

# Admissions Policy

## Torsbergsgymnasiet 001105

Bollnäs 2020-12-01  
Next review Dec 2022

### General Background Information Torsbergsgymnasiet

Torsbergsgymnasiet is a state funded school for mainly Swedish national Upper Secondary Education, predominantly ages 16 – 18, leading to a Swedish school leaving examination/diploma (studentexamen). The school also offers the International Baccalaureate, as we believe that a diverse student body enriches and motivates students and provides both them and the surrounding community with a cultural diversity.

State funded Upper Secondary Schools are open to everyone who has completed their first nine years of comprehensive school education provided, they have grades. The IBDP follows this procedure for the majority of their students, however also strives to give newly arrived students from other countries a chance to become integrated into the School system even though they could not get this chance within the national programmes.

### Admissions Policy for the IB Diploma programme and its preparatory year

The preparatory year and IB Diploma Programme are open for all applicants who are EU citizens as well as non-EU citizens.

### Requirements for applicants

Grades from nine years of school (completed education from the Swedish comprehensive school or equivalent).

Foreign grades equivalent to Secondary education. Where said grades are incomplete due to adverse circumstances of these particular students we use admission tests in Mathematics as well as English. An interview with the student is conducted in these cases.

Torsbergsgymnasiet can only accept students with incomplete foreign grades if there are still places available after the applications of students with regular grades have been determined.

### How to apply to the first, preparatory year

Application submitted before 15 February (first preliminary intake) or 15 May (second preliminary intake) to *Antagningsenheten i Falun* (<https://www.gymnasi-guiden.se/gymnasium/torsbergsgymnasiet>). Please notice that applicants only have to apply once. Should the number of places be limited (28 in 2019), suitable students are ranked according to the criteria of the national system based on grades by the admission team in dialogue with the Heads of School. The students and their legal guardians are notified mid-June by the admissions team (Antagningsenheten i Falun) concerning the acceptance of the student.

If a student would like to apply after the autumn term has started, they do so by contacting the DPC Margareta Eriksson ([margareta.eriksson@hufb.se](mailto:margareta.eriksson@hufb.se)). Torsbergsgymnasiet has no entrance tests per se. However, if a student has foreign grades equivalent to Secondary education, which are incomplete due to adverse circumstances, admissions tests in Mathematics as well as English are set. The final decision takes into consideration the opinions of the IB teaching staff as well as the Head of School.

### Requirements for IBDP1 applicants

Grades from the completion of the preparatory year, or other equivalent grade 10 education if the student has not attended the preparatory year at Torsbergsgymnasiet. If the student hasn't attended the preparatory year at Torsbergsgymnasiet s/he must have passed admissions tests in English and Mathematics and an interview with the student to check if their English fluency is at an acceptable level for the studies at the IB programme. The interview also discusses the IB philosophy and the student's motivation for the rigorous academic level that is offered at the IBDP.

Application goes through the DPC, Margareta Eriksson, if the student hasn't attended the preparatory year at Torsbergsgymnasiet. The school's own students are graded and assessed by IB staff.

### Requirements for IBDP2 applicants

To see whether an IBDP2 transfer from one school to another is possible in order to make a transfer as smooth as possible, Torsbergsgymnasiet needs to investigate whether the courses of the original school and those of Torsbergsgymnasiet are compatible or not.

The transfer application to the Diploma Programme at Torsbergsgymnasiet will therefore be taken into consideration as soon as Torsbergsgymnasiet has received the information requested by the DPC from the original school. Careful consideration is applied to all aspects of the student's previous studies in order to be able to provide a smooth transition. This is of the essence, primarily for the student in question but also for the school so it can provide effective support for the student.

The DPC and IB staff collaborate regarding these matters, however the final decision lies with the Head of School.

Ninna Englesson O'Nils