

## Admission Policy Norlights International School, High School

Norlights International School Oslo (NLIS) aims to attract students who wish to be actively involved in a caring and committed internationally-minded and bilingual community.

Admission of students shall take place in accordance with the regulations in the Private School Act (*Friskoleloven*), § 3-1, the Public Administration Act section 2 and the school's Admission Policy.

The school has the whole country as an admission area and is open to anyone who fulfills the conditions for admission to public schools. The appeal body is the county governor (Fylkesmannen).

### General Requirements

Norlights International School Oslo is open to students who meet the requirements to enter state schools in Norway in accordance with § 3-1 of the Education Act (*Opplæringslova*).

For the start of school in August, the application deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> March. Applications received after this deadline will be processed in the order they are received for the remaining available places, and/or placed on the waiting list.

In the event of a shortage of places, the following priority order has been set:

1. Current NLIS students applying for the following year.
2. Siblings of current or former NLIS students.
3. Previous IB or other international schooling.
4. Children of staff members.
5. Applicant with international background.

Factors that determine whether a student is international:

Nationality of student and/or parents, student's academic language, whether the student has lived abroad for a significant amount of time.

6. Balancing representation of each gender so that each sex is represented by at least 40 percent
7. Other applicants by lottery

All decisions regarding admission to the school are subject to and in accordance with the Private School Act §3-1 and the Public Administration Act (*Forvaltningsloven*) §2, with the right of appeal to the *Fylkesmannen*.

### Qualifications required to the IB Diploma Programme

- First year of Norwegian Upper Secondary School general studies
- IB Middle Year Program 5
- IGCSE
- Equivalent qualification to any of the above, including a minimum of 10 years schooling within general studies
- A satisfactory level of English (English as teaching language or the first foreign language in the previous schooling)
- A satisfactory level of Mathematics to enable the student to follow one of the IB Diploma mathematics.

Students who cannot provide the school with sufficient evidence of proficiency in English and Mathematics will be asked to undertake an entrance examination in these subjects.

### **Specific Requirements for entry to the second year of the Diploma Programme – DP2**

To progress from DP1 to DP2, all students will have:

- a) attained 24 points or more from their DP1 summer examinations; this includes having higher than grade 3 in their HL subjects and higher than grade 4 in any subject.
- b) completed the Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge and CAS requirements for DP1.
- c) participated in the 'Group 4 project'.

Progression for students who fail to meet these requirements will be considered on an individual basis by the IBDP Coordinator and the Principal and the Director.

NLIS does not accept external applications directly into DP2 unless adverse circumstances apply. All decisions for entry to DP2 are subject to the final approval of the Principal and Director.

### **Application process:**

Students should apply directly to the school using Openapply through the NLIS website. The application deadline is 1st of March of the year of application to the DP. Applications received after this deadline will be processed in the order they are received for the remaining available places.

Applicants and parents/guardians will be invited to a meeting with the principal or IB coordinator, providing them with the opportunity to view the school facilities and inquire further about the relevant IB programme, before making a decision to accept a place.