



Admissions policy

LULEÅ GYMNASIESKOLA

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

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Our mission statement

At Luleå upper secondary school, we aim to foster young people into citizens with shared democratic values. Everyone working within the school have a compensatory mission to give each individual student a fair and equal education.

Through an inclusive, collaborative and multicultural environment, students will grow into independent, critical thinkers. With scientifically proven practices and methods, our students will gain knowledge and skills to understand the world and take active parts in creating a bright future.

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Luleå Gymnasieskola is committed to academic honesty and is aligned with the International Baccalaureate Organization's (IBO) objective to "encourage students to become active, compassionate life-long learners"¹. Luleå Gymnasieskola is a public school with no tuition fees. The IB Diploma Programme is an international education programme that offers a rigorous, comprehensive and diverse curriculum. The programme aims to prepare students for university study, further education and their future careers, as well as to foster the values and life-skills that enable them to live meaningfully and responsibly, no matter their gender, culture, religion or other background. The goal for all students attending our school is to become prepared for future possibilities and challenges. All people within the school community – teachers, students, parents, and other school staff – are working towards this very purpose.

This admissions policy has been ratified by the local government and is available to the community on the school website.

Requirements

Students attending the IB Diploma Programme at Luleå Gymnasieskola are required to study languages, social sciences, natural sciences and mathematics over two years. Each student takes at least three (but not more than four) subjects at higher level (240 teaching hours), and the remaining at standard level (150 teaching hours).

The language of instruction is English. To apply for the school's Diploma Programme, non-native English speakers must show proof of their English language proficiency. They need to have a proficiency of CEFR B2 level.

Students attending the IB Diploma Programme at Luleå Gymnasieskola must:

¹ International Baccalaureate Organization, Programme Standards and Practices, 2020.

* exceptions can be made based on previous school systems. For more information please contact DP coordinator.

- Have a confirmed residence in the municipality (registered address, a legal guardian with a work visa or similar).
- Want to take the full IB Diploma, as Luleå Gymnasieskola will not offer individual courses from the DP.
- Have an academic performance acceptable for studies within the IB.
- Pass the entrance exams in English (for non-native speakers) and mathematics. The entrance test in mathematics is equivalent of knowledge from Swedish Standardized tests of year 9 mathematics.

Entrance into year 1 (preparatory year)

Year 1 of studies is a preparatory year. The classes you will take are chosen to prepare you for the two Diploma Years to follow.

To be considered for admissions, students must fulfil all the following requirements:

1. You have a minimum of 9 years completed studies from your previous schools (kindergarten is not included). *
2. You have a transcript (in English or Swedish) showing your grades from the last two years of school.
3. You are at least 15 years of age. *
4. You have passed the placement tests in English (non-native speakers) and Mathematics.

Entrance into Diploma programme year 1 (DP1) or year 2 (DP2):

DP1 requirements:

1. Grades from the preparatory year, or other equivalent year 10 education.
2. Excellent written and spoken English (CEFR B2 level)
3. Completion/pass of DP placement tests in Mathematics and English (non-native speakers).
4. Have an academic performance acceptable for studies within the IB. Level of mathematics should be equivalent to that of Swedish mathematics 1C.
5. Applicants should be at least 15 years old.
6. Placement interview with DP Coordinator and/or principal. An important part of the interview is to determine student's attitudes, abilities and resilience which are key attributes for success at the DP.

Students from the preparatory year will automatically be enrolled in DP1 and DP2.

DP2 Requirements:

Entry to DP2 is only possible for a candidate who has completed DP1 (i.e. a transfer candidate), and is also dependent on the following conditions being met:

1. Subjects and levels are compatible between the subjects studied in DP1 and the subjects offered at Luleå Gymnasieskola.
2. Internally assessed components have been completed in a compatible way. The IB Core components (Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, and Creativity, Activity, Service) are in alignment.
3. The previous school can transfer the internally assessed components.
4. Luleå Gymnasieskola has a place available on DP2.

Applicants with special needs

Legal guardians of an applicant with a special need (either physical or academic) must submit complete reports from their teacher and/or therapist.

How to apply

Applications are made in the spring before the autumn term. Application is open to all EU citizens and to non-EU citizens who have residence status in Sweden. The school only accepts electronic applications.

