



Sandefjord
VIDEREGÅENDE SKOLE

Admission Policy and application procedure

IB DEPARTMENT



Sandefjord videregående skole seeks students who will benefit from the academic challenges of the IB Diploma Programme. It is a broad and balanced two-year programme of international education for students aged 16 to 19. Sandefjord videregående skole is a state school that is primarily an offer for students living in the county of Vestfold. According to Norwegian law, all students between the ages of 16 to 24 have the right of admission to an upper secondary programme. We welcome students from all socio-economic, ethnic, linguistic and national backgrounds who fulfil the entrance requirements.

The IBDP programme is designed to equip students with the basic academic skills needed for university study, further education and their chosen profession, as well as developing the values and life-skills needed to live a fulfilled and purposeful life.

The school organizes an IBDP introduction class called Pre-IB. This preparation year is the first year of Upper Secondary School and provides students with opportunities of an “IB-wise” learning experience.

Qualifications required for the IB Diploma Programme and the Pre-IB class

Qualifications required for the pre-IB class:

- IB Middle Year 4 or
- Year 10 in Norwegian school or
- Equivalent qualification to any of the above

Qualifications required for the Diploma Programme Year 1

- 1) First year of Norwegian Upper Secondary School general studies or
IB Middle Year Program 5 or
IGCSE or
Equivalent qualification to any of the above, including a minimum of 10 years of
schooling within general studies
- 2) A satisfactory level of English (English as teaching language or the first foreign language
in previous schooling taken)
- 3) A satisfactory level of Mathematics to enable the student to follow one of the IB Diploma
mathematics courses

Admission conditions and application process

Sandefjord Videregående Skole is a school owned by the County of Vestfold and therefore it offers the IB Diploma programme and the pre-IB exclusively free of charge to students registered in the County of Vestfold.

The availability of places is governed by the local authorities and regulated by the number of applicants for each cohort. In the case of a shortage of study places, qualified applicants will be prioritized based on previous academic records.

Applicants to VG1 – pre-IB

- Students attending school in the County should apply for pre-IB through vigo.no filling in an electronic application by March 1st.
- Students from outside the County should apply for pre-IB by March 1st by contacting the County's admission office (inntakskontoret). The County assesses the applicant's prior learning and makes an individual decision stating whether the applicant fulfils the requirements in accordance with the requirements of section c in § 4-33, cf. the Education Act § 4A-1.

Applicants to the IB Diploma (VG2)

- Students attending school in the County should apply for DP through vigo.no filling in an electronic application by March 1st.
- Students from outside the County should apply for DP by March 1st directly to the school using the application form available on Sandefjord vgs' website. The school assesses the application and makes the decision on whether the applicant is qualified for DP. The County has the right to accept or refuse any applicant based on the school's assessment of the applicant's suitability.

Information about admission

Applicants attending school in the County are informed by SMS in July about the outcome of their application.

Students from outside the County are informed by letter during the month of June. The offer of placement is considered as a final decision that does not need any confirmation. However, not meeting on the first day of school will be considered a refusal of the place.

This policy has been developed collaboratively by the IB community at Sandefjord vgs and the County's Admission office. It is reviewed every year in January. Date of last update- January 23rd, 2025.

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