

## **Admission policy IB Diploma programme (IBDP) at Mora gymnasium**

The IBDP is an assessed programme for students who are between 16-19 (ibo.org). A youth who has completed the compulsory school or equivalent education may start upper secondary school, no later than the spring term of the year he or she turns 20 (Skolverket.se). Note that in cases when an applicant has turned 19 and wants to start the pre-IB, the IBDP coordinator will have to contact the IB to get their approval before being able to accept the applicant to the IBDP.

The IBOs Equal opportunities statement

*It is the practice of the IB to make its programmes available to all students from IB World Schools. No student will be excluded by the IB on the grounds of race, nationality or national origin, ethnicity, culture, gender, age, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, political beliefs, disability or any other personal characteristic, as prohibited by law. Schools must implement their duties under these rules in a manner that enables this practice to be upheld. (IB, 2023, 4.1)*

### **Mission statement – Mora gymnasium**

*The upper secondary school administration in Mora municipality and its activities, Mora gymnasium, Mora vuxenutbildning, Mora Anpassad gymnasieskola, Mora Yrkeshögskola and Mora Högskolecentrum, shall be characterized by high quality with the student in center. The upper secondary school administration is a successful administration where our aim is that every student who starts an education should receive the help and knowledge that the student needs to develop towards their full potential in their studies, their future job and as a world citizen. Our aim is for students to learn for life and understand the value of living in a global society. Our vision is for each student to develop towards their full potential and our daily work is characterized by the four bywords: Safety, respect, dedication and quality. We work together in a positive spirit so that everyone will feel joy, respect, participation but also responsibility in the work.*

*In our day-to-day work, everyone's equal value and respect for each other should be one of our guiding principles, and the school should be a safe environment.*

*Leadership should be health-promoting, meaningful, communicative and clear.*  
[\(<https://moraqymnasium.se/om-skolan/ledningsdeklaration.html>\)](https://moraqymnasium.se/om-skolan/ledningsdeklaration.html)

## Pre-Diploma Year

The first year is referred to as the pre-IB, which is a preparatory year to the two-year Diploma programme as well as a necessity for a student to get eligibility to the Swedish higher education system after the IBDP (see Assessment policy). You apply to the IBDP at Mora gymnasium the same way as you do when you apply to our Swedish national programmes through Antagningen Falun. The requirements are the same as when you apply to any of the higher education preparatory programmes in Sweden. You must have graduated compulsory school and have passing grades in English, mathematics and Swedish as well as at least nine other subjects from compulsory school, a total of twelve subjects (skolverket.se). However, **Mora gymnasium will look at every applicant separately** since exceptions may be granted for Swedish as well as nine subjects (Note that a passing grade in English as well as mathematics is a requirement which no exceptions will be granted).

The level of English (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages CERF, B.1.1) expected of students entering the pre-IB at Mora gymnasium is roughly equivalent to that of students leaving year 9 in Swedish compulsory school. For the IBDP CERF B.1.2 is needed, English 5 in the Swedish national system see skolverket.se (<https://www.skolverket.se/getFile?file=9786>).

All candidates will take part in diagnoses to assess their prior knowledge as all other students do when entering Mora gymnasium. Diagnoses are submitted in mathematics, English and Swedish. If a candidate will encounter academic difficulty and has need for extra support, Mora gymnasium will provide necessary help (see Mora gymnasium Inclusion policy IBDP). The year of preparation (pre-IB) aims to build a solid base such that continual studies will not be overwhelming. All set courses are essential and must be passed. Note that no DP subject or component will be worked with during this pre-IB year.

If a student wants to reach all the requirements that are needed for the nature science programme (NA) in the Swedish system then the student needs to take Biology 1 and 2 during the pre-IB year. Students during the pre-IB can also choose to take an extra language (German, Spanish or French). NOTE that: Biology and an extra language will be chosen during the first week in August.

