



Entrance Examination Guidelines

Pre-IB and IB Course

Academic Year 2019

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Pre-IB Entrance Examinations

This examination is for students who will be entering the first year of senior high school (or 10th grade), and who have already enrolled at NIHS.

1. Admissions Openings

20-25

2. Entrance Examination Procedure

Date: End of March

Venue: NIHS

Subjects: English Essay (60 min), Math (45 min), Interview

Announcement of Results: Emailed to the applicant within one week.

3. Method of Selection

- English Essay: Student must write a response to a stimuli question (600-800 words)
- Math Exam
- Interview: Interviews may last 5-10 minutes. Applicants will be interviewed by the IB Coordinator and other IB teachers.

4. Additional Documentation

Applicants should also bring to the IB Coordinator, on the day of the IB Course entrance examination, the following documents (see appendices):

- a) Personal Information Form
- b) Reason for Selecting the IB Course
- c) Written Promise of Entry

5. Examination Timetable

8:45-9:00 Guidance

9:00-9:45 Math Exam

9:45-10:45 English Essay

11:00- Interview

6. Weight

Essay Exam	- 100 points
Math Exam	- 100 points
Interview	- 100 points
Academic Records, English Proficiency Exam	- For Reference

Pre-IB Transfer Examinations

Path 1: September Transfer

For those who will be transferring in the beginning of the 2nd Term of the First Year of High School.

Path 2: January Transfer

For those who will be transferring in the beginning of the 3rd Term of the First Year of High School.

Exam Procedure

- Same as listed above: Essay, Math, and Interview.
- Additional documents are the same as listed above, besides NIHS own transfer requirement documents.
- The date of the transfer examination, interview, and review of academic records will be determined by the IB Coordinator on a case-by-case basis.

IBDP Entrance Exam

1. Admissions Openings

10-20 students

2. Entrance Examination Procedure

Date: End of January

Venue: NIHS

Subjects: English Essay (60 min), Math (45 min)

Announcement of Results: Email/notice to the applicant within one week.

3. Method of Selection

- English Essay
- Math Exam
- GPA: 1st year of High School
- TOEIC score

4. Examination Timetable

8:45-9:00 Guidance

9:00-9:45 Math Exam

9:45-10:45 English Essay

5. Weight

Essay Exam	- 100 points
Math Exam	- 100 points
GPA	- 100 points
TOEIC/Proficiency Exam	- 100 points

IBDP Transfer Examinations

- For those who will be transferring into the 2nd year of Senior High School, directly into the IBDP Program, the examination procedure is the same as above.
- There are very few openings.
- Given that IBDP students need to fulfill a certain amount of hours for each of the group subjects, it is extremely difficult, to accept transfer students in the middle of the IB Program (after April).
- The date of the transfer examination, interview, and review of academic records will be determined by the IB Coordinator on a case-by-case basis.

FAQ

Pre-IB Exams

1. What are the contents of the English Essay Exam?

A: The English Essay will contain a question/prompt that students will have to either agree or disagree with. Students will then need to argue logically for the position they have chosen, as well as use evidence or examples to support their arguments. Students will be graded based not only their grammar, but also logical argument, structure of the essay and flow of the text.

2. Can I use a Japanese-English dictionary?

A: No, dictionaries are not allowed.

3. What are the contents of the Math Exam?

A: The Math Exam will cover fractions, exponent rules, factorizations, arithmetic series, Pythagorean theorem, problem-solving, linear equations, graphs, radicals, percentages, and material normally covered in the Junior High School 3rd year.

4. What is the expected level of English proficiency?

A: Eiken-2 and above would be ideal to keep up with the classes. Eiken Pre-2 would be more difficult for students to keep up with the classes.

IB Exams

1. How different are the IB Admission Exams from Pre-IB Admission Exams?

A: IB Admission Exams are more difficult and they cover material taught in Pre-IB classes.

2. What is the expected level of English proficiency?

A: Since all of our students take the TOEIC Exam, the expected level is 600 or above. Below 600, it would be more difficult for the student to keep up with the IB classes. But the TOEIC Exam is not the only factor used, grades are also part of the selection process.

Appendix A: Personal Information Form

Name:	Gender (M/F):
Email:	DOB (YYY-MM-DD):
Passport Country:	Month of Entrance (April/Sep/ Jan):
Name of Guardian/Parent:	Guardian telephone number:
Guardian email:	Guardian's place of employment:

Experience of Living Abroad (MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY)	
English Proficiency Exam Score (TOEIC, EIKEN, IELTS, TOEFL)	
Special Ability, Talent, etc.	

