



# THE ROCK SCHOOL

A Foundation *for* Flourishing

## ADMISSIONS POLICY

### **The Rock School Vision Statement**

The vision of The Rock School is to make disciples of Jesus who possess the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to courageously cooperate with God in the work of redeeming the world.

### **IB Mission Statement**

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

### **The Rock School IB Admissions Policy**

All students admitted to The Rock School in grades K-5 are simultaneously admitted to the Primary Years Program. In the same manner, all students admitted to The Rock School in grades 6-10 are simultaneously admitted to the Middle Years Program. Likewise, all students admitted to The Rock School in grades 11-12 are simultaneously admitted into the Diploma Program.

The process of being admitted to The Rock School as seen in the TRS Admissions Policy, is independent of admission to the PYP, MYP and DP programs.

### **Policy Review Process**

The Admissions Policy will be reviewed and revised every other year by a team of school administration, IB coordinators, and teachers. All proposed changes will be brought before the PLT (Pedagogical Leadership Team) for approval.



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## The Rock School Admissions Policy

The Rock School seeks students with a solid academic record who will benefit from educational excellence in a Christ-centered community. Admittance is based on past academic and social performance, as shown through grade history, standardized test scores, teachers' recommendations, and an educational consultation. The purpose of our admissions process has always been to ensure applicants will flourish at The Rock School.

The Rock School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The Rock School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

### ADMISSIONS PROCESS - ALL APPLICANTS

- Educational Consultation
- Online Application
- Recent Report Card or School Transcripts
- Standardized Test Scores (FSA, PSAT, CAT, ITBS, MAP, etc.)
- At least one [teacher recommendation](#)
- Student Essay (grades 6-12 only), from [prompt](#) included in the Online Application
- Educational/Diagnostic or Psychological Evaluation Results (IEP, 504, etc.), if applicable
  - [The Rock School Inclusion Policy](#)

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

CRITERIA	DOCUMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student must be at least 16 years old.</li> <li>● The student must be entering grade 10 or 11.</li> <li>● The student must have high English proficiency.</li> <li>● The international student's guardian must have permanent or established residency in the United States. A visitor's visa does not meet this requirement.</li> </ul> <p><i>The Rock School does not provide boarding or host families. All living arrangements are the responsibility of the student's family.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School Transcripts, translated to English</li> <li>● Student's Passport information page</li> <li>● Proof of Funds documentation (bank statement and/or letter of support)</li> <li>● Local guardian contact information, if student will live with someone other than the parents</li> <li>● Email address for at least one current teacher who can complete a recommendation form</li> <li>● Zoom Interview, to assess English proficiency</li> </ul>

## Resources

The following resources were used to develop this policy:

- [Diploma Programme: From principles into practice \(For use from August 2015\)](#)
- Monte Vista Christian School Admissions Policy