

Admission policy for the IB Diploma programme at Nesbru videregående skole

Nesbru videregående skole offers the IB Diploma programme to students of all backgrounds who fulfil the access requirements and who would benefit from this challenging programme.

Formal requirements

According to the Norwegian Education Act, all students with a valid resident permit in Norway have the right to an upper secondary education in their county of residence.

The following formal requirements apply for applicants seeking admission to the IB Diploma programme at Nesbru videregående skole:

1. The student must have a valid resident permit in Norway
2. The student must have a registered address in Viken County either at the time of the application deadline, 1 March of the year of the application, or provide such an address before 1 June if the student is unable to give an address at the time of the application. Students returning to Norway after previous schooling abroad must be moving to Viken County with at least one of their parents/legal guardians.
3. Students from a county other than Viken County may apply for admission to the Diploma programme if their home county issues a *Gjestelevsgaranti* (guest student guarantee) for the student. This guarantee must be sent to *Inntakskontoret ved Avdeling for videregående opplæring* (the Admissions Office) in Viken County in order for the application to be considered.

Entrance requirements

In the Norwegian school system the IB Diploma programme constitutes year 12 and 13 (Vg2 and Vg3) whereas in other school systems the programme often constitutes the years 11 and 12. The entrance requirements to the IB Diploma programme at Nesbru videregående skole accommodate this fact and generally accept applicants from these school systems when the students' academic results are of a sufficient quality to enable them to benefit from and successfully complete the programme.

One of the following qualifications is required for applicants seeking admission to the IB Diploma programme at Nesbru videregående skole:

1. **Vg1 (Year 11) Studieforbereðende utdanningsprogram** with grade average of 4,5 or higher, in either
 - i. *Studiespesialiserende utdanningsprogram* (Education Programme for Specialization in General Studies)
 - ii. *Studiespesialiserende utdanningsprogram med formgivningsfag* (Program for Art, Craft and Design studies)
 - iii. *Studieforbereðende utdanningsprogram med idrettsfag* (Programme for Sports and Physical Education)
 - iv. *Studieforbereðende utdanningsprogram med musikk, dans og drama* (Programme for Music, Dance and Drama)
2. **IB Middle Year Programme:** Documentation of completed MYP5 is required. Applicants from schools offering a four-year MYP programme will be evaluated individually but are normally advised to start in Vg1 before applying for the Diploma programme *
3. **IGSCE***
4. **Equivalent qualifications** to any of the above, including a minimum of 10 years of schooling within general studies in a comparable school system. *

Regardless of the student's previous school system, students should document a satisfactory level of English (either having had English as their language of instruction or having studied English as their primary second language), natural science and mathematics.

**Students who have not completed Vg1 in the Norwegian system will be required to sign a form upon acceptance to the diploma programme stating that they understand that foregoing the Vg1 year in the Norwegian system will disqualify them from attaining a Norwegian high school diploma should they fail to complete the IB Diploma Programme without private completion of the required courses.*

Application process

Applicants should apply directly to the school using the application form available at the school home website, www.nesbru.vgs.no or on the student-maintained website, www.ibnesbru.com. In addition, all applicants with registered addresses in Norway at the time of application should apply through the application portal, www.vigo.no where they have to indicate that the IB Diploma programme at Nesbru videregående skole is their first choice. For applicants living abroad or without a registered address in Norway at the time of application, applicants must submit the school form and contact the Viken county admissions office for additional paperwork. The application deadline is **1 March** of the year of application.

Applicants without a registered address in Viken County at the time of application are required to include an explanation for the reason to the school and the county for this and estimate a date when this information can be provided to the school.

In addition to the completed application form, applicants are required to include a copy of a transcript of results for the most recent term and the previous year. For applicants in the Norwegian school system, this normally means the term report for the fall term in Vg1 and the report card from completed *Grunnskole* (lower secondary school). Applicants also write a short self-statement indicating their motivation for applying for the Diploma programme and their interests and include one or two teacher references. The school reserves the right to invite applicants to an admission interview.

As part of the admission process, the school takes the applicants' previous academic results, their motivation and background, typically previous international schooling, into account. Among these, the student's academic achievements will have the highest impact.

When there are more applicants than study places, applicants will be given priority according to the list below. Within each category applicants are arranged according to their grade average.

1. Applicants registered in Viken County with good academic results from previous schooling. All things being equal, priority will be given to applicants who have had English as their language of instruction for an extended period throughout their previous schooling and who cannot readily benefit from entering the Norwegian school system.
2. Applicants registered in Viken County with a higher proficiency in English than in Norwegian and who cannot readily benefit from entering the Norwegian school system.
3. Applicants registered in a county other than Viken County with good academic results from previous schooling provided that their home county issues a *Gjesteelevsgaranti* (guest student guarantee) for the applicant.
4. Applicants registered in a county other than Viken County with a higher proficiency in English than in Norwegian and who cannot readily benefit from entering the Norwegian school system.