

Admissions Policy

Ambassador International Academy



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Ambassador International Academy (AIA) - Mission Statement

Inspire our children to be passionate global lifelong learners through an enriched holistic international curriculum that encourages them to inquire and innovate while proactively contributing in meaningful ways to the world.

Vision

Ambassador International Academy is dedicated to creating responsible universal citizens who would be bright leaders of the 21st century by laying a superior foundation through quality education.

Our Values

Accountable for children's learning , overall wellbeing and holistic development.

Maintain quality standards across the entire organization

Broaden the horizons of our children's experience and knowledge

Attend to the child's individual learner potential

Safe and collaborative learning community

Sensitive to the needs of students of determination Adopt modern instructional strategies

Documentation to make learning visible

Outstanding teaching and commitment to research

Relevant real world education aligned to the child's life experience

IB Mission statement

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end, the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

Aim

Starting school is a big step for every child and parent. All children are different and will settle in their own way and time. At Ambassador International Academy, we discuss how to do this in partnership with parents.

Ambassador International Academy has an open admission policy for students who choose to enroll.

Purpose

This policy sets out the School's aims for admission to students. It also describes the principles and processes which are used to select and admit new students to different age groups.

The School's admissions process supports the goals and aims of the school as laid out in its Mission and Vision.

To offer admission to all prospects who qualify the school's admission criteria for the respective grade. Before a child starts school there are opportunities to visit and discuss any individual needs with our staff.

Criteria for admission

- Our admission policy requires Pre-KG applicants to turn 3 years of age by 31 August in the year of enrolment, as per KHDA regulations.
- Students entering Grades KG2 and below who have not completed any prior formal education and therefore do not have a transfer certificate will be admitted into the appropriate grade according to their date of birth and the school Age Chart.
- Students applying for Grades 1 and above and those who have previously completed formal education will be admitted to the appropriate grade according to their transfer certificate. Families transferring to AIA from other curriculums or schools which do not follow a September-July academic year should speak to the Admissions Team prior to application to determine the appropriate grade of entry for your child.
- We offer places where spaces are available, regardless of nationality, culture, gender or religion. All applications are dealt with on a first come first served basis.

- Where a grade is at capacity, a child may be placed on the waiting list. Siblings of current students are given priority if the grade applied for is at capacity.

Additional learning requirements:

Student of Determination – A Student of Determination is defined as a student with a long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairment; which, interaction with various barriers, hinders their full and effective participation in education on an equal basis with other peers of the same age. (Implementing Inclusive Education: A guide for schools, 2019).

A student will be regarded as an SoD if they have a learning difficulty or disability that calls for special educational provisions to be made for them. A student has a learning difficulty or disability if they have:

- A significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- A disability that prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools

Special educational provision is an educational or training provision that is additional to, or different from, that made generally for other children or young people of the same age by mainstream schools.

Ambassador International Academy is an inclusive school that aims to support gifted and talented students, English Language Learners, and those with special educational needs.

The Inclusion Department has the duty of recognizing children with Special Education Needs as fully participating members of a community of learners. We offer additional learning support where we can help the child to progress. All students are provided equitable access to learning, opportunities for achievement, and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of their Educational Program.

The school being fully inclusive follows an open policy; students are not refused admission based on their experience of special education or disability. All efforts are made to accommodate different learning needs as per federal law and the guidance and procedures given by KHDA are strictly followed. For students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, the following measures are useful in assessing the level of individuals to ensure that appropriate provisions are

available for each student.

- Parents/Carers are expected to disclose any SEND which has been identified previously.
- The application should be accompanied by previous IEPs (If any)/Medical/Psychological assessments (If any).
- Foundation stage students are assessed in the group environment in order to take into account their school readiness and social skills. Students should be toilet trained before joining the school.
- Failure to disclose any previously identified needs will result in the cancellation of admissions.
- Students requiring significant support to access the school will be referred to external centers having MOU with the school. Once assessed and confirmed by the center the child can be considered for admission.
- Parents are usually asked to view the services and arrangements the school offers before a mutual decision regarding a student's admission is taken and finalized.
- Parents are required to support and comply with the specific recommendations made by the school
- Eligibility for admission to the Special Educational Needs Category requires a certificate from Clinical Psychologist stating that the child is ready for integration into mainstream education and the diagnosis should be supported by medication prescriptions (if any).
- Any new applicant identified as a SOD will be referred to the Inclusion Team, who will in consultation with the Principal/Vice Principal study the reports, observe and assess the child to provide appropriate provisions.

