



SPOJENÁ ŠKOLA
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ADMISSION POLICY

In 2005, Gymnázium Jura Hronca (GJH) and Základná škola Košická (ZŠ) has joint to form Spojená škola Novohradská. Our school is an IB Continuum school offering admission to three educational programmes:

1. The Diploma Programme (DP) for students in the final two years of secondary school, aged 17 to 20.
2. The Middle Years Programme (MYP) for students aged 11 to 17.
3. The Primary Years Programme (PYP) for students aged 6 to 11.

Parents/ legal guardians and students interested in enrollment in IB programmes at Spojená škola Novohradská, find all necessary information on admission on the school's website www.gjh.sk or can arrange a visit at our school in order to find more details about respective programmes/sections or admission. Based on the type of enrollment, applicants to IB programmes have to be registered after filling out either the application form (enrollment into 1 PYP or 3 IB DP) or the request of transfer (transfer for PYP, MYP, DP). They can submit the required documents either to (surname_of_the_head_of_the_international_school)@gjh.sk or (surname_of_the_programme_coordinator)@gjh.sk. The applicants can also hand in the required documents personally to the Head of the international school, the programme coordinators or to our IB Secretary. It can also be sent to school via post addressed to Spojená škola Novohradská, Novohradská 3, 821 09 Bratislava.

Inclusion and admission

The school accepts children without discrimination of gender, religion, race, sexuality or nationality. Admission of candidates with special needs requirements are to be dealt with on an individual basis, as e.g. some of the school's sections are not easily accessible by a wheelchair.

ADMISSION PROCESS TO PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME

The school offers the PYP in two sections:

- the English section, where the language of instruction is English
- the Slovak section with the language of instruction in Slovak.

Admission to PYP1

For admission into both PYP sections, it is necessary to fill in the PYP application form by a certain date which is updated annually and posted on our website. All necessary information including instructions to admission are also posted on our website. Once the deadline for collection of application forms has passed, the school prepares and sends out the invitations to parents/ legal guardians via email together with the required information on the organisation of the selection process. The selection process into both PYP sections happens on the same date, either Friday or Saturday of the respective school year, which is agreed by the school management. The date is set up for the beginning of June so all children with compulsory schooling in Slovakia have already been accepted to their respective schools. The closing date for the collection of application forms is approximately one month before the selection process date. The application form must be signed by both parents/legal guardians. As the selection process for I. PYP happens on the same date for both language sections, a child can either apply for the English or the Slovak section.

The conditions for the student to be eligible to apply for our programme are:

- the child reaches the age of 6 years until the end of August of the respective year,
- the child does not currently attend any school in an equivalent of Grade 1 according to the Slovak National Schooling System,
- the student has been registered at a local school and therefore has an alternative schooling option, in line with the schooling regulations,
- for the parents who plan to submit an early schooling request, it is essential to provide an approving recommendation by CPPPaP (Centrum pedagogicko-psychologického poradenstva a prevencie), as well as from the child's paediatrician,
- for school year 2022/2023, if a child was born before September 2016, parents/legal guardians needed to provide an issued proof of postponed compulsory education.

Entrance requirements for I. PYP

The selection process happens in the language of instruction of each section.

In the English section the requirements are:

1. Identify basic colours and shapes.
2. Know the spatial positioning and directions words.
3. Use basic concepts to make comparative judgments and a comparison to a standard.
4. Use basic concepts to group or classify by one or more characteristics.
5. Use basic concepts for ordering.
6. Understand directions that include more than one concept.
7. Follow one and two step instructions. Work independently.

8. Be able to carry out a conversation in English.
9. Follow the basic requirements for school readiness.

The selection process will concentrate on the three main parts – the ability to communicate and follow instructions in English, school readiness, and general abilities to follow multi-step instructions. Students are not expected to be able to read or write.

In the Slovak section the requirements are:

1. Identify basic colours and shapes.
2. Know the spatial positioning and directions words.
3. Use basic concepts to make comparative judgments and a comparison to a standard.
4. Use basic concepts to group or classify by one or more characteristics.
5. Use basic concepts for ordering.
6. Understand directions that include more than one concept.
7. Follow one and two step instructions. Work independently.
8. Follow the basic requirements for school readiness.

Children will receive points for each part- first, the children sit two parts of a pen and pencil test and, then 30 children who scored the best in the pen and pencil tests are invited for the interview for which they receive points as well. Parents/ legal guardians are informed about the final results (under codes) of the whole selection process on the school website within seven days. Parents/ Legal guardians of the first 20 (in the English section) and the first 22 (in the Slovak section) most successful children will receive an acceptance letter to the PYP at our school. Parents/ Legal guardians are obliged to inform the school about their decision to enroll their child or not till 31st August of the respective year.

Admission to II. PYP – V. PYP

For admission, it is required to fill in the request for transfer available on the school's website. If there is a free spot available for a new student, all applicants will be invited for an examination. Completed requests for transfer have to be sent via post, hand in personally or submitted online to (surname_of_the_head_of_the_international_school)@gjh.sk or (surname_of_the_programme_coordinator)@gjh.sk. and subsequently registered by school. They are valid for one year. In case no admission takes place during the school year, it is necessary for the applicants to apply again after this time.

ADMISSION PROCESS TO MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

Students from the school's V. PYP class of the English section automatically continue their studies in our pre-MYP class without taking any entrance examination.

