

## Admission Policy

This Admission Policy has been updated in the spring of 2022.

### Admission: The Pre-IB Programme

The Pre-IB course is a one-year preparatory course aimed at Danish and non-Danish students. The Pre-IB is equivalent to the first year of the Danish STX system. Admission requirements are the Danish 9th or 10th grade leaving exams from a Danish school or equivalent international exams. In some cases, potential Pre-IB students will need to take an admissions test in English and/or Maths and/or Science and/or attend an admissions interview.

Students applying to the Pre-IB directly from a Danish school must send in *two* applications. Firstly, students should apply through [www.optagelse.dk](http://www.optagelse.dk). Secondly, fill in and upload the online Pre-IB application form. Fill in the application form, ensure that you have all the stipulated documents, and then upload the online Pre-IB application form to the school. The application deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Students applying from abroad, or students *not* currently enrolled in a Danish institution of education, must fill in the online Pre-IB application form. Applicants should fill in the online application form, ensure they have included all the stipulated documents, and then upload the online application form to the school. The Pre-IB application form can be located at:

<https://www.stenhus-gym.dk/formular/Application-Pre-IB/>

Before filling in the application form, applicants should read the “Pre-IB” programme and subject information on the relevant page of the website in order to be able to make qualified subject choices

### Admission: The IB Diploma Programme

Direct admission to the two-year IB Diploma Programme is possible if the applicant has completed 10 or 11 years of schooling. So, for example, if a student completes the first year of the Danish Upper Secondary School Leaving Examination (STX), the student can apply for direct entrance to the IB Diploma Programme. Similarly, students with international qualifications, such as at least five IGCSE subjects, can also apply for direct entrance to the IB Diploma Programme. In this case, Stenhus Gymnasium expects the subjects Mathematics, English, Global Perspectives, and at least one Science or a Combined Science to be part of the IGCSE exam. We also recommend History. Moreover, as the results from these exams are not issued until mid-August, i.e., after the beginning of term in IB1, Stenhus Gymnasium retains the right to transfer IGCSE graduates from IB1 to Pre-IB if their exam results prove to be unsatisfactory.

In the admission process the school will look at each applicant individually. To enter the IB Diploma programme, applicants are expected not only to have a high proficiency in English and a solid foundation in Mathematics, but also to possess the personal qualities that demonstrate a

willingness to work dedicatedly. Applicants are asked to write a short personal statement as part of the application process and to provide an academic reference from a teacher or school counsellor. In some cases, admission to the IB Diploma Programme will be based on an admission test in Mathematics and/or English and/or Science, as well as an admissions interview.

If the entrance requirements for the IB Diploma Programme cannot be met, applicants may instead be offered a place in the Pre-IB programme, a one-year preparatory course equivalent to the first year of the Danish High School (STX), and also with English as the teaching language.

Applicants to the two-year IB programme should apply via the online IB Diploma Programme application form no later than 1<sup>st</sup> March. Late applications will be considered if there are still spaces open in the programme. The online application form can be accessed at:

<https://www.stenus-gym.dk/formular/Application-IB/>

Before filling in the IB Diploma Programme application form, applicants should read the IB Diploma Programme and subject information on the relevant page of the school's website to be able to make qualified subject choices. On this page applicants can find links to the official IB subject briefs:

<https://www.stenus-gym.dk/pre-ib-ib/ib-programme/>

We also strongly recommend reading the IBO's Course Selection Guidance:

<https://www.ibo.org/university-admission/support-students-transition-to-higher-education/course-selection-guidance/>

## **Admission Criteria**

Please see the school's criteria for admission to the "Pre-IB" and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme below. If you fulfil one or more of the criteria, then you are very welcome to put in an application. Please note that these criteria are *not* ranked.

- Students with a non-Danish background who are in Denmark due to their parents' job.
- Students with a non-Danish background who come to Denmark to take the IB Diploma.
- Students with a mixed (Danish/non-Danish) background who have completed lower secondary schooling abroad.
- Students with a mixed (Danish/non-Danish) background who have completed lower secondary schooling in Denmark
- Students with a Danish background who, due to their parents' job, have completed part of their education abroad and thus do not meet the admission requirements of a Danish educational programme.
- Students with a Danish background who have completed lower secondary schooling in Denmark.
- Students with an international orientation, who aim to pursue further education and/or a career abroad.

