivered the Extended essay or handed in the required internal assessments assigned in a particular subject or CAS by the due date, he/she will not be registered for the exams.

How to apply:

Students registered in Norway apply electronically through www.vigo.no by March 1.

All applicants must also fill out an IB application form which is to be sent directly to the school. The form is to be found at KKG’s website. If you wish to apply, please print out the application form and send it to the school before March 1.

Alternatively, if you are applying from abroad and do not have a Norwegian identity number and/or do not have records of previous schooling from Norway, you should apply directly to the school with the *motivational letter*. [Online application form - Kristiansand Katedralskole Gimle](#)

Your application will be reviewed by the school’s Admissions Committee in June.

More information about the IB can be found on the school website and on the IBO website:
<http://www.ibo.org/>

If you have any further questions, please contact Vibeke Lauritsen, IB Coordinator at Kristiansand katedralskole Gimle. E-mail: Vibeke.lauritsen@kkg.vgs.no

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