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PYP ADMISSION POLICY

Short characteristics of all IB Programmes:.

The International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) is a non-profit educational organisation based in the Hague, Netherlands. It offers three educational programmes:

the Diploma Programme (DP) for students in the final two years of secondary school.

Middle Years Programme (MYP) for students aged 11 to 16

the Primary Years Programme (PYP) for students aged 6 to 10/11.

More detailed information about IBO programmes can be found on www.ibo.org or www.gjh.sk.

Gymnázium Jura Hronca has been running the Diploma Programme for 23 years and the results of its graduates have been high above the world average. In September 2005 we started PYP from the age of 6 to 10/11 (grades 1-5) and MYP for students aged 11 to 16 (grades 6-10).

The Primary Years Programme (PYP) focuses on the development of the whole child and addresses social, physical, emotional and cultural needs as well as academic ones. The PYP provides the opportunity for learners to construct meaning, principally through concept-driven inquiry.

It offers the PYP programme in two sections – the English section, where the language of instruction is in English and the Slovak section with the language of instruction is in Slovak.

Admission to PYP 1

For admission into both sections it is necessary to fill in the application form by certain date which is updated annually. All necessary information can be found on the school web page, where parents/guardians can access and complete the application form. The application form can be brought to school personally, sent via post or submitted electronically. Once the deadline for collection of application forms has past, the school prepares and sends out the invitations together with the required information for the selection process. The selection process into both sections happens on the same date which is agreed by the school management. It usually happens in May. The closing date for the collection of application forms is approximately one month before the selection process date.

As the selection process for PYP 1 happens on the same date for both language streams, a child can apply for the English or Slovak section, however not for both.

If the child is older than required age for Grade 1 (set by the Slovak government), the parents/guardians need to provide proof of postponed compulsory education issued by a state centre for psychological assessment and counselling (Centrum pedagogicko-psychologického poradenstva a prevencie). This needs to be provided together with the application form.

Parents/Guardians wishing to enrol a child younger than this are encouraged to enrol their child in a pre-school. It is possible in exceptional cases to contact a state educational psychologist to obtain a certificate of maturity. The certificate needs to be issued by a state centre for psychological assessment and counselling (Centrum pedagogicko-psychologického poradenstva a prevencie). This needs to be provided together with the application form.

PYP First Grade Entrance Requirements

The selection process happens in the language of instruction of each section – in the Slovak section in Slovak and in the English section in English.

In the English section the requirements are:

1. Identify basic colours and shapes.
2. Know the spatial positioning and directions words.
3. Use basic concepts to make a comparative judgments and a comparison to a standard.
4. Use basic concepts to group or classify by one or more characteristics.
5. Use basic concepts for ordering.
6. Understand directions that include more than one concept.
7. Follow multiple steps instructions. Work independently.
8. Be able to carry on a conversation.
9. Be able to count and recognize numbers from 1 to 20.
10. Be able to recognize and create patterns.
11. Follow the requirements for school readiness.
12. Have fine motor skills necessary for the start of the first grade.

The selection process will concentrate on the three main parts – the ability to communicate and follow instructions in English, school readiness, general abilities to follow multi-step instructions. Students are not expected to be able to read or write.

In the Slovak section the requirements are:

1. Identify basic colours and shapes.
2. Know the spatial positioning and directions words.
3. Use basic concepts to make a comparative judgments and a comparison to a standard.

4. Use basic concepts to group or classify by one or more characteristics.
5. Use basic concepts for ordering.
6. Understand directions that include more than one concept.
7. Follow one and two step instructions. Work independently.
8. Follow the basic requirements for the school readiness.

Children will receive points for each part and the parents/guardians are informed about the results of the selection process within seven days on the school website. Parents/Guardians of 20 (in the English section) and 22 (in the Slovak section) most successful children will receive the acceptance letter to the PYP programme at our school.

Please note that we do not divulge the contents of our assessment materials.

Admission to PYP 2 – PYP 5

For admission, it is required to fill in the application form. If the space is available, a child will be invited for an examination.

Application forms are valid for one year. It is necessary to apply again after this time.

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