Swedish students:

Apply to the programme the same way as other upper secondary programmes using Luleå Municipality's site: <https://www.lulea.se/utbildning--forskola/gymnasieskola/soka-till-gymnasiet.html>

International students:

International students apply and will be considered according to the free quota stated in the Upper secondary education act, chapter 7, §3 as well as stated in the education act, chapter 29, 7§.

Applications are submitted to the Diploma Programme (DP) Coordinator using the form provided on the school website. In the form, students are required to give information about prior school experiences, residency in Luleå municipality and language background, among other things.

Placement tests

Students are required to pass placement tests in English and Mathematics.

Students taking the placement tests and their legal guardians will be invited to an informative meeting. The meeting will give ample time to ask questions about the programme as well as provide detailed information about the time and place for the written tests.

Examples of English tests can be found here:

[Practice English](#)

Practice mathematics:

[Practice mathematics](#)

[Mathematics practice year 9](#)

[Practice mathematics test](#)

[Mathematics tests different levels](#)

The decision-making process for applications

All admissions to Luleå Gymnasieskola IB DP are handled by the admissions administrative team (i.e. the DP Coordinator, the Head of School and the career counsellor). The admissions administrative team prepares each case which then are decided by a subcommittee (Antagningsutskottet) of the municipal Labour Market and Upper Secondary School Committee according to the free quota stated in the Upper secondary education act, chapter 7, §3 as well as stated in the education act, chapter 29, 7§.

Since the IB DP is an international education and the school aims to recruit students from families migrating to the region, applicants may have grades from various school systems, depending on their school background. Our policy is to assign students to the same grade level as their current or previous school, or the grade level that matches their age, and to tailor the instruction to their individual needs within this framework. We also review the student's academic records and ensure a smooth transition in their educational journey.

All grades will be reviewed and the school reserves the right to deny admissions to the programme if the school deems the student to not have sufficient grades to be able to take the full diploma, for example if the student has a history of too many failing grades in general (even if the student has passing grades in English and mathematics). Applications will be reviewed in February (for applications group 1) and in May (applications group 2).

All students applying to the programme will be called to a meeting, where they are able to ask any questions as well as be given preparations for placement tests.

Application tier list

Initially, Luleå Gymnasieskola will offer one class of 30 students for each cohort within the DP. To best serve those most in need of an international education in Luleå, Luleå Gymnasieskola uses a tier system in case there are more than 30 qualified applicants. Admissions are based on the following tier list rather than selection based on the highest grades.

Tier 1 - The student is a resident in Sweden for a confirmed limited time period or is a sibling of a current student who is in Sweden for a confirmed limited period.

Tier 2 - The student has attended school abroad for a major part of their education and therefore has a reason to continue their education at an international school in Sweden.

Tier 3 - The student is currently living in Sweden but is planning to leave Sweden for a longer period of time and continue with an international education.

Tier 4 - The student is Swedish and has sufficient language skills and grades from secondary school (grundskolan) to participate in the education.

To be eligible for tier 1, you must enclose a copy of the student's passport as well as a copy of your work visa.

Important dates

Date and time	What?	Requirements/other information
November 22 nd 17.30	Luleå Gymnasieskola Open house	Visit the facilities and learn more about the programme.
Swedish students: 15 February last day for first applications (group 1) and second applications on April 19 – April 25 th (group 2). International students: May 5 final day for applications for entry in August.	Application for pre-DP (1:an, year 10)	Grades from nine years of schooling Passing scores on placements tests
March 21 16.00-18.00	Information meeting regarding programme and placement test (group 1)	DP Coordinator will send out invitation
April 8 th 09.00-16.00	Placement test, Group 1 (pre-DP Swedish students first applications)	Participate in informative meeting before placement test.
May 15 th .	Applications DP1 (year 11) DP2 transfers (year 12)	Full grades, interviews
May 20 th 16.00-18.00	Information meeting regarding programme and placement test (group 2)	DP Coordinator will send out invitation
May 30 th 09.00-16.00	Placement test Group 2 (pre-DP, DP1)	Participate in informative meeting before placement test.
TBA	Placement tests for students not able to be in Luleå for the tests in May*	*Circumstances have been discussed and date set in agreement with DP Coordinator and principal.
May 2025	Interviews with transfer student for DP1 and DP2	Virtual or in-place