

IB Diploma Programme Admission Policy

Trondheim Katedralskole

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The appropriate educational background for admission to the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) at Trondheim Katedralskole is a completed first year of upper secondary education in the *Education Programme for Specialization in General Studies*¹ – hereafter Vg1 STUSP – or a corresponding level of education².

General admission requirements:

- Candidates must satisfy all the admission qualifications as outlined below.
- Candidates must have a valid Norwegian residence permit and registered address in Trøndelag³. Conditional offers may be given to candidates who are in the process of moving to Trøndelag if sufficient documentation is provided.
- Candidates must have a satisfactory level of English.

Admission is otherwise dependent on availability of places and subjects.

Admission qualifications:

Vg1 STUSP: Students are expected to have grades of 4 or higher in Mathematics, Natural Sciences, English and Norwegian as well as an average grade of 4 or higher across all Vg1 subjects (Norwegian scale).

IB MYP 5: Students from the IB Middle Year Programme year 5 are expected to have grades 6 or higher in Mathematics and Natural Science, grades 5 or higher in English/Norwegian language A, language B and Social Science, as well as an overall grade average of 5.5 (IB scale). The MYP personal project must be completed.

IGCSE: Students are required to have IGCSE exams in Mathematics, Natural Science and English with grades A or B.

Lower secondary school students (year 10) are usually required to complete Vg1 STUSP (or equivalent) before they apply for the IB Diploma Programme. Regardless, mature students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement can apply, provided they have completed 'Matematikk 1T', 'Vg1 Naturfag' and 'Vg1 Engelsk' with exam grades 4 or higher⁴.

When additional places are available the school may in special circumstances consider applicants who meet some but not all the admission qualifications.

¹ <https://www.udir.no/in-english/>

² The upper secondary programmes of 'Art, Design and Architecture', 'Music, Dance and Drama', 'Media and Communication' and 'Sports and Physical Education' are considered equivalent to Vg1 STUSP

³ Applicants from other counties in Norway must contact the Admissions Office at inntak@trondelagfylke.no

⁴ MAT1021, NAT1007, ENG1007.

Applicants with other educational backgrounds:

Applicants with other educational backgrounds will be individually assessed to determine candidacy. The applicant must provide documentation translated into English to show that their educational level is equivalent to Vg1 STUSP. The applicant may also be required to sit additional entrance exams and interviews in cases where it is not immediately clear whether the admission qualifications are satisfied.

The School and the Admissions Office may elect to prioritize applicants from other educational backgrounds who otherwise satisfy the admission requirements.

Application procedures:

All applicants must complete the *International Baccalaureate Application Form*⁵ and send it to the school with accompanying certified documentation of their educational background, which must include Term 1 grades. Applicants are encouraged to include references in this application.

Applicants must also apply at www.vigo.no.⁶

Please consult the application form for additional information.

The application deadline is 1 March.

Admission to the IB Diploma Programme is granted by the County Admissions Office of Trøndelag county authority in consultation with the school.

Exam fees:

Trondheim Katedralskole charges at present an exam fee of **NOK 6500 per year**.

Progression in the IB Diploma Programme:

The requirements for students to progress to DP year two are:

A minimum sum of 20 IB grade points

No grade of '1' or 'N' in any subject⁷

The student must have submitted all work planned for DP year one as per the Schools Internal Major Deadlines, in particular those related to CAS and TOK, the Extended Essay, Internal Assessments and HL Language Essays.

⁵ Available at <https://web.trondelagfylke.no/trondheim-katedralskole/utdanningsprogrammer/studieforberedende-utdanningsprogram/international-baccalaureate-diploma-programme/>

⁶ If you do not have a Norwegian identity number, you must contact the Admissions Office at intak@trondelagfylke.no

⁷ 'N' Not assessed, translated to 'IV' Ikke Vurdering in Norwegian