

AMERICAN CREATIVITY ACADEMY IB ADMISSIONS POLICY

Admissions Policy

Philosophy

At ACA, our mission is to ensure that all students are given the opportunity to achieve their full potential, both academically and personally. We believe that offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) program is a critical step towards fulfilling this mission, as it provides students with a challenging and rewarding educational experience that prepares them for success in university and beyond.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for admission to the IB program, students must have successfully completed their 10th-grade course of study at ACA and be in good behavioral standing. In addition, they must meet the following requirements:

- Complete the IB application process, which includes providing transcripts, teacher recommendations, and a personal statement
- Attend all orientation meetings to ensure candidates fully understand the requirements and expectations of the program
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.5 or higher for DP entry and display a true commitment to succeeding in the DP program.
- Students with less than the minimum GPA requirement may be admitted to the DP on probation after review and approval by IB Coordinator
- Course students: Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher in 9-10th grade in the requested subject area for Groups 1, 4 & 5
- Achieve a pass grade for the ACA entrance exam for IB HL Math if taking HL Math
- Complete the Academic Honesty seminar

Academic Probation and Removal

Once enrolled in the IB program, students must maintain academic excellence and good behavior. Any of the following situations may result in academic probation and possible removal from the program:

- GPA of less than 3.0
- Excessive absences affecting academic performance

Change of Subject and Withdrawal

After entry into an IB course, one may change or withdraw from a subject.

- Students may only change their subject type within the first two weeks of school
- Students may change from SL to HL at any point during the two-year program
- Students may change from HL to SL, but the timing and ability is subject to review

- Withdrawal from an IB course can only take place during the first two weeks of school.
- Withdrawal from the IBDP can take place during specific withdrawal times from entry until the end of the first semester of year 1.

LINKS TO OTHER POLICIES

Language and Inclusion

All students should have equal access to the curriculum, regardless of challenges they may face to due language or learning style. In keeping with our Language and Inclusion policy, teachers should ensure that all students receive appropriate instruction in referencing and citation and to make time for students in the event extra help is needed.

ADMISSIONS POLICY REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed yearly by a committee comprising the IB and Assistant IB Coordinators in addition to various members of the school community.