

Appendix: Entry Requirements for the Diploma Programme at the International School Groningen.

Due to the changes to the MYP implemented from September 2014 it is necessary to review this policy document.

The information below is an outline of expectations on students in MYP 5 or TTO4 for entry for the Diploma Programme. This document contains guidance which should be read alongside a student's full school report, as well as teacher recommendations.

For students currently at the MaartensCollege or the International School Groningen, the most important judgment on suitability for entrance to the Diploma Programme is a teacher recommendation. On application to the programme in February, teachers of students' chosen subjects for DP will be asked to write a recommendation on whether they feel the student is a suitable candidate for their subject in the Diploma Programme.

If the student receives a positive recommendation then s/he will be accepted for that subject. If s/he receives positive recommendation for all her/his chosen subjects then s/he will be admitted to the programme without further question. However, it should be realised that this recommendation will certainly be based on current academic achievements and expectations, and these will be similar to the boundaries detailed below.

If a student receives a negative recommendation, then s/he will need to achieve a minimum of the following grade levels in her/his **Term 2 (February/March)** report. In addition, s/he will need to show how s/he has taken on board the advice for improvement given in the negative recommendation. This will be evaluated at the end of the school year.

Grade level requirements:

To be accepted for a Higher Level subject, a student must achieve an average of 5 of a maximum 7 in her/his MYP summative grade in her/his term 1 and term 2 report.

To be accepted for a Standard Level subject, a student must achieve an average of 4 of a maximum 7 in her/his MYP summative grade in her/his term 1 and term 2 report.

In addition:

1. A Personal Project overall grade should be at least a 4.
2. it is expected that all subject skill (Personal Engagement, Behaviour and Attitude) levels are at least 5 out of 6.
3. **A final total of at least 35 out of a maximum of 49 from 6 subjects* and the Personal Project is expected**

*(one Language and Literature, one Language Acquisition, one Individual and Societies, Mathematics, one Science, and one of: Visual Arts, Design or Physical and Health Ed.)
4. All students must also have completed all requirements in order to achieve the MYP certificate.
5. For certain subject choices additional requirements may occur. These are shown on page 2.

Subject Specific Requirements:

These criteria requirements are based on the final criteria level as shown on the second full report issued in March.

In order to take DP English Language and Literature or Dutch Literature at higher level, a student must have achieved:

- Criterion A: 6/8
- Criterion C: 5/8

In order to take DP English Language and Literature or Dutch Literature at standard level, a student must have achieved:

- Criterion A: 5/8
- Criterion C: 5/8

In order to take DP Biology, Chemistry or Physics at standard level, a student must have achieved:

- Criterion A: 5/8

In order to take DP Biology, Chemistry or Physics at higher level, a student must have achieved:

- Criterion A: 6/8

In order to take DP Maths Standard Level, a student must have achieved:

- Criterion A: 4/8 (in MYP Maths Extended/wiskunde B)
- Criterion A: 5/8 (in MYP Maths Standard/wiskunde A)

In order to take DP Maths Higher Level, a student must have achieved:

- Criterion A: 7/8 (in MYP Maths Extended/wiskunde B)

In order to take DP Economics or History at either standard or higher level, a student must have achieved:

- Criterion A: 5/8

In order to take DP Visual Arts Higher Level, students must have achieved:

- Criterion A and Criterion C: 6/8

In order to take DP Visual Arts Standard Level, students must have achieved:

- Criterion A and Criterion C: 5/8

Please note for students entering the DP from TTO4, VWO4 or HAVO5 Dutch Literature is a compulsory subject.