



Admission Policy

Introduction

I Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Adama Mickiewicza w Olsztynie declares the policy of entry to the IB Diploma Programme designed to support academic success of the students, to ensure that they are placed into courses which are both challenging and manageable, and to allow access to the IB Diploma Programme for students coming from different education systems. The aim of the Admission Policy is to make sure every candidate has equal opportunities to be accepted into the pre-IB or the IB Diploma Programme, and the criteria are transparent and fair.

The recruitment process and requirements for candidates applying for a place in year 1 of secondary education are regulated by the national law (Prawo Oświatowe, Ustawa z dnia 14 grudnia 2016 roku).

The recruitment process and requirements for candidates applying for a place in the IB Diploma Programme are regulated by the School Statute (Statut Szkoły).

The following regulations are also based on the school policies, in particular Inclusion Policy and Language Policy.

In the admission process, the school will look at each candidate for the IB Diploma Programme individually. To enter the IB Diploma Programme candidates are expected to have high proficiency in English and a solid foundation in other disciplines, but also possess personal qualities that demonstrate a willingness to work dedicatedly with schoolwork. To evaluate this, every candidate is required to take an oral exam in English.

Admission to the pre-IB (years 1 and 2 of secondary school)

Candidates are accepted into the first pre-IB level on the basis of the total amount of points obtained in the recruitment procedure. Each candidate obtains points for:

- 1) Primary school final examination – egzamin ósmoklasisty (max. 100 points.),
- 2) The final primary school completion grades in four subjects (Polish, mathematics, English and biology/history) (max. 60 points.),
- 3) Additional achievements of the students (max. 40 points),
- 4) English language examination (written and oral) (max. 40 points, 20 points for the written part and 20 points for the oral part)
 - a) A candidate must score at least 50% in the written part in order to be allowed to take part in the oral examination.

- b) To be accepted, a candidate must obtain at least 21 points in the English language examination (written and oral parts combined), regardless of the remaining criteria.
- c) A holder of an English language certificate at B2 level or higher as well as a laureate of the English language competition (Wojewódzki konkurs z języka angielskiego dla uczniów szkół podstawowych organizowany przez Warmińsko-Mazurskiego Kuratora Oświaty) can be exempt from taking the written part of the examination, but must take part in the oral examination.
- d) The written part of the English language examination consists of 100 multiple choice questions.
- e) The oral part consists of four questions concerning:
 - a candidate's knowledge of the IB DP programme and the motivation for choosing the programme
 - academic interests of a candidate
 - general interests of a candidate
 - a global problem

Detailed requirements for the English language examination are available on the school website during the recruitment process.

- 5) Candidates joining the pre-IB during year 1 may be accepted if there are available places. They must pass the English examination (written and oral) with a score of at least 21 points. If possible, the school should check a candidate's score during the recruitment process. If the recruitment score is not available, the school will look at a candidate's final school grades from primary school (Polish, English, Mathematics, Biology/History), primary school final examination score, and the grades gained during year 1 of secondary school.
- 6) Candidates joining the pre-IB during year 2 may be accepted if there are available places. They must pass the English examination (written and oral) with a score of at least 30 points, and have good grades at the end of year 1 of secondary education – an average grade of at least 4,0, conduct – at least 4.

Admission to the IB Diploma Programme (years 3 and 4 of secondary school)

IB Diploma Programme in I LO in Olsztyn is offered at the third and fourth levels of the education stream. Prospective students have to meet the following criteria and requirements as a condition for acceptance into the Programme:

- 1) Students of the pre-IB in I LO
 - a) graduating from year 2 of the pre-IB with only passing grades;
 - b) submitting a signed declaration of intent to join the IB DP programme (*Warunki uczestnictwa w programie IB DP w I LO w Olsztynie*);
 - c) submitting the choice of the subjects to be followed in the two diploma years (*Wybór przedmiotów w programie IB DP*):
 - A student must select the subjects according to the IB DP regulations.
 - While choosing the subjects, a student must finish pre-IB year 2 with at least grade 3 in order to choose a given subject at the Standard Level, and at least grade 4 in order to choose a given subject at the Higher Level¹. (effective from 2024)
 - d) achieving at least grade 4 for conduct (effective from 2024);
 - e) showing very good attendance during the first two years in I LO .

¹ In a situation when a subject is not studied in years 1 or 2 of secondary education, a related subject will be taken into account: Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship / Business and Management for Economics, Civics for Global Politics.

- 2) Other candidates from the Polish education system
 - a) submitting a written request to be accepted into the IB DP (podanie o przyjęcie do klasy / szkoły);
 - b) graduating from year 2 of secondary education with only passing grades, with an average grade of at least 4,5, conduct – at least 4;
 - c) submitting a signed declaration of intent to join the IB DP programme (*Warunki uczestnictwa w programie IB DP w I LO w Olsztynie*);
 - d) submitting the choice of the subjects to be followed in the two diploma years (*Wybór przedmiotów w programie IB DP*):
 - A candidate must select the subjects according to the IB DP regulations.
 - While choosing the subjects, a candidate must finish year 2 of secondary education with at least grade 3 in order to choose a given subject at the Standard Level, and at least grade 4 in order to choose a given subject at the Higher Level.
 - e) passing English language examination (written and oral) with a score of at least 30 points.

- 3) Candidates from outside the Polish education system
 - a) submitting a written request to be accepted for the IB DP (podanie o przyjęcie do klasy / szkoły);
 - b) submitting any available documents with a candidate's grades, school achievements, records, reports, certificates etc.;
 - c) submitting a signed declaration of intent to join the IB DP programme (*Warunki uczestnictwa w programie IB DP w I LO w Olsztynie*);
 - d) submitting the choice of the subjects to be followed in the two diploma years (*Wybór przedmiotów w programie IB DP*):
 - A candidate must select the subjects according to the IB DP regulations.
 - While choosing the subjects, a candidate must finish year 2 of secondary education with at least a satisfactory grade (an equivalent of Polish grade 3) in order to choose a given subject at the Standard Level, and at least a good grade (an equivalent of Polish grade 4) in order to choose a given subject at the Higher Level.
 - e) passing English language examination (written and oral, native speakers of the English language are exempt from the written part) with a score of at least 30 points;
 - f) passing a test checking mathematical skills and competencies with a score of at least 60 per cent.

- 4) A candidate is automatically accepted to the IB Diploma Programme if they fulfil one of the following conditions:
 - a) They have graduated from GCSEs or their equivalent.
 - b) They graduated from IB Middle Years Programme and obtained MYP certificate.

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