



St Dominic High School

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Admissions Policy



ADMISSIONS CRITERIA-(AC)

Applicants who meet Criteria 1 and AC1, AC2 and AC3 in the application process will be eligible for admission to the St Dominic High School IB Programme as a diploma candidate (subject to available space - 25 diploma candidates. Course candidates will be admitted based on availability of space - less than 25 candidates - in the selected subject offered in the following groups: 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Criteria 1

Form 5 CXC-CSEC:

- Students have predicted grades of at least 6 general I, II, and IIIs (NT2 Dutch A2, B1, B2 or equivalent Dutch examination). An average of General II is required AND
- A student has an overall average of 73 on the transcript for F4 and F5 AND
- A student has an overall average of 75 for English in Form 4 and Form 5

HAVO 5:

- Students have predicted grades of 7's and 8's AND
- Students pass the HAVO examination with an average of 7,3 AND
- Students have an 8 average for English in HAVO 4 and HAVO 5

VWO 4:

- Students are promoted to VWO 5 AND
- Students have a 7,3 average AND
- Students have an 8 average for English in VWO 4

Grade 10 in the American or Canadian system

- Students are promoted to grade 11 AND
- Students have a GPA of 3.5 or a B+ average AND
- Students have an overall average of 75 for English in Grade 9 and 10

Criteria 2

Only applies to students in CXC schools since the results of those examinations are not released until August.

Applicants who meet Criteria 2 and AC1, AC2 and AC3 in the application process will receive a pending receipt of examination results admissions advice (subject to available space)

- Students have predicted grades of at least 6 general I, II, and IIIs (NT2 Dutch A2, B1, B2 or equivalent Dutch examination). An average of General II is required AND
- A student has an overall average of 70-72 on the transcript for F4 and F5 AND
- A student has an overall average of 70-74 for English in Form 4 and Form 5

What is the application process?

1. Complete Application Form (must have predicted grades)
2. Complete and submit the online multiple intelligence and learning styles test

Students will be considered for the IB Diploma Programme based on academic performance, but also the personal qualities and beliefs which we believe are essential for success in the IB programme. Interested students will complete the IBDP application form, including a written statement entitled 'My Academic Journey'. Applicants will complete two online assessments:

1. Multiple Intelligence
2. Learning Styles

The multiple intelligence and learning style assessments will examine the following:

- AC1 – Motivation and learner profile traits
- AC2 – Personal Capabilities
- AC3 – Work ethic

Seeing that there is limited space, students will be ranked based on these criteria.

Applicants will receive notification of the Admissions Committee's decisions in the first week of June.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Admissions Process

What is the purpose of the online assessments and Academic Journey statement?

Using the following Admissions Criteria, the Admissions Committee presents the applications and content assessments to the team of IB teachers. The team will assess each student's decision to study the IB Diploma. The aim is to determine if the student is suitable to the learning environment and possesses the growth mindset to embody the learner profile attributes.

AC1 – This criterion will assess the candidate's passion, skills and fit with the IB Learner Profile. Referring to the applicant's Academic Journey statement and application, the admissions

committee will examine the student's interests, skills and ways of learning and working and motivation to study in the IB Programme.

AC2 – The Admissions Committee will examine the students' resumé of extracurricular activities and their:

- Abilities to meet challenges
- Leadership qualities and team work
- Determination, resilience, life balance
- Responsibility to society

AC3 – The Admissions Committee will refer to the student's academic ability and potential. The IB is a challenging programme and requires a student to be diligent, organized and possess independent learning skills. The Admissions Committee will refer to the student's transcript and letters of recommendation.

When will I know the decision of the Admissions Committee?

The first week in June via email

What if more than 25 diploma applicants are eligible for admissions?

In the case that the number of eligible students exceeds the available space, the committee will rank the students according to AC1 AC2 and AC3. A waiting list will be made. If all 25 students accept and register, wait-listed applicants have the option to select subjects that are not at capacity (25 students) and become Course candidates.

Are applications accepted after the April deadline?

Applications will only be accepted if there is space to admit students.

What is the maximum number of students?

25 diploma students. Course students can be placed in subjects that are not at the capacity of 25.

What if I am not accepted and would like clarity regarding the decision?

Any appeals concerning acceptance can be directed to the Admissions Committee. The Admissions Committee will review appeals if less than 25 students have been offered admissions and registered for the programme.

Appeals must be done within two (2) days of receiving notification and must be in writing and signed by the student. Upon receipt of the letter, the Diploma Coordinator will schedule a meeting with the student and his/her parents. This meeting will provide additional clarity enabling the applicant to further understand the committee's decision. The appealing student will be required to make a summary of the meeting. Two copies of the summary must be submitted to the Diploma Programme Coordinator no more than one (1) day after said meeting.

What if I am still not in agreement with the results from the school level appeal process?

The student may then choose to make a formal appeal to the School Board.

- **Formal Written Appeal to the School Board**

Should the student desire to bring his/her case forward for further review, this can be done, within (3) three working days after the submission of the signed summary of the school level appeal meeting. The letter is to be addressed to:

Appeal Committee of Foundation Catholic Education
Attention: Mr. M. Halley
A.J. C. Brouwers road # 6, (next to Yogesh Building)
St. Maarten

The letter must present a valid argument in support of the student desiring to attend the St. Dominic High School IB Diploma Programme. This letter should be accompanied by a copy of transcripts, letters of recommendation, the signed summary of the informal meeting and any other documentation in support of the appeal. The letter must also contain the contact information of the appealing student. (Phone numbers, email addresses)

Within a period of (5) five working days of receipt of the appeal, a final decision by the Appeal Committee will be made. A written response will be provided to the Parents/Guardians/Student with a copy confirmed to the school.

Appeals Admissions

Students admitted on appeal as a Diploma candidate are automatically put on academic probation for the first semester.