

# ADMISSIONS POLICY

New Oriental Academy is proud to welcome students from different nationalities and different economic and cultural backgrounds. NOA offers an open and inclusive admissions policy. Our admissions team believes in the power of communication and transparency. Helping students and their parents make a decision about schooling is an important, life-changing decision. For these reasons, the school is dedicated to thorough, transparent communication with current and potential students and their families. NOA does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, or religious belief.



#### Procedure

The standard procedure for admission into NOA is outlined in a series of 4 steps:

#### 1. Application time

New Oriental Academy admits students on a rolling admission; there are no deadlines for general admission into the school. For students entering NOA with the intention of joining the IB Diploma Programme, please refer to the "Regarding IBDP Applicants (g10, 11 & 12)" section.

# 2. Forms

Admissions forms and information are available online at the official school website. These forms are also available in-person within the admissions office of the school. After this initial admission request form has been submitted, the admissions team will respond within two weeks' time. Because admission to the school is built on a rolling schedule, the admissions team will maintain contact with applicants to inform them of the day and time of their entry testing at the school.

### 3. Entrance test

Each grade level within NOA will arrange a different form of entrance test. No special preparation is required before the test on the part of the applicant. After the test is over, the school will evaluate the test and any other information pertaining to the application, and the Admissions Department will inform applicants of the admission result within 5 working days.

#### 4. Payment of tuition fees and submission of related materials

Payments shall be made according to the signed payment agreement to ensure the student's admission qualification. According to the requirements of the School Admissions Department, the relevant admission materials will be sent by mail or courier to ensure that the student's information is complete and accurate before the start of school.

### Admission into High School Classes

New Oriental Academy wants to offer its students many routes to success in high school. When approved, the school will offer DP courses. With the exception of the IB Diploma Programme, students are free to select the preparation programs and classes that may advance their university readiness. At NOA, this creates two main pathways towards graduation:

IB Diploma Programme Candidate Pathway
NOA High School Diploma Pathway

The IB Diploma Programme Pathway is for students who want to challenge themselves with the full IBDP curriculum, including CAS, TOK, and the EE. As such, these students are not allowed to partake in AP, or TOEFL/IELTS prep classes at NOA; their schedule is defined by the DP framework.

The NOA High School Diploma is for the student that chooses to specialize on perhaps one, single focus in their study. These students may have access to AP classes and TOEFL/IELTS preparation. With the exception of CAS, they are not responsible for the IB core.

To build character and community, ALL students at NOA must participate in CAS activities and reflections, regardless of whether or not they pursue the full IB Diploma.

Students entering the Diploma Programme must adhere to all IB rules and regulations. The Diploma Programme Coordinator will advise 10<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents each year about the upcoming opportunities and procedures for joining the full IBDP. Students who feel they cannot manage the full Diploma Programme may instead choose to take a combination of DP classes and other course offerings at NOA; these students understand they are not eligible for the full diploma offerings. Class selection and priority in IB classes will be given to full IBDP students first.

# Preparation for the Diploma Programme

New Oriental Academy recognizes the rigor of the Diploma Programme and strives to prepare its students for success. The MYP Programme has been initiated within the middle school, building a framework of skills, attitudes, and principles that will better serve students who consider the full diploma. While the MYP is not a required precursor to the DP, NOA values the holistic, international mindedness the MYP brings to the classroom and school culture.

An "IB Fair" is to be scheduled to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of every October (or the closest working school day) in which the DPC will orchestrate an afternoon of learning and conversation among students and faculty regarding the Diploma Programme. This activity is intended for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who will fill out an initial course selection form. Later, these course selection forms will inform the school about DP offerings and class size. After one-on-one counseling, second course selection forms are offered and collected in early June of 10<sup>th</sup> grade. The final course selection forms (meant for possible "small changes" as defined by the DPC and head of school) are given at the beginning of September of DP1. the These are to be collected at the end of September to confirm all courses or to make minor adjustments to DP class scheduling at the discretion of the DPC and HoS.

While the rigor of the IBDP is high, it is still the belief of the school that all students can <u>attempt</u> the full DP, but occasional guidance and teacher perspective may help them realize the effort that will be required of them.

Throughout all levels of instruction, the DPC has the primary responsibility to be available to all stakeholders to advise on student admission and course options within the IBDP.

# Regarding Full IBDP Applicants (grades 10, 11 & 12)

Because of the structure, rigor, and ethos of the IB Diploma Programme, New Oriental Academy is committed to maintaining the integrity of the programme. Applicants interested in the DP at NOA should consider the important regulations below.

- For students who will be entering NOA in pursuit of the full IB Diploma Programme beyond the start date of the first year of the programme, acceptance will be determined at the discretion of the Diploma Programme Coordinator.
- A student without prior IBDP experience may not enter the full IB Diploma programme after the first month of DP1 classes has begun without permission from the head of school.
- Students transferring from other IB schools into the NOA Diploma Programme will provide official documentation from their prior school in regard to each subject and core requirement.
- For those students transferring into the NOA Diploma Programme who wish to continue their chosen DP classes which are not offered at NOA, the school will provide class access through official online IB classes at the discretion of the DP Coordinator.
- Students whose mother-tongue is English and who cannot join Chinese A shall be provided with online access to Language B: Mandarin. Please consult the language policy for more information on this topic.

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