



**Capilano, Carson Graham & Queen Mary  
International Baccalaureate World Schools  
Access Policy  
Diploma, Middle Years and Primary Years Programmes**

Policy Date: September 2023

**Philosophy:**

The North Vancouver School District (NVSD) offers the full International Baccalaureate (IB) continuum - the Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma Programmes - spanning from Kindergarten to grade 12. The programmes are offered individually or as a continuum. NVSD believes in providing an IB education to the broadest range of students. As such, the Primary Years and Middle Years Programmes are inclusive, and offered free of charge. Every learner attending the Primary Years and Middle Years Programmes school are IB learners. The Diploma Programme is an optional program that aims to develop well rounded students and citizens, and prepare them for university. Carson Graham aims to admit into the Diploma Programme all learners who demonstrate academic and extra-curricular achievements that indicate the likelihood of being successful. Diploma Programme participants pay a portion of the IBO examination fees.

NVSD embraces a Family of Schools model. Each "family" is comprised of a secondary school and its surrounding elementary schools. The NVSD has purposefully located our continuum of IB World Schools in the Carson Graham Family of Schools to provide our community with the broadest access to an International Baccalaureate education.

The purpose of this continuum family model is to build and maintain a positive community within the Carson Graham school neighbourhood, enhance staff collaboration, and optimize student support. The vision is to grow a vibrant learning community where expertise can be developed and shared across schools and across programmes.

Student admission and school choice in the NVSD are guided by the following principles:

- The admission process maximizes the number of students able to attend their catchment area school. The location of the student's place of residence determines catchment.
- The admission process enables the student's and parent's ability to choose the school and educational program which best meets the student's educational needs
- The admission process supports stability and continuity for students and families
- Wherever possible, siblings will be admitted to the same school.
- Students from outside the Carson Graham family of schools catchment area may attend IB schools provided space is available and families follow the application procedures associated with *Policy 605: Admission of Students to School*.



### **Applicable IBO Standard:**

Culture 1.1: The school implements and reviews an access and/or admissions policy that clearly describes the conditions for participation in the school's programme(s). (0301-01-0100)

Culture 1.3: The school provides opportunities to access the programme(s) for the broadest possible range of students. (0301-01-0300)

Purpose 2: The school's pedagogical leadership team embraces educational approaches that encourage students to become active, compassionate lifelong learners. (0101-02)

### **Procedures and Practices:**

[Policy 605 Admission of Students to Schools \(sd44.ca\)](https://sd44.ca)

### **Policy Review Procedures and Dates:**

October 2025