

Elverum and Gjøvik videregående skole IB Diploma Programme

## Admission Policy

### Criteria for admission to the IB Diploma programme

- The Diploma programme in Innlandet fylkeskommune considers applicants from the Norwegian National Curriculum (NNC), the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP), and from other educational programmes in Norway and abroad.
- Applicants must be Norwegian citizens or hold a residence permit. Applicants with a residential address in Innlandet fylkeskommune will have priority.
- Admissions are competitive and based on grade average.
- There are 30 available places in each cohort, and places are offered applicants with the highest grade averages.
- Applicants with an NNC grade average of lower than 4.0 or equivalent from an alternative educational system, normally will not be considered qualified for the programme.
- Applicants must not have grades lower than NNC 4 in the following subjects:
  - Norwegian (for students with Norwegian as a mother tongue)
  - English
  - Mathematics
  - Civics
  - Natural science
  - Geography
  - Exceptions only for students who studied KDA, Music or Media or a similar study programme in their first year of upper secondary
- In special circumstances, and where there are available places in the cohort applicants with a grade average below 4.0 may be considered for admissions. In these cases, a decision is made by the school after consultation with the applicant, his or her parents/legal guardians, the applicants' previous teachers, and careful consideration of the applicants' unique situation.
- National and regional rules for special admission status may in some cases also apply for applicants that are subject to Norwegian laws and regulations

### **Students applying from the NNC**

Applicants must have completed and passed a VG1 studieforberevende (freshman) year. Applicants may have completed this VG1 year in any of the NNC's college preparatory programs, such as studieforberevende (college preparatory); kunst, design og arkitektur (art, design and architecture); musikk (music); or media og kommunikasjon (media and communication).

### **Students applying from the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP)**

Applicants must have completed and passed their final MYP year. Applicants from the MYP have two options: They may apply directly to the Diploma Program or they may apply to a VG1 college preparatory program in the NNC and apply to the DP after having completed and passed that year.

When MYP students apply directly to the DP, the central admissions office (Inntakskontoret) converts their IB grades to NNC grades according to the following table:

IB MYP grade	NNC grade
7	6
6	6
5	5
4	4
3	3
2	2
1	1

### **Students applying from systems other than the NNC or MYP**

Applicants must have completed and passed an equivalent of the VG1 year in the NNC, or the final year of the MYP. Applicants first contact the IB DP Coordinator about the admission. Documentation of level of study, subjects studied, and results must be sent to the central admissions office in Innlandet county well in advance of the March 1st application deadline.

A student with international qualifications must have grades above average (the equivalent to grade 4 in NNC) from their specific education I programme.

The applicant's grades are converted to an NNC equivalent, in order to compare them with other applicants. This is done on a case by case basis by the admissions office, if necessary, in cooperation with Elverum vgs or Gjøvik vgs, depending on the system from which the student is applying. Where this is not possible, the admissions office has the final decision on how this application will be treated.

## **The advising process**

### **Lower secondary school**

The DPC, together with academic advisors, ensures that lower secondary school advisors in the school district are fully aware of the existence of the DP, its nature, and its admissions requirements, so they can communicate this information to potential DP applicants.

The advising process begins in the spring of the 9th grade year. During this time, all students in the school district are informed by academic advisors about all their options for upper secondary education, including the Diploma Program and are invited to visit the programme for one day.

NNC students interested in the DP will be encouraged to apply for "International VG1," (Gjøvik vgs) or «Pre-IB» (Elverum vgs) - a freshman NNC year in which we most subjects are taught in English.

The DPC, and in some cases with some of the schools own DP students, visit Lower secondary schools when there are official information meetings about upper secondary school programs, as far as the organizers of these meetings find room for this.

### **Upper Secondary School**

In the spring term the DPC will inform NNC students about the DP, how it is similar and different to the NNC curriculum, and its admission requirements.

All freshmen in regular college preparatory classes at Elverum vgs and Gjøvik vgs have, in the spring term, a meeting with an academic advisor to discuss and plan their course of study over the final two years of upper secondary school. To what extent they are interested in and qualified for admission to the DP will be a part of this interview.

In cases in which a student is interested in applying for the DP but their qualifications for admission are in doubt, the academic advisor will call the DPC in for a meeting with the student and his or her parents or guardians.

### **Communication of admissions criteria**

The admissions criteria are available to the community via the school's websites. Elverum vgs and Gjøvik vgs academic advisors are familiar with the admissions policy and communicate its information to interested students and parents. They are also communicated to interested students and parents at recruitment evenings.

### **Admissions to DP2 (Vg3)**

Students are not automatically transferred to DP2. For students to be transferred from DP1 to IB2 the following requirements must be met:

The students must have a total of 20 points from DP11 (grades as of June in DP1)

- A pass grade in all subjects (at least a grade 2)
- Completed portfolio for DP11 (including fulfilling the school's CAS, EE and TOK requirements)
- In line with national legislation, absence must not exceed 10% in any subjects including TOK

Students not fulfilling these requirements are advised to consider starting another programme, such as general studies, or where relevant repeating DP1 if individual circumstances indicate this is a viable option.

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