

Willows Preparatory School



IB MYP/Diploma Programme Admission Policy

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International Baccalaureate MYP World School
Diploma Programme Candidate School**

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WPS Mission and Purpose Statement

Willows Preparatory School, in cooperation with families and the greater community, aims to foster an international perspective, innovation, and integrity in all students. Our dynamic, inquiry-based learning environment inspires and empowers our diverse student body in order for all learners to become compassionate, global citizens.

Introduction to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme:

The IB Diploma Programme will offer students many opportunities for personal development, academic study and research, the development of leadership and collaborative skills and a chance to contribute to the wider community which is managed through the CAS framework (Creativity, Activity, Service). Due to IBDP's rigor, all students will be expected to work diligently if they are to be successful at IB. To fulfil their potential, they will have to develop and focus their commitment, energy and ambition. IB Diploma Programme study is designed to allow students to pursue subjects in which they have a particular interest to much greater depth and breadth. As such, students will be encouraged to opt for subjects they enjoy with a passion and to which they are willing and able to dedicate their final two years of study.

Enrollment Procedures for Students attending Bellevue Children's Academy:

Most students attending Willows Preparatory School are graduates of our IB Primary Years Programme at Bellevue Children's Academy, our elementary school. After these students complete Grade 5, they re-enroll to Willows Prep's Middle Years Programme. The students who successfully complete our MYP in Grade 10 will receive admission to our first Diploma Programme (fall, 2021).

Enrollment Procedures for External Applicants (Grades 6-10):

Our admissions portal is accessible through [Ravenna](#). All families are encouraged to attend one of our many Open House presentations in the fall/winter. All students entering Grades 6-10

must use this online application portal for admittance. Our online application requests the items below.

Application Requirements:

- Parent Application
- Parent Guardian Statement
- 2 teacher recommendations
- Transcripts
- Test results (ITBS, ISEE, or any other standardized test result)
- Scheduled Shadow Day and Student Interview

Additional Requirements for Students Entering Grades 9 and 10:

- Parent Interview/Attendance of an Open House Presentation outlining the MYP/DP frameworks.
- Additional Student Interview with teachers and Head of School (upon request)
- A writing sample and/or math assessment occurring below/after a second interview (upon request)

Interview

An on-site interview for both students and parents is organized by the Admissions team. At the time of the interview, the students' oral English proficiency is assessed, and a needs assessment is completed to ensure accessibility to the Middle Years/Diploma Programme.

It is also important that students and their families make a commitment to the philosophy and practices of Willows Preparatory School and the IB, specifically, the integral role of the IB Learner Profile, and the importance of the DP Core (especially Creativity, Activity, Service [CAS]) as a pillar of the learning process, not an addendum. This is reviewed during the parent interview/informational session.

Enrolment into the IB Diploma Programme (Grade 11 and Grade 12)

A certain level of academic achievement will be expected from prospective students at the point of application to the Diploma Programme, thus students who did not attend any part of our MYP Year 5 are not eligible for enrollment. Willows Preparatory is, however, open to receiving external applications from prospective students who come from another International Baccalaureate IB Programme or have academic qualifications that are in high-regard. Willows Preparatory School views the IB Diploma Programme as a vehicle for change and students who may not initially have the requisite qualifications may not be eligible for enrollment.

In addition to the above and when considering a student's suitability for entry to the Middle Years Programme and/or the Diploma Programme, criteria will include the student's track record in terms of:

- Work ethic
- Attitude
- Conduct
- Academic integrity
- Contribution to school life

All application materials are reviewed by the Admission team, led by the Head of School. Final decisions on acceptance occur after all steps in the application procedure conclude.

All applications will be assessed in line with provisions specified in the *Inclusion/Special Educational Needs Policy*.