

## **Pierce IB DP Admissions Policy for Internal (Pierce) Candidates**

Admission to the Pierce IB DP is open to all Pierce and non-Pierce Grade 10 students (A Lyceum). Student-applicants must demonstrate a competent international English language proficiency level in order to be successful in the IB DP. The three core components are in English as are the overwhelming majority of IB DP courses. Student-applicants must also have a mathematical background sufficient to successfully undertake one of the following: IB DP Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches (Higher or Standard Level) or Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation (Higher or Standard Level).

### **Admission Procedure:**

1. All student-applicants must complete an application form by the announced deadline.
2. Student-applicants must fulfill the following **academic criteria**:
  - **English Language:** a minimum grade of 14/20, in C' Gymnasium (9<sup>th</sup> grade) Graduation's Certificate grade report, as well as in the grade report of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of A' Lyceum (10<sup>th</sup> grade).
  - The paper of the exams in English Language of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of A' Lyceum, will also be reviewed by the Group 2 (Language Acquisition) Representative.
  - **Mathematics:** a minimum grade of 14/20, in written –graduation-examinations of C' Gymnasium (9<sup>th</sup> grade), as well as in the grade report of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of A' Lyceum (10<sup>th</sup> grade).
  - The paper of the common exams in Mathematics of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of A' Lyceum, will also be reviewed by the Group 5 (Mathematics) Representative.
  - **Graduation Certificate Grade of C' Gymnasium (9<sup>th</sup> grade):** a minimum of 17/20.
  - **Grade Point Average of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of A' Lyceum (10<sup>th</sup> grade):** a minimum of 17/20.
3. **All student-applicants who meet the above academic criteria** will be invited to the next step, **an interview**, with a panel comprised of Pierce IB DP faculty and administrators. *(Please note that the invitation to the interview is not admission into the Pierce IB DP, it is the next step in the admissions process.)*

Based upon the academic criteria, the interview and given that the student-applicants will continue to meet the academic criteria by the end of the current academic year, Pierce IB Admissions Committee will discuss and make a first choice for admission into the Pierce IB DP.

Students accepted into the Pierce IB DP, wishing to claim an academic scholarship, must participate in the following DP-related Scholarship/Entrance Exams:

- A written response on a topic related to the IB DP philosophy (duration: 1/2 hour)
- A Mathematics exam (duration: 1 hour).

The final allocation of scholarships will be based upon the exam results and the interview.

4. **All student-applicants who do not meet the above academic criteria** and wish to be accepted into the Pierce IB DP, must successfully complete and pass the following DP-related Entrance/Scholarship Exams:

- A written response on a topic related to the IB DP philosophy (duration: 1/2 hour)
- A Mathematics exam (duration: 1 hour).

After the written exams, all student-applicants will be invited to the next step, **an interview**, with a panel comprised of Pierce IB DP faculty and administrators. *(Please note that the invitation to the interview is not admission into the Pierce IB DP, it is the next step in the admissions process.)*

Based upon the results of all written exams and the interview, Pierce IB Admissions Committee will discuss and make the final choice for admission into the Pierce IB DP.

Students accepted into the Pierce IB DP, may wish to claim an academic scholarship. The final allocation of scholarships will be based upon the exam results and the interview.