Admission to preMYP – V. MYP

Because of the state regulation, we are allowed to have 24 students in our MYP classes, therefore we can accept additional 4 new students through entrance examinations each year. For admission into MYP, it is necessary to fill in the request for transfer posted on our website together with all required documentation attached. After sending the request to our MYP coordinator to (surname_of_the_MYP_coordinator)@gjh.sk or the Head of the international school, the request is registered. The parents/ legal guardians will be sent information about the venue, together with the invitation for the entrance examination from English language and Maths, and a short interview. Parents/ Legal guardians will be notified of the admission decision shortly, after the test results are reviewed. To pass the English exam the students need to be fluent and competent in English language and thus be at the same level as other students in the respective class. Applicants can apply for the entry throughout the entire school year. Professional MYP staff of Spojená škola Novohradská will make the final decision on child's acceptance and proper placement.

In order to identify which grade is suitable for the child to apply for, the MYP team follows the terminology below and also consults which grade the child has been attending and what syllabus they have been following.

Terminology of grades in MYP vs national programme vs 8-year grammar school:

- age 11-12 -> pre-MYP = 6th grade = prima
- age 12-13 -> MYP1 = 7th grade= sekunda
- age 13-14 -> MYP2 = 8th grade= tercia
- age 14-15 -> MYP3 = 9th grade= kvarta
- age 15-16 -> MYP4 = 1st grade of secondary high education= kvinta
- age 16-17 -> MYP5 = 2nd grade of secondary high education= sexta

ADMISSION PROCESS TO DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Admission to 3 IBDP

Students must complete and submit an application form which is published on the school's website. The deadline for application delivery is usually set for March of the respective school year. After the application form has been submitted, the students are invited for the entrance examination to Spojená škola Novohradská which usually takes place in April of the respective school year. The exact date may change from year to year with respect to Easter Holiday as well as to admission to other programmes our school offers. The applicants are sent an invitation letter with their unique code. Students continuing their studies from school's MYP do not submit an application form. They are informed about the admission accordingly.

The entrance examination to the DP will take place at Spojená škola Novohradská at one date only. The students, who are currently located abroad, will be allowed to participate externally at the school they are currently studying and under the supervision of a pedagogical supervisor.

Admission to 4 IB DP

In case of a free spot in 4 IB DP classes, applicants must fill out and submit a request for transfer. We accept students who have completed their studies in 3 IB DP in other IB authorised IB World schools and whom we can offer the same subjects they studied in their 3 IB DP.

Admission criteria

Based on the authorisation of the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic MŠ SR č. 438/94 and the agreement of the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic MŠ SR č. CD-2008-16388/35487-1:912 each school year, we open one new class for 24 students from other than our school's MYP programme. Generally, those 24 students might be students of the 2nd or 3rd grade of 4-year grammar school, sexta and septima, 6th or 7th grade of 8-year high school or 3rd and 4th year of the bilingual high schools with national curriculum or students of schools with similar or other international school systems.

Note: In case of a severe breach of the School Code of Conduct of the students in their previous studies, the applicant may be denied acceptance.

The content and the form of the entrance examination

The entrance examination consists of Part 1 and Part 2. Mathematics examination and English language examination, both being written tests in Part 1, are compulsory. Each examination takes 60 minutes. Part 2 is a student's personality profile which includes their previous study achievements, extracurricular activities and their teacher's reference and recommendation. Points reached at both parts are added up to calculate the final score.

School's MYP students sit the same entrance examination Part 1 together with other applicants on the same date. In addition, completion of their Personal Project in V.MYP, its external assessment by IBO and a receipt of minimum grade 3 are compulsory for these MYP students to continue in school's DP.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE:

The entrance written exam in English tests the applicant's abilities in reading comprehension and his knowledge of grammar and lexis on the upper-intermediate

level. The aim of the test is to verify that the applicant will be able to manage the demanding study of different subjects in English.

MATHEMATICS:

The test will cover material taught at primary school and also the first one and a half year of the Slovak grammar school curriculum:

Basic manipulation of algebraic expressions. Concept and notation of sets. Operations on sets: union and intersection. Prime numbers and factors. Definition of absolute value (modulus). Number systems: natural numbers, integers, rationals, irrationals and real numbers. Intervals. Definition of a function and its properties. Linear and quadratic functions, their graphs and properties. Solution of linear and quadratic equations and inequalities. Counting principle, permutations and combinations. Geometry of a plane. Geometrical transformations: translation, reflection, rotation, enlargement. Congruence and similarity. Definition of the functions: $\sin x$, $\cos x$, $\tan x$, their graphs and properties. Solving triangles including compound shapes.

The test will be available in English.

The assessment of the entrance examination

The student is considered to pass Part 1 when they achieve at least 30 % in each examination, or at least 90 % in the Mathematics examination and at the same time at least 20 % in the English language examination of the maximum reachable points. Part 2 will be assessed only for those students who have passed Part 1 successfully. The first 24 students with highest scores will be offered a place in the IB DP for the following school year.

Results of the entrance examination

The results of the entrance examination will be published on the entrance door of the school building from Prievozská street as well as on the school's website <http://gjh.sk>, <http://ib.gjh.sk> under codes provided to students in the invitation letter. The expected date of the publication of the results is May of the respective year. By the end of May, each student or parent/legal guardian will receive a letter with the examination results. Each student/parent/legal guardian is asked to confirm their interest and acceptance of the place offered in the IB DP for the next school year. Altogether, the final number of the new 3 IB Diploma students is usually up to 54.