

FAQ about IB @ DENISE

Are you accredited?

Yes, we are an accredited IB World School. In April 2018 we got accredited by the International Baccalaureate to start offering their Diploma Programme. We have started with our first DP1 class in September 2018, with exams taking place in May 2020.

Do all your students get to go to the DP?

No. The IB Diploma Programme is a very academic programme, designed for students who aim to attend university. It is a demanding programme and definitely not one that fits all students. We have a Pre-DP class, called group 12i which prepares for the Diploma Programme. Not all students get accepted into group 12i however. For this class we have developed a holistic intake procedure in which we take student motivation, organisation, attitude, English and Dutch level and math skills into account.

What are the criteria to enter the IB Diploma Programme at DENISE?

To enter the IB Diploma program a student needs to meet one of the following criteria:

1. Has possession of a non-Dutch passport, parents staying in the Netherlands for professional reasons **or**
2. Stayed and followed secondary education outside The NL prior to entering DENISE **or**
3. Have parents who will leave the NL in the next 2 years for professional reasons **or**
4. Have successfully finished HAVO Diploma or 4 VWO (in possession of proof of transition to 5 VWO or level 5 on DENISE report card group 11/15/16 in June).

External:

- A report from the previous school is needed (preferably to start a 5-VWO level)
- We want to have the school's contact information.
- Dutch needs to be at A2 level (determined by a TOA-test in case of doubt).
- The student also has to make an English and mathematics test
- The student has also to prepare an IB Learner Profile portfolio. The IB Learner Profile portfolio is discussed with the DP-coordinator during an interview.

An intake interview (internal/external) is always part of the admission process. If after this procedure the DP coordinator thinks that the DP is the right fit, the student can join group 12i.

Where does my child go if he/she does not get accepted into group 12i?

Our school offers different curricula. In some cases the student will go to the language classes, in other cases they can join the MAVO diploma programme, the IMYC programme or the Dutch Career programme. A large number of our students enrolls Dutch MBO, HAVO and VWO programmes via our school.

I am old already. Can I not directly start in DP1?

No, as mentioned before all students start in our pre-DP class called group 12i. Only in exceptional cases students will be allowed to start in DP1 directly. Do not worry, we had several students who were a bit older but found group 12i both very useful and enjoyable!

What are the costs of the DP at DENISE?

Parents are requested to pay the voluntary parent contribution every school year. On top of that we ask 850 euro exam costs in DP2. It is our motto that once a student has the right skills and motivation, money should never be the reason not join the programme. The school does offer scholarships for those who could not afford the exam costs.

I want to study Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary Medicine at a Dutch University. Would you recommend me to to the DP in your school?

No. The DP only allows you to take two sciences whereas for those studies Dutch Universities require three sciences. Attending a Dutch VWO programme is what we would recommend if this is what and where you want to study.

Which DP subjects do you offer?

At the moment we offer:

Dutch and English Language and Literature HL/SL,

Dutch and English Language Acquisition HL/SL,

Biology HL/SL,

Environmental Systems and Societies HL/SL,

Music,

Mathematics SL and Studies SL,

Geography SL/HL,

History SL/HL.

Of course we also offer the core with TOK, CAS and the Extended Essay.

In which language do you offer the IB Diploma Programma.

The programme is fully thought in English, except for the subject 'Dutch' (Language and Literature and Language acquisition). All students need to have A2 level Dutch to start in group 12i and B1 level Dutch to start in DP1.

How does your DP differ from the DP in other international schools?

Our school is relatively small and relatively new. At the moment we only offer a few DP subjects. Besides the IB DP we also a Language Classes, the Dutch Career Programme, the IMYC programme and the IPC programme. The main body of our students joins us via the Language Clases, which means they are newcomers in the Netherlands. Whereas it might be a given for expat children to go to an IB school, it is not for this group of students.

How do I apply?

Check our admissions policy at: <https://denise.espritscholen.nl/home/english/documents/>
For the registration form see:

<https://denise.espritscholen.nl/home/english/register-for-denise/>