English language

Ambassador International Academy delivers the curriculum to children in English. The school offers English Language support to children whose first language is not English and who need support to access the curriculum.

Admissions Process:

Step 1

- Parent completes Ambassador International Academy Application Form. Admissions team invites applicant's family for a school tour.
- Parent submits child's school reports from the previous 2 years (where applicable).
- If the applicant has not attended school before (such as in a Pre-KG application) an interaction with a member of the Early Years Team will be scheduled.
- If a special educational need or disability (SEND) is declared additional reports will be requested and a meeting scheduled with the Head of Inclusion (refer to notes above regarding Additional Learning Requirements).

Step 2

- Parents visit the school with the child and related documents on the scheduled date. During their visit's families will have the opportunity to meet with school staff, view the facilities, learn about the curriculum and ask any questions they have.
- Where required, students will complete an interaction with a member of the academic team. Students in Grades 3 and above may be asked to complete a CAT4 test.

Step 3

- Application form and supporting documents (school reports, CAT4 results and notes from teacher interaction) are collated and submitted to the Academic Team for review.
- Provided that the application is complete, a place is available and the child meets the school admissions criteria an Offer of Place will be made and sent to parents via email.
- If no places are available successful applicants will be placed on a waitlist until a place becomes available.
- An Offer of Place must be accepted or declined within five working days. After this point AIA reserves the right to offer the place to the next student on the waitlist. Families holding an expired offer for the same academic year may still be able to accept the offer if a place is still available which can be confirmed by contacting the Admissions Office.

Step 4

- To accept an Offer of Place and complete enrollment all requested documents should be submitted to the Admissions Office. These include, but are not limited to:
 - ✓ Acceptance of Place
 - ✓ Indemnity Form & Consent form
 - ✓ Parent terms and condition
 - ✓ Letter of Undertaking
 - ✓ Health form & DHA medical form
 - ✓ Father/guardian passport, visa, Emirates ID card copy, ID photo
 - ✓ Mother/guardian passport, visa, Emirates ID card copy, ID photo
 - ✓ Student passport, visa, Emirates ID card copy, ID photo, birth certificate
 - ✓ Student Medical Form and immunization records
 - ✓ KHDA Student Leaving Certificate (for transfers within Dubai) or attested Transfer Certificate (for transfers from outside Dubai)

Tuition fees are to be paid according to the invoice sent with the Offer of Place. The new student will then be registered in the KHDA School portal using the valid Emirates ID card of the child and one parent. The KHDA parent school contract will then be issued for parent signature.

Medical records for all students

The school requires current and accurate information about your child's medical requirements. You must update the school, should any circumstances change. Children can only begin their educational journey with Ambassador International Academy once the completed medical form has been received by the Admissions office.

KHDA Registration

All students attending school in Dubai are required to be registered on the KHDA system within one month from their enrolment date. Registration requires the child and at least one parent to

have their Emirates ID cards. Parents should inform the Admissions Office on application if they or their child do not yet hold valid Emirates ID cards.

Re-registration

Children are eligible for re-registration for the next academic year unless there are significant behavioural issues or any outstanding fees. Re-registration will begin each March. Re-registration fees will be 5% of the tuition fees for the forthcoming academic year, to be paid by the end of May, or in accordance with any KHDA directives.

New Applications for the Forthcoming Academic Year

An application may be made at any point. Staff in the Admissions Office will advise on the procedure as it pertains to each grade.

Behaviour

Good student behaviour is fundamental in enabling the best learning experience possible. We expect that all students attending the school should have a positive attitude to learning and respect for the school community. We aim to provide a safe, secure and supportive environment where students can learn to the best of their ability and teachers can deliver quality teaching. Offers of a place and re-registration are subject to this.

Withdrawal process

- ✓ Parents wishing to withdraw their child(ren) from study at Ambassador International Academy should notify the school in writing by submitting a Withdrawal Form.
- ✓ Withdrawing parents will be invited for an exit interview with the Principal
- ✓ Eligibility for refunds will be determined according to the KHDA Tuition Fee Refund Policy.

Further Information: For further information about Ambassador International Academy, visit our website www.aiadubai.com.

If you wish to contact the Admissions Office directly, email: admissions@aiadubai.com

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