

Gymnázium a SOS Rokycany (G+SOS) is a state grammar school with more than a century of tradition and provides students with general education in a four-year and an eight-year programme. IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) is implemented in one of the four-year programmes, comprises the last two years of study there and is based on a curriculum called *Inspiration and Knowledge in Context*. The aim of the educational process is to guarantee universal and complex development for each student including motivation for lifelong learning, creative education and promotion of logical thinking and problem-solving techniques. We are not aiming for a particular focus or field; our priority is a satisfied student supported by an individual approach. The following policies (Admissions Policy, Academic Integrity Policy, Assessment Policy, Inclusion/Learning Support requirements Policy, Language Policy) have been elaborated to provide framework for the educational processes at Gymnázium a SOS Rokycany and to present our school's attitude towards learning and teaching.

Admissions Policy

Students who want to be successful in achieving the full IB Diploma must demonstrate a strong commitment to learning both in terms of mastery of challenging subject content and also skills. The IB DP is widely recognized and respected by the world's leading universities. They appreciate the graduates of IB DP as they:

- are excellent in width and depth of knowledge,
- are mature individuals, complex in their intellectual, emotional, and ethical features,
- are able to communicate in at least two languages, Czech and English,
- are capable in exploring the nature of knowledge,
- are inquirers and thinkers, open to opinions of other people belonging to a different ethnic, cultural or historical group,
- accept challenges after considering their experience, their own potential, and an appropriate level of risk.

This document clearly states conditions for entry into IB DP. G+SOS applies a conditional entry as we need to ensure students are capable of being successful in a challenging and demanding study in IB DP. The conditional entry is a form of support for the applicants' academic success in the course.

We strongly point out, that there is no assurance that every applicant will be successful in this challenging study and will get a full Diploma. The learning approaches of all students will be monitored, and potentially unsuccessful students will be encouraged to pass standard graduation according to the Czech national curriculum instead.

General language requirements

The language of instruction and working language in IB DP is English. Logically, candidates whose first language is not English are required to prove they are able to participate in the courses in English. Foreign students are also invited to study at G+SOS and we also encourage them to be integrated within our school and the wider school community. As the Czech language is the dominant lingua and mother tongue for majority of students in our school, we require all IB students to speak and write basic Czech at the minimum standard of A2 (according to CEFR). For further information on language requirements, please refer to the school's Language Policy.

General academic requirements

In order to enrol at IBDP candidates must demonstrate their consistency with the IB Learner Profile. We expect applicants to be inquiring and open-minded, to be diligent and reliable, to be good communicators, and to have an open approach to learning new things. Candidates must be good at time-management and self-organization. Moreover, applicants must achieve the following criteria for admission:

Academic requirements for internal students in pre-DP classes

1. Students must achieve Level B2 in English; to prove reaching the required level students either supply an appropriate language certificate or pass the **English Language Entrance Test (ELET)** organized by the school.
2. Students must achieve at least a “2” grade in a particular subject in order to pursue the subject in the related DP subject group at higher level. In cases when students are unable to apply for 3 courses at higher level, they cannot fulfil the general requirements of IB DP and cannot get the full Diploma. As a result, they will be encouraged to move to a parallel non-IB DP class, or they will receive a status of a non-examination student.
3. In case of not meeting the academic requirements mentioned above, candidates can take **Individual Subject Admission Tests (ISAT)** administered by the school. Such candidates will be required to pass these examinations before admission can be confirmed.

Academic requirements for internal students outside pre-DP classes and students from other schools

1. Students must achieve Level B2 in English; a proof of reaching this level could be supplied as an appropriate language certificate.
2. Students must achieve a “1” grade in a particular subject in order to pursue the subject in the related DP subject group at higher level.
3. Student must achieve at least a “2” grade in a particular subject in order to pursue the subject in the related DP subject group at standard level.
4. Students must provide references from at least one teacher from their prior school.
5. Students are expected to demonstrate adherence to the mission, vision and core values of G+SOS in their behaviour and character during an interview.
6. In case of not meeting the academic requirements mentioned above, candidates can take **Individual Subject Admission Tests (ISAT)** administered by the school. Such candidates will be required to pass these examinations before admission can be confirmed.

Students with special educational needs

We welcome students with a variety of different abilities and special needs. Our well-qualified staff support students with various learning disabilities and have successfully accompanied such students. As our school is barrier-free, we also accept students who require wheelchair access.

Admission Process

The admission process is typically scheduled into 3 phases:

1. Processing of application forms

Internal students in the pre-DP class will submit a completed application form and a short letter of motivation in English. External students will provide school reports from the last two years of study and a recommendation letter from at least one teacher from their prior school.

Internal students outside pre-DP class and external students from other schools are required to pass the entrance exams.

2. Making the decision

Within one week's time, the school will contact the applicant's legal representatives with a final decision.

3. Making a contract

Accepted applicants must sign a contract, expressing awareness of the complexity of the program and a written confirmation of the commitment to meet academic deadlines.

Prospective students and their families should direct inquiries to the contact person (Jan Zítek, zitek@gasos-ro.cz). Applicants should then submit a completed application form with all required attachments.

Accepted applicants will subsequently receive confirmation of their acceptance as well as the educational contract including all IB Policies. After thorough consideration these documents must be signed and delivered to the school.

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