

Local regulation regarding admissions to the International Baccalaureate studies in Hordaland County

Legal basis: Adopted by Hordaland County Council 09.-10.12.2014 with legal basis in the regulations to the Act on Education (forskrift til opplæringslova) of 23.06.2006 nr. 724 § 6-2

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§ 1 Purpose and scope of application

(1) Admissions to upper secondary education is regulated in general by the Act relating to primary and secondary education, short the Act on Education (lov om grunnskolen og den vidaregåande opplæringa (opplæringslova)), of 17.07.1998 nr 61 § 3-1, the regulation to the Act on Education (forskrift til opplæringslova) 23.06.2006 nr. 724, chapter 6, and the local regulation on admissions to upper secondary education and training in Hordaland County adopted by Hordaland County Council 14.10.2014. The local regulation regarding admissions to the International Baccalaureate (IB) regulates the admissions to the public International Baccalaureate (IB) studies offered by Hordaland County. Hordaland County offers upper secondary level 1 (Vg1) Education Programme for Specialization in General Studies with preparatory IB (pre-IB) over one year and IB Diploma Programme, over two years.

§ 2 Language

(1) The regulation is available in Norwegian and English. In case of interpretation dispute, the Norwegian text takes priority.

§ 3 Requirements for admission to upper secondary level 1 (Vg1) Education Programme for Specialization in General Studies with preparatory IB (pre-IB)

(1) The requirements for admissions to upper secondary level 1 (Vg1) Education Programme for Specialization in General Studies with preparatory IB (pre-IB) is that the applicant has successfully completed the Norwegian compulsory education or equivalent education. We refer to the rules in the regulation to the Act on Education (forskrift til opplæringslova) § 6-13 regarding what counts as equivalent and how this is to be documented.

(2) In order to qualify for admissions to Vg1 pre-IB the applicant must have at least the grade 4 in Mathematics and English, in addition to at least an overall average grade of 4,5.

§ 4 Order of admissions to Vg1 pre-IB

(1) If there are more applicants than places, the places shall be allocated after a score calculated on the basis of regulation to the Act on Education (forskrift til opplæringslova) § 6-21. Grades from other systems of education with other scales of grades shall be calculated based on a linear conversion where the grades from the other system are weighed against the Norwegian grade scale.

§ 5 Admissions to the IB Diploma Programme

- (1) The requirements for admissions to the IB Diploma Programme is that the applicant has successfully completed upper secondary level 1 (Vg1) Education Programme for Specialization in General Studies with preparatory IB (pre-IB), Vg1 Education Programme for Specialization in General Studies, Middle Year Programme 5 or Grade 10 from IB or equivalent education.
- (2) In order to qualify for the IB Diploma Programme the applicant must have at least the grade 4 in mathematics and 5 in English, in addition to an overall average grade of at least 4,5.
- (3) Applicants may be required to undertake an entrance examination if it is unclear whether the applicant is qualified.

§ 6 Admissions to 3IB

- (1) The IB Diploma Programme is a course over two years with 2IB and 3IB. There are no ordinary admissions to 3IB, pupils who are admitted to 2IB, can continue to 3IB. Pupils from other IB Diploma Programmes “transfer-students” can apply for admissions to 3IB. The decisions regarding admissions is taken based on an individual assessment, where the grade average and subject combination are important factors.

§ 7 Closing date for applications

- (1) The closing date for applications is 1st of March. For applicants who are moving to Hordaland after the closing date, the rules in § 14 in the local regulation on admissions to upper secondary education and training in Hordaland County of 14.10.2014 apply.

§ 8 The application

- (1) Applications are to be submitted through VIGO. Applicants who cannot apply through VIGO are to use the specialised application form.