Oslo kommune
Utdanningsetaten
Blindern videregående skole

IB Admissions Policy

Blindern videregående skole seeks students from diverse socio-economic, ethnic, linguistic, and national backgrounds who fulfil the access requirements and who will benefit from the academic challenges of the IB Diploma Programme and the Middle Years Programme, as well as contribute to the life of the school. Students of all linguistic backgrounds are considered for admission, but they should be proficient in English.

Qualifications required to the IB Diploma Programme and the Middle Years Programme:

The Middle Years Programme

Blindern videregående skole offers the IB Middle Years Programme 4 and 5.

Qualifications required for MYP4:

1. Completed IB Middle Year 3
   Completed year 9 in Norwegian school
   Completed equivalent year to any of the above
2. A satisfactory level of English (English as teaching language or the first foreign language in the previous schooling)
3. A satisfactory level of Mathematics appropriate for the grade

Qualifications required for MYP5:

1. Completed IB Middle Year 4
   Completed year 10 in Norwegian school
   Completed equivalent year to any of the above
2. A satisfactory level of English (English as teaching language or the first foreign language in the previous schooling)
3. A satisfactory level of Mathematics appropriate for the grade

Students who cannot provide the school with sufficient evidence of proficiency in English and Mathematics will be asked to undertake an entrance examination in these subjects.

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The Diploma Programme

Qualifications required for DP1

1) First year of Norwegian Upper Secondary School general studies
   IB Middle Year Program 5
   IGCSE
   Equivalent qualification to any of the above, including a minimum of 10 years of schooling within general studies
2) A satisfactory level of English (English as teaching language or the first foreign language in the previous schooling)
3) A satisfactory level of Mathematics to enable the student to follow one of the IB Diploma mathematics courses

Students who cannot provide the school with sufficient evidence of proficiency in English and Mathematics will be asked to undertake an entrance examination in these subjects.

Admissions conditions to the IB Diploma Programme and the Middle Years Programme:

Being a school owned by the municipality of Oslo, Blindern Videregående Skole will offer the IB Diploma programme and the Middle Years Programme 4 and 5 exclusively to students registered in the municipality and who meet the qualification requirements. A valid resident permit for Norway as well as an official address in the municipality of Oslo is therefore compulsory.

The Middle Years Programme:

Applicants to MYP4 will be prioritized based on previous academic records.
Students who have completed MYP4 the previous school year at Blindern videregående skole or at Manglerud skole have priority of a place in MYP5, provided they meet the required qualifications for the last year of MYP. The rest of the applicants to MYP5 will be prioritized based on previous academic records.

The Diploma Programme:

Students who have completed MYP5 the previous school year at Blindern videregående skole have priority of a place in DP1, provided they meet the required qualifications for the Diploma Programme. The rest of the applicants to DP1 will be prioritized based on previous academic records.

In the case of a shortage of study places, priority will be given to:

1. Students registered in the municipality of Oslo with good academic records from former schooling.
2. Students registered in municipality of Oslo with a higher level of language proficiency in English than in Norwegian and with qualifying academic records from former schooling.

Application process:

Students should apply directly to the school using its application form available on https://blindern.vgs.no/. The deadline is 1 March of the year of application for MYP 5 and DP, and 1 April for MYP 4.
Applicants to MYP4 need only apply directly to the school.
Applicants to MYP5 and the Diploma Programme should also apply through www.vigo.no where they must notify that the IB Middle Years Programme 5 or Diploma Programme is their first choice.
Students who do not have an official address in the municipality of Oslo within the deadline of application are required to add a note to their application explaining the reason for this and the date for the planned moving to Oslo. The moving to Oslo cannot depend on the school offering admittance to the IB Middle Years or Diploma Programme.

This policy has been developed collaboratively by the IB community at Blindern vgs and it is reviewed every year in January. Date of last update- January 11th, 2024.

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