

CBC International Schools-Hefei IB DP Admissions Policy

CBC Hefei - is a candidate school* for the Diploma Programme. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. IB World Schools share a common philosophy- a commitment to high-quality, challenging, international education- that we believe is important for our students.

* Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme (DP), or the Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.

Mission statement:

We are dedicated to preparing our students for success in a rapidly changing world by providing a supportive learning environment that promotes:

- inquiry and collaboration within the classroom
- recognizes and respects individual differences within the school community
- celebrates community involvement
- and allows students to position themselves as individuals in a global world

Purpose of the Policy:

CBC-Hefei has created an admissions policy to outline the prerequisites for entrance to the CBC-Hefei IB Diploma Programme (DP) for both internal, external applicants and transfer students. The prerequisites exist to:

- Ensure students understand the requirements of the DP at CBC-Hefei
- Promote success in an academically rigorous and demanding program
- Ensure students can effectively access the language(s) of instruction throughout the program

Final admission to the CBC-Hefei DP will be determined by:

- The potential of the applicant to benefit from the educational services available
- The capacity of the school to meet the academic and social needs of the applicant
- The applicant's performance in the interview and Grade 10 English course results

Admissions requirements

Language Proficiency

English is the primary language of instruction at CBC-Hefei. Students seeking admission to the DP whose first language is not English are required to provide evidence of English language proficiency. For internal candidates, original CBC-Hefei English Language Entrance Exams results as well as grade 10 English Language course results may be referenced to determine eligibility.

External (+ transfer students) candidates will be required to conduct an interview with an appropriate representative of the Admissions Department in addition to submitting their grade 10 English Language course mark; additional evidence such as the English course results of their high school entrance examination may be required. Personnel qualified to determine language proficiency include the Head of School, the IBDP Coordinator, and/or Academic Counsellor.

CBC-Hefei will consider students who are not yet proficient in English if we believe that, over their projected time at CBC-Hefei, they will be able to develop proficiency in academic English sufficient to be successful in the IB Diploma Programme.

Academic Proficiency

Participating in the full IB Diploma Program is a significant academic and personal challenge. Students are required to demonstrate a solid academic foundation related to course choices to gain acceptance in the CBC-Hefei DP. Official transcripts and/or report cards pertaining to grade 10 academic achievement will be assessed.

Candidates are required to demonstrate evidence for:

- Attainment of a “B” average (or greater) in courses related to SL course choices
- Attainment of an “A” average (or greater) in courses related to HL course choices

Mock Core Assessment Performance

Candidates will engage in a mock assessment related to one or both of these Core features and their performance on this assessment will be taken into account as the admissions process progresses.

Student attribute and character demonstration

All candidates seeking admission must demonstrate an understanding of the CBC-Hefei DP requirements.

- Candidates are required to attend and/or view CBC-Hefei DP information sessions and presentations and DP policies
- submit a recommendation letter from a current/previous teacher
- Submit a personal letter outlining why they want to participate in the DP programme and the importance of being open minded, a good communicator, open to new academic learning and personal growth and having strong time-management and organizational skills.

IBDP Transfer students

Transfer students are required to meet the general admissions requirements as written above. As an additional requirement the school will validate the alignment of current/previous DP courses, content access and course work progress to determine if the transfer into the DP programme is appropriate.

CBC-Hefei and Inclusive education

The DP admissions process at CBC-Hefei is inclusive and encourages all students who can satisfy the prerequisites to apply. All candidates will meet with representatives of the Admissions Department to help ensure the DP at CBC-Hefei is the right choice for them, guide the candidate in appropriate course selection choices, and discuss any identified inclusive access arrangements that may need to be supported.

Links between the assessment policy and other documents

The Admissions Policy is integrated with the CBC-Hefei Academic Honesty Policy, Inclusion policy and Language Policy. Candidates applying to CBC-Hefei for the DP should read each of the policies to gain a holistic understanding of the program.

Policy Development

The CBC-Hefei IBDP Admissions Policy is a working document that is reviewed/revised regularly as student, community and programme components evolve. This document has been prepared by the schools IB Coordinator/DP faculty and with the support of community members. The



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policy is introduced at the commencement of each term and covered as part of a staff induction process, as well it is communicated to the school community via the student/guardian handbook and website. This policy aligns with the CBC-Hefei vision, mission, and values as an international school as well as with the values and principles of the IB Diploma Programme.



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