

ADMISSION POLICY OF THE DSK PRIMARY SCHOOL

1. No learner will be refused admission on the grounds of race, gender, culture, or religious belief.
2. All learners admitted to the school will take part in the total school programme - academic, sporting, social and cultural.
3. Selection will be based on the following criteria:
 - Learners must demonstrate a definite school-readiness before acceptance to the DSK can be contemplated.
 - In respect of a learner admitted to Grade 1, preference will be given to a learner turning seven in the year of acceptance. The minimum eligibility criterion is that a learner must turn 6 by June unless exceptional circumstances exist which necessitate the admission of the learner in his/her best interest.
 - The available number of places in a particular class (given the maximum class size determined from time to time in accordance with the school's commitment to providing a quality education).
 - Whether the amount of support or special needs that a learner might require (based on the school's assessment results) can be met.
 - Whether the parent/guardian is able to pay the fees (with or without financial assistance) as determined by the Board from time to time.
 - Whether the learner can cope with the medium of instruction (i.e. the German language).

Procedure

1. The "Application for Enrolment" form must be completed and returned to the school together with the required fee, preferably by the end of the 2nd term. All existing examination and assessment results, school reports, transfer certificates and such like must be submitted with the application.

2. Should scholastic assessments be necessary, an appointment will be arranged by the relevant member of staff. Alternatively an assessment can be required by the DSK from an external Counselling Psychologist, at the parents' expense.
3. A full credit reference check is undertaken and the present school contacted (if appropriate) as laid down in the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa's Code of Ethical Practice,
4. The application is screened for eligibility in terms of the criteria (above) by the Admittance Committee.
5. If necessary the learner and the parent(s)/guardian(s) are interviewed.
6. Where an application is successful, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be asked to sign the Code of Conduct Agreement.
7. Where an application is unsuccessful the Admittance Committee will inform the parent(s)/guardian(s). Verbal reasons for such refusal will be given on request. The selection process is confidential, and parents undertake to accept the decision reached by the DSK.