

BAIS Admissions Policy

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9.1.1. General Policy

BAIS is an inclusive, diverse, non-discriminatory international school. All interested students are encouraged to apply. The admission process is guided by BAIS's core beliefs, school parameters, and mission statement. BAIS views students as individuals and evaluates their ability to succeed in the classroom and BAIS's capacity to support and enable them to reach their fullest potentials.

9.1.2. Admission Review Panel

The Director and his/her designated appropriate staff members will be responsible for assessing applicants, reviewing applications and making admissions recommendations. The final admissions decisions will be made by the School Director.

It should be noted that in making a decision, the review panel is informed by a set of factors or criteria that addresses the diverse characteristics and capacity of the particular grade for which a student is applying.

These factors would include in no particular order:

- Gender
- Citizenship
- Language proficiency
- Parents' employer
- Learning differences
- Current schooling situation
- Family links with the school
- Date the application is complete

9.1.3. Admissions for Students with Learning Support Needs

In cases where a student (PreK-12) may need additional support, a review panel will evaluate the student's needs and BAIS's capacity to offer this support. Students entering high school are expected to be able to meet graduation requirements.

9.1.4. Enrollment Age

- Students may enroll in Seedlings as soon as they are 2 and 1/2 years old and toilet trained.
- Students may not continue enrollment beyond 19 years of age.

9.1.5. Grade Placement

Grade level placement will be determined by the School Director, Principal, and professional staff and must be in the best interest of the student.

- Students may enroll in Seedlings as soon as they are 2 and 1/2 years old and toilet trained.
- All other BAIS grades are established based on the US grade level system.
- Based on research into long-term educational success of individuals, grade level placement is made according to chronological age using BAIS established cut off dates: between September 1st and the following August 31st.
- Students of age 3 on September 1st are placed in the PK1 grade level and so forth as outlined by BAIS- established cutoff dates.
- HS student grade level classification is determined by credits earned as follows:

Grade	Class Name	Minimum credits	Maximum credits
09	Freshman	0	5.5
10	Sophomore	6.0	11.5
11	Junior	12.0	17.5
12	Senior	18.0	>18.0

- In exceptional circumstances, the school administration reserves the right to place a student outside the chronological grade level in response to the individual needs of the student and family.
- However, in all cases students must demonstrate the potential to graduate from high school before they reach twenty years of age.

9.1.6. Guardianship Requirements

Students must reside with at least one parent or guardian in the Serrekunda area to be admitted and maintain enrollment status.