

AUGUST 2021

# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF HAVANA

## ADMISSIONS POLICY

### TITLE 2.4.1

#### ADMISSION AND PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS

The School admits students from the diplomatic or expatriate non-diplomatic community residing in Cuba with their parent(s) or guardian(s), which have a foreign (non-Cuban) citizenship.

In so far as space and resources permit, the School has the duty to enroll all eligible students who hold a valid foreign (non-Cuban) passport, at any time throughout the year, provided that:

- the Director and the professional staff believe that the School can meet the needs of the individual student;
- there is a place available in the grade level the student is enrolling for; and
- all documentary requirements for admission are met including the presentation of:
  - i. Medical Examination;
  - ii. Vaccination and/or immunization records;
  - iii. A transcript, report card or similar document from the student's previous school (except if a student has had no prior schooling);
  - iv. The student's valid non-Cuban passport.

The Director shall ensure that regulations are created and maintained to govern the admission and placement of students that are congruent with this.

## Age Placement

Students must reach the age appropriate for a particular grade by August 31st of the year in which they enroll.

Students are placed in grade levels according to the following:

Pre-Kinder 1	2.5-3.9 years
Pre-Kinder 2	4 years
Kindergarten	5 years
Grade 1	6 years
Grade 2	7 years
Grade 3	8 years
Grade 4	9 years
Grade 5	10 years
Grade 6	11 years
Grade 7	12 years
Grade 8	13 years
Grade 9	14 years
Grade 10	15 years
Grade 11	16 years
Grade 12	17 years

Students who apply for enrollment and do not meet this age requirement for a particular grade but have had formal schooling up to at least Grade 1 will be considered on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Director.

Pre-Kinder 1 is a multi-age grouping. Children who turn 2.5 years at any point during the school year may enroll and will remain in Pre-Kinder 1 until they meet the minimum age of entry of 4 years before August 31st for Pre-Kinder 2.

## FOR 2021-2022

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#### PRIORITIZATIONS

**The following policies and procedures have been established to prioritise admissions for this and any coming academic year:**

- Each applicant child must hold a non-Cuban passport
- Categories establishing enrolment priorities have been determined by the Board of Directors
- Given the school's status with local authorities, applicants from the diplomatic community are given priority.
- Diplomatic applicants from missions that directly support the school are prioritized to recognize their contributions and to ensure the sustainability of the school.
- Any case that does not sit exactly within a defined category will be evaluated by the Leadership and Development Team in collaboration with the Board as needed.
- Places that become available will only be offered once the enrolment window is open
- Places offered will only be available for acceptance until the published enrolment cutoff date

#### Waiting Pool

When an application is placed in the Waiting Pool, prospective parents are required to contact the school to confirm interest in remaining in the Waiting Pool at the start of each school term: applications will be removed from the Waiting Pool if this is not done.

The following is for internal use only.

#### Category 1

Diplomatic community applications from nationalities that directly support the school have priority over others in each sub-category

1. a. Diplomatic community siblings of currently enrolled students
1. b. Diplomatic community children already in country that have just reached the age of formal schooling
1. c. Diplomatic community children newly arrived in country
1. d. Diplomatic community children already in country attending another school
1. e. Children (up to 2 as per contract) of expatriate teachers hired, with temporary residence, to work at the school;

**Category 2**

Non-diplomatic community members that are Temporary Residents where both parents and the child hold non-Cuban passports: applications from nationalities that directly support the school have priority over others in each sub-category

**2. a.** Category 2 students that are **siblings** of students currently enrolled:

- i. for whom a place was not available at the time of arrival in country when initial enrolment application was made;
- ii. that have just reached the age of formal schooling.

**2. b.** Category 2 students that are not siblings of students currently enrolled and:

- i. have just reached the age of formal schooling; OR have just arrived in the country; OR for whom a place was not available at the time of arrival in country when initial enrolment application was made
- ii. are already living in the country and are first language speakers of English;
- iii. are already living in the country and are not first language speakers of English;
- iv. are already living in the country and attending another school.

**Category 3**

Non-diplomatic community members that are not Category 2 but either both or one parent holds a Cuban passport with a PRE (Permiso de Residencia en el Exterior).

**3. a.** Students for whom a place was not available at the time of arrival in country and initial enrolment application was made; OR have just reached the age of formal schooling;

**3. b.** Students that are already living in the country and are first language speakers of English;

**3. c.** Students that are already living in the country and are not first language speakers of English;

**3. d.** Students that are already living in the country and attending another school.

Applications from non-diplomatic community members that are neither Category 2 nor Category 3 where both parents hold Permanent Residence will not be entertained.