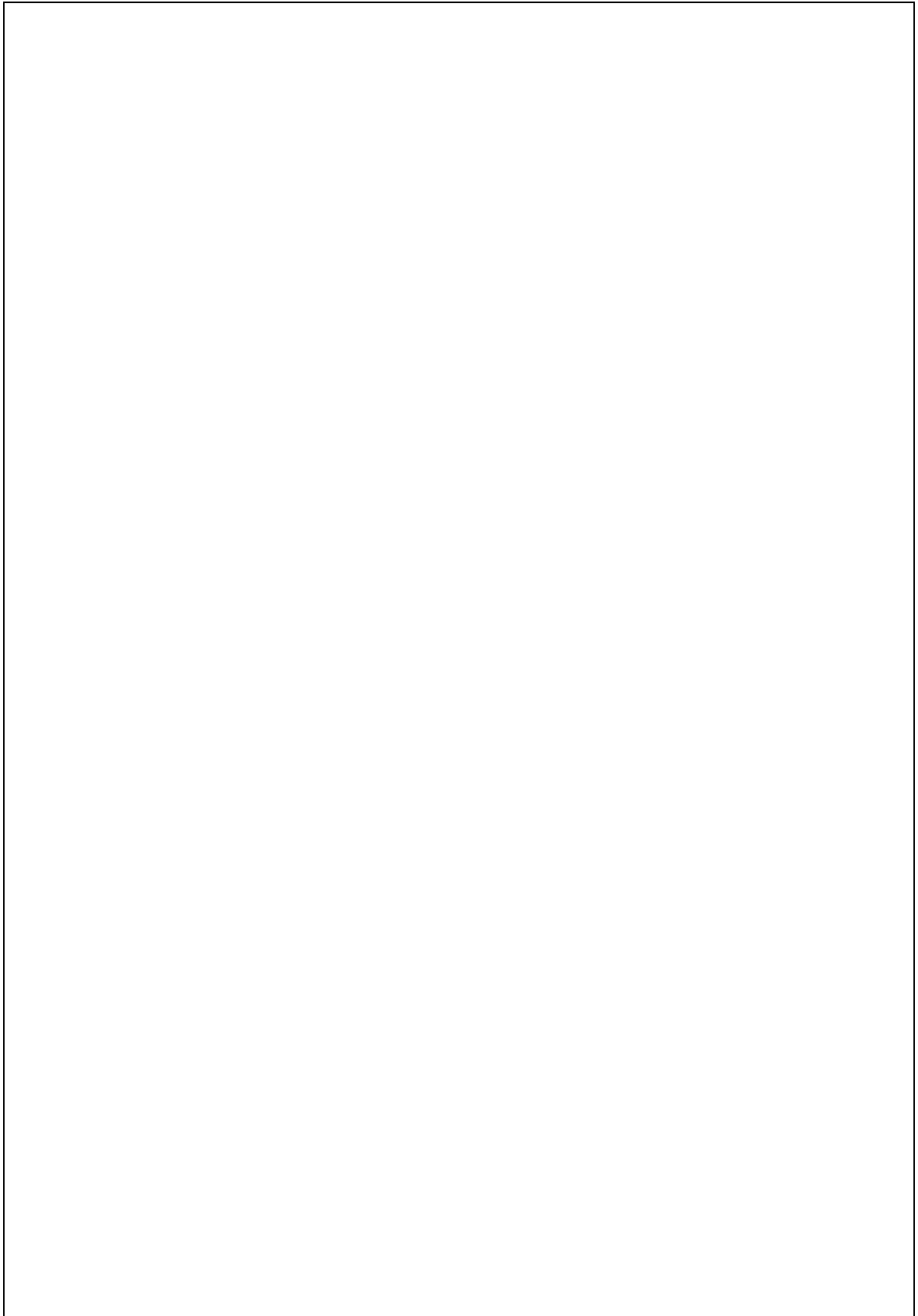
Educational Background			
A	School	entered/transferred in	
		Year	Month
	Location (country/city)		
		graduated/transferred out	
B	School	entered/transferred in	
		Year	Month
	Location (country/city)		
		graduated/transferred out	
C	School	entered/transferred in	
		Year	Month
	Location (country/city)		
		graduated/transferred out	
D	School	entered/transferred in	
		Year	Month
	Location (country/city)		
		graduated/transferred out	

Appendix B:

Reasons for Selecting the IB Course

(500 words)

Applicant's Name: _____



Appendix C:

Written Promise of Entry

To the Headmaster at NIHS:

I promise to enroll my child in the IB Course if he/she is selected through the IB Course entrance examinations (both Pre-IB as well as IBDP exams).

Guardian's Address:

Guardian's Name (block letters): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____