## IBDP1

Before entering IBDP1, the results of each student from the pre-IB will be taken into consideration by the IB-coordinator, guidance counsellor and IBDP teachers when advising the students in their subject choice of the IBDP. During the first term of the pre-IB in November all students will have a parent-student meeting and the student is to turn in his/her choice of subject for the IBDP including which level SL or HL he/she wants to take the subject in. In some cases the subject may not be offered if the group size is too small and in these cases the student may have to change their options. Note that it is up to the student to take responsibility to make sure that the subjects they choose are sufficient for entry into the university of their choice (for the Swedish higher education system <https://www.antagning.se/sv/betyg-och-behorighet/international-baccalaureate/ib-examen-2021-och-framat/sarskild-behorighet/>). For general information about the IB and

higher education see [https://www.ibo.org/university-admission/support-students-transition-to-higher-education/faqs-for-counsellors-students-and-parents/#dp\\_briefs](https://www.ibo.org/university-admission/support-students-transition-to-higher-education/faqs-for-counsellors-students-and-parents/#dp_briefs) .

All IBDP staff will have a meeting in Mars during the pre-IB year in which the staff evaluate every individual student's possibilities and potential before entering the IBDP (see Mora gymnasium Assessment policy IBDP). All students will be offered a parent-student meeting in which the student's progress in school will be discussed. In the end of IBDP1; there will be no grades; in its place, teachers present status reports (report cards in Managebac) based on internal assessment.

**NOTE:** Students have to pass Matematik 1c and Engelska 5 during the pre-IB to enter the IBDP Social Studies path (SA-spår). To enter the Nature Science path (NA-spår) at the IBDP students must pass Matematik 1c, Matematik 2c and Engelska 5.

## **IBDP2**

Before the final year, it is the IB coordinator's decision to promote IBDP1 students to IBDP2. The decision is based on teacher internal assessment (see Mora gymnasium Assessment policy IBDP). Before being registered for the final May examinations; the deadlines for Extended Essay (EE) and Theory of Knowledge (TOK) must have been met, as well as the CAS being performed satisfactorily and the projected grades points for passing the Diploma must meet the requirements (IB, 2023. C1.1.1- C1.1.2).

*Candidates are required to act in a responsible and ethical manner throughout their participation in the DP, as determined by the IB at its sole discretion, which includes not engaging in academic misconduct (as defined in article 16, and must be in good standing at the school at the time of the examinations. (IB, 2023, B2.3.3)*

## **Retakes**

If a candidate is not satisfied with his/her result from the May exam in one or more subjects the candidate can retake the subject/subjects in the November or May session. NOTE that Mora gymnasium only give the May exam session. It is up to the student to turn to another school for a spot on a November exam session. All subjects may not be given in both November and May by the IBO. The earliest a student can take a retake is six months from the latest session.

*If a candidate is not satisfied with the grade they have achieved in one or more subjects, or for TOK or the EE requirement, the candidate may take the subject(s) again. This can be in the examination session six months later or, in principle, after any period of time. However, when a subject is taken again, if significant new curriculum or assessment requirements have been introduced, the candidate must comply with those new requirements. Also, it is important to check whether the subject/level/response language is available in the targeted session.*

*A school is under no obligation to register a candidate who wishes to take one or more subjects again, regardless of whether the candidate was a diploma or course candidate, or did or did not previously attend the school. Registering a candidate to retake one or more subjects involves accepting all academic and administrative responsibilities for that candidate, regardless of whether the candidate previously attended a different school.*

*If a diploma candidate retakes a subject at the same level and in the same response language, the highest grade will contribute to the diploma. Therefore, when registering a retake candidate, IBIS will not indicate that the subject and its grade from the previous session is not included.*

*If the grade is the same, it is the date of the first examination session that will appear on the results document. In the case of a course candidate taking the same subject/level again, another DP Course Results document will be issued, regardless of whether the grade has changed. (IB, 2023, C2.5).*

A candidate can be allowed to retake one year at the IBDPat Mora gymnasium if space allows in the existing class (extended period). This is also advised by the IBO in its **General regulations**: A candidate taking a subject again is not required to attend classes if they have already received the recommended number of teaching hours. However, coordinators are strongly advised to consider whether the candidate requires additional teaching before taking the examinations or other forms of assessment. Because the candidate has not achieved the desired grade in the subject(s) being retaken, it is highly likely that additional tuition will be required.

If there have been changes to the requirements of a subject's curriculum and/or its assessment, the candidate must comply with the new requirements. This includes changes to the IA. The candidate must be advised of the changes and given appropriate support. (IB, 2023, C2.5.1)

## **Application and Fees**

Applicants will be accepted in the following order:

1. Swedish students with grades from Swedish compulsory school (see requirements). Pay no fee.
2. Swedish students with a passing compulsory school exam from another country (validated by Antagningen in Falun). Pay no fee.
3. Students from the Nordic countries with a passing compulsory school exam (validated by Antagningen in Falun). Pay no fee.
4. International students with a passing compulsory school exam (validated by Antagningen in Falun). The expenses for the examinations will be charged on the last invoice.

