

Agassiz Elementary School International Baccalaureate*
Primary Years and Middle Years Programme
Access and Admissions Policy

Section 1: Introduction

International Baccalaureate Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate (IB) aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

Agassiz Mission Statement

Our Mission

Our promise is to provide a nurturing and rigorous learning environment. We will instill within our students a love of learning by identifying their positive distinctions through academics, the arts and athletics. We empower students to be responsible, contributing members of an international community.

Our Vision

As a result, Agassiz students strive to be life-long learners who are persistent problem solvers, are inquisitive about the world, have a strong sense of self, and articulate their thoughts, feelings, and ideas through ongoing reflection.

Agassiz students strive to be empathetic by understanding different perspectives while being mindful of their unique viewpoint.

Agassiz students strive to be caring and principled, and to possess a foundation of knowledge that enables them to build a more peaceful world.

*Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme (DP), or the Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.

Section 2: Access & Admission to Agassiz Elementary School

Agassiz Elementary is a Chicago Public School that serves students from Pre-Kindergarten (PK) through 8th grade. We are an authorized IB World School that offers both the International Baccalaureate Primary Years (PYP) in Pre-K- 5th grade and Middle Years Programme (MYP) in 6th-8th grade to students who are accepted and enrolled. We are also a Fine and Performing Arts Magnet Cluster school and admit students from the neighborhood, as well as through our annual lottery. As defined by the Chicago Public Schools, Magnet Cluster schools are specialized neighborhood schools that focus their curriculum on areas such as: Fine and Performing Arts, World Language, and Technology. A Magnet Cluster school has a neighborhood attendance boundary and accepts students who live within that boundary. Students who live outside of the neighborhood attendance boundary must participate in the [GoCPS](#) application and selection process in order to be considered for acceptance.

At Agassiz Elementary, the PYP and MYP are open to all PK through 8th grade students. The programmes are designed to be inclusive of all students, regardless of interest and ability. The primary language of instruction is English and students receive additional language instruction in Arabic (K-5th), as well as Japanese (K-8th). Throughout their IB journey, students receive differentiated instruction and support from their classroom teachers, specialists (Arts, Music, PE, Library, Language), and from our clinicians, as needed or determined by a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504.

Additional guidance on the enrollment of students in a Chicago Public School is found below:

[CPS Policy on the Enrollment and Transfer of Students in the Chicago Public Schools](#)

Section 3: Access and Admission Resources

- [Agassiz Elementary School Website](#)
- [GoCPS](#)
- [About the IB](#)
- [What is an IB Education?](#)
- [The IB Primary Years Programme](#)
- [The IB Middle Years Programme](#)