

ADMISSIONS & PLACEMENT POLICY

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BGA is the leading independent school in Georgia and offers a high-quality education to Georgian students and international students. We aim to provide a caring, secure and stimulating environment where each child can thrive and has the opportunity to develop their full potential. Applications are accepted, and admission is granted, on a rolling basis throughout the year. However, parents are advised to apply as soon as possible as there is limited availability.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Admission decisions are made based on an assessment as to whether the child can benefit from BGA educational programmes in accordance with our admissions policy, and provided we have space available within the appropriate year group. BGA does not discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, gender, religion, culture or citizenship. We welcome applications for students who will benefit from an international, education within a bilingual context.

Admission and continued enrolment at BGA are based on the following:

- **Parental / family ability to communicate in English or Georgian (or provide a translator where required) *.**
- **The potential of the student to benefit from BGA's education programme.**
- **The ability of the school to meet the educational needs of the student.**
- **The ability of the student to meet the academic and social expectations of the school.**
- **Fulfillment of the school's financial and medical requirements.**
- **Full consent to school policies, parent code of conduct and our behavior for learning policy.**

**The languages of learning at BGA are English and Georgian. Parental support and involvement in our school community is important at BGA and we involve our families in regular communication of academic learning and pastoral development.*

BGA has high expectations of behavior, attendance and positive parental involvement. Although we are academically non-selective in our philosophy, our International Cambridge curriculum and IB Diploma program requires high levels of English language skills to access these curricula. Therefore, in order to fulfill its mission and school culture and ethos, the school reserves the right to refuse admissions where students are judged unable to access the curriculum.

BGA tries to maintain maximum class sizes at 20 students per class, but may extend this based on certain conditions. Where availability is limited, admissions will be prioritized by the following:

- **Where the student has existing siblings already studying at BGA.**
- **Where extension of class size supports sustainability of the class, year group or program of study.**

The school is able to offer a programme to meet the needs of students with certain special educational and physical needs. If the school deems that a student needs additional support, including language support in some instances above that which the school currently provides, parents will be required to fund such support privately. The granting or denial of admission or conditions placed upon it are the responsibility of the Principal. The school reserves the right not to admit a student to the school if, in the opinion of the school, the reasonable needs of the student in this respect cannot be met by the school.

Admissions Assessments

All children will participate in an age-appropriate admissions assessment. Although BGA is a non-selective school, students must be able to access the curriculum and make progress in their learning.

As part of the admissions process the following assessments will contribute towards successful admission to BGA:

- Cognitive ability testing (CAT4), English, Georgian and Math’s assessments for Grade 5 and above.
- Student interviews with the school psychologist for Preschool to Grade 1 and other Grade-ages where required.
- All students will meet with mentors and/or Head of Primary, Secondary and Seniors for an informal assessment as part of the admissions process.

English Language Proficiency

For students entering our pre-school and primary schools English is not required for admissions. However new admissions into our secondary school require sufficient English to access the curriculum.

Additionally, new entries into Grade 9 and above, as examination and certification grades, are English-medium and require a high-level of English as well as sufficient Georgian, Math’s and Science to enter these grades.

Please note that because iGCSE and IB Diploma programs are two-year courses, Grade 10 and Grade 12 entries are only accepted based on extenuating individual circumstances, as students entering BGA at these points will be half-way through these examination courses.

The majority of our students are Georgian, or mixed Georgian nationals and BGA delivers a rich Georgian language and literature curriculum alongside our international curricula. Students entering into our secondary school will therefore be assessed to determine which Georgian classes they will enter: Georgian as a 1st language or Georgian as an additional language. External students wishing to enter our Georgian Diploma (Grades 11 -12) must meet sufficient Georgian language requirements.

PLACEMENT CRITERIA

The BGA school year begins in August/September and finishes in June/July of the following year. We look for new students to be at the stated age by the beginning of that academic year. BGA doesn’t not allow movement out of year groups as we believe this best serves the academic, social and pastoral well-being of the students.

SECTION	GRADE	AGE REQUIREMENTS
	PRE-NURSERY	4 years old by September 30 th
	NURSERY	5 years old by September 30 th
PRIMARY	GRADE 1 (I)	6 years old by September 30 th
	GRADE 2 (II)	7 years old by September 30 th
	GRADE 3 (III)	8 years old by September 30 th
	GRADE 4 (IV)	9 years old by September 30 th
	GRADE 5 (V)	10 years old by September 30 th
SECONDARY	GRADE 6 (VI)	11 years old by September 30 th
	GRADE 7 (VII)	12 years old by September 30 th
	GRADE 8 (VIII)	13 years old by September 30 th
	GRADE 9 (IX)	14 years old by September 30 th
	GRADE 10 (X)	15 years old by September 30 th
SENIORS	GRADE 11 (XI)	16 years old by September 30 th
	GRADE 12 (XII)	17 years old by September 30 th

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

CONTACTS

Please contact admissions@BGA.ge with any questions.

