

Admissions Policy

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# Introduction

Magno International School is a private, international school located in Alicante, catering to students from the ages of 3 to 18. Our curriculum is based on the Spanish national education system, ensuring a comprehensive and high-quality educational experience for all students. For admission into Year 3 (2° Primaria) and above, we require an entrance assessment covering Mathematics, English, and Spanish. This policy outlines our admissions procedure, criteria, and the documentation required for prospective students.

# Year Groups and Stages

At Magno International School, we offer education for the following stages:

- Infantil (Pre-school): Ages 3 to 6 (Nursery and Reception)
- Primaria (Primary): Ages 6 to 12 (Years 1 to 6)
- Secundaria (Secondary): Ages 12 to 16 (Years 7 to 10)
- Bachillerato (Sixth Form): Ages 16 to 18 (Years 11 to 12)

Our curriculum follows the Spanish national guidelines, with core subjects including Mathematics, Science, Spanish, English, and Social Sciences. To assist international families, an appendix is provided with tables of equivalencies for various educational systems (British, Chinese, Ukrainian, Russian, etc.), ensuring smooth transitions for students transferring from abroad.

# **Transition and Year Placement**

Year placement is determined by the student's date of birth, aligning with the Spanish system. For entry into Bachillerato, specific academic requirements must be met, as mandated by the Conselleria de Educación. Students transitioning from international or foreign systems must provide evidence of their academic history, which will be reviewed to ensure proper placement.

### **Admissions Entrance Criteria & Process**

The admissions process consists of the following stages:

- 1. Application Submission: Complete the application form through our Admissions Portal.
- 2. Assessment (Year 3 onwards): Entrance assessments are mandatory for students applying from Year 3 (2° Primaria) onwards. These tests evaluate competencies in Mathematics, English, and Spanish.
- 3. **Review and Interview:** Once the assessments are completed, the admissions team will review the results. An interview with the student and family may be arranged to further discuss the application.
- 4. **Taster Days**: We encourage prospective students to participate in a **Taster Day**, where they can spend a full day immersed in the school environment. This allows them to experience the curriculum, meet their future classmates and teachers, and see if the school is the right fit for them. Taster Days are available upon request and subject to availability.
- 5. **Waiting List:** In the event of oversubscription, a waiting list will be maintained. Priority will be given based on sibling status, proximity to the school, and academic performance.
- Language Requirements: The primary language of instruction is Spanish, with significant emphasis on English.
- 1. Early years: no language requirements
- 2. **Primary, Secondary:** the minimum language requirement is students must have an average command of either Spanish OR English. For students who are not proficient in Spanish, we offer a Spanish as a Foreign Language (SFL) programme. Depending on the student's language proficiency, an immersion programme may be mandatory.
- Application Deadlines: Applications are accepted throughout the year, but priority for the next academic year is given to those submitted by April 30th.

# **Assessment**

The assessment process evaluates the student's academic performance and readiness for the curriculum at Magno International School. These assessments cover core subjects and help determine the appropriate year group for the student. Results are shared with families within two weeks of testing.

#### Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

We are committed to supporting students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). However, we require all children to be toilet trained prior to admission. Our team assesses each case individually to ensure we can provide the necessary support within our school environment and curriculum.

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# Rejections and/or Exclusions

Magno International School reserves the right to reject an application or exclude a student at any stage of the admissions process without providing specific reasons. Decisions are made based on the best interest of the student and the school community.

#### **Documents Required**

- Academic Records: Recent school reports (translated into Spanish or English)
- Psychological report as well as a reference person from the department if required by the center for a pre-access evaluation.
- Birth Certificate: Translated if necessary
- Passport or ID: Proof of identity and nationality
- Parents will be required to complete a medical declaration as part of the admissions process. This declaration is to ensure the school are made fully aware of any medical requirements your child needs. Medical records may be requested if needed.

All documents must be provided in either Spanish or English. Translations must be certified by a recognized authority.

# Leaving/Withdrawals

Parents wishing to withdraw their child must provide 45 days written notice. Failing to do so may result in fees being charged for the following term.

# **Fees**

Please refer to our <u>Fees Page</u> for detailed information regarding tuition. Fees do not cover textbooks, uniforms, or the mandatory meal plan.

# Policy on Equal Treatment

Magno International School is committed to equal treatment of all applicants and students, irrespective of race, nationality, gender, religion, or background. We ensure a fair and transparent admissions process for every applicant.

# Transferring Schools in Spain/Comunidad Valenciana

Students transferring from another school within Spain must present a baja (withdrawal) document from their previous school and ensure that their records have been updated in the Ítaca system, as required by the Comunidad Valenciana.

# **Finalising Admissions**

Once an offer has been made, parents will need to finalise the process by completing the required documentation and submitting it through the Parent Portal. Once confirmed, the school will provide additional details regarding start dates and orientation.

# **Key Contact Information**

For any queries regarding the admissions process, please contact our admissions team:

- Email: admissions@magnoschool.es

- Phone: +34 965 625 200

For specific enquiries, please contact:

- Ana Maestre (Administration): ana.maestre@magnoschool.es

- David Rico (School Finance): drico@magnoschool.es

#### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1: Equivalencies of educational British system

This policy ensures clarity and fairness for all families considering Magno International School, ensuring a smooth admissions process for both local and international students.

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