## **Students changing between the Swedish national higher education preparatory programmes and the IBDP at Mora gymnasium.**

The pre-IB year at Mora gymnasium is framed so that students wanting to change from the pre-IB into a higher education preparatory Swedish national programme during the pre-IB shall be able to do that. The same goes for the opposite, students attending a higher education preparatory national programme at Mora gymnasium will be able to be admitted

to the IBDP if space allows. Students should contact the guidance counsellor and a waiting list will be used when necessary.

### **International students**

International students will be admitted if space allows into the IBDP (IBDP1 or IBDP2, not the pre-IB) at Mora gymnasium. Note that for students transferring from another country outside the EU there might be a need to obtain a residence permit from the Swedish Migration Agency.

If you are to be an exchange student at an upper secondary school (high school) in Sweden for more than three months, you need a residence permit for other studies. The permit must be issued before you travel to Sweden. For all requirements see <https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Studying-in-Sweden/Exchange-studies-in-upper-secondary-school.html>

If an exchange student has plans to continue his or her education in Sweden, he or she may have to read Swedish as a Language A or B. In this case the applicant needs to have an approved grade in Swedish or Swedish as a second language at compulsory level, if he or she has not studied Swedish abroad. Note that a student must take Swedish A (SL or HL) to be accepted into a Swedish university, if a student has taken Swedish B (SL or HL) or Swedish ab initio he/she must take on TISUS test (Test in Swedish for University) to complement his/her qualification in Swedish. In some cases Mora gymnasium can organize so the student take Swedish as a second language 3 (SVA 3) during his/her third year at Mora gymnasium. SVA3 is equivalent to Swedish A. Then the student will not have to take the TISUS test.

### **Applicants with foreign education residing in Sweden**

An applicant, residing in Sweden, who has foreign education corresponding to the compulsory school, may be admitted to the upper secondary school. To be accepted, the applicant needs to meet the eligibility requirements for the education. There also needs to be spots available on the IBDP at Mora gymnasium.

An applicant with foreign education corresponding to the compulsory school must also be qualified for upper secondary school. An applicant who has acquired equivalent knowledge of a subject in other ways than through compulsory school studies shall, when applying the eligibility rules, be deemed to have approved the grade in the subject. Furthermore, the approved grade in Swedish as a second language must be equated with an approved grade in Swedish for the application of the eligibility rules.

In some cases, an applicant with a foreign education corresponding to the compulsory school, does not meet the eligibility requirements. The applicant may, for example, need to have an approved grade in Swedish or Swedish as a second language, if he or she has not studied Swedish abroad. Note that in some cases when an applicant is staying in Sweden for

a specific period of time, as an example if the student's parents are working in Sweden for two years, then there can be an exception when it comes to the requirement in Swedish. Mora gymnasium will look at these applicants individually when making decisions in admitting the students to the IBDP at Mora gymnasium.

## **WAoS and Danceprofile**

Mora gymnasium is accredited by WAoS and can offer IB sport for students attending the IBDP. The same application process applies for WAoS students as for the Swedish national sport programmes. Student may need to send videos, results and participate in try-outs. All sport students must belong to an external club when applying to Mora gymnasium. Mora gymnasium is specialized in ice-hockey (men and women), floorball, cross-country skiing, biathlon, ski orienteering and football (soccer) but we also can take student in all individual sports.

Mora gymnasium are also pleased to offer a Danceprofile together with M&M dance school in Mora that is renowned for its education with competing national and international dancers.

For requirements and information as well as to how to apply, please go look at our homepage. <https://moragymnasium.se/utbildningar/hogskoleforberedande-program/ib-diploma-programme-ib.html>

For information about WAoS and M&M Dance school see:

<https://istudy.sport/afec>

<https://www.mmdansskola.se>

## **Revision**

The Admission policy is to be updated yearly in October-November and published at moragymnasium.se. The IBDP coordinator is in charge of the revision and IBDP guidance counsellor, vice principal and head of school will collaborate on the work with the policy.

Date of the latest revision: April 9, 2024

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