

Guidance and Counselling on the DP NTI Gymnasiet Skövde *Guidance and counselling to support students in their DP years*

The IB Mission Statement

“The International Baccalaureate 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.”

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Student guidance and counselling at NTI Gymnasiet Skövde

NTI Gymnasiet Skövde (formerly Itgymnasiet i Skövde) was founded in 2001 and was granted authorization as an IB World School in 2004. NTI Gymnasiet Skövde has 3 programmes; two national Swedish programmes related to IT and technology (Technical Programme and Electric & Energy Programme) and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme. All students at the school are offered the guidance and support of a Student Study and Careers Counsellor who will offer information and advice to students about their choice of subjects and choice of further studies or career paths.

At the centre of the IB Diploma programme is the IB Learner Profile. IB Learners strive to be inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, reflective and principled. Both the IB Learner Profile and the values and standards central to the IB Mission Statement, are valuable frames of reference when students look to their future and the important choices they are required to make during their two diploma years in school.

Description of practices

Each student has the guidance of a Study and Careers Counsellor to support the student in his/her choice of IB subjects and the overall requirements of the IB Programme and align these to the student’s individual learning needs and future plans and ambitions.

Implementation

Study and Careers Counsellor: The school has a trained Student Study and Careers Counsellor who helps students by discussing choices in the study programme and opportunities after leaving school, for example studies at university/college in Sweden and abroad.

Information about the possibilities within the DP programme is given out during information evenings about the programme, carried out at the lower secondary schools within the region during the autumn term.

Prospective students are invited to the school for an entrance test and to receive information about the programme and the possibilities of further studies and professional development after the diploma programme. For more information about this procedure, please see our [Admissions Policy](#).

After starting the IB programme, students receive general information about the school and assessment system (for more information, please see our [Assessment Policy](#)) and specific information about the IB Diploma programme. This information is given by the Study and Careers Counsellor, the IB Coordinator and the mentor(s) of the new class.

During the first term of school and in the pre- diploma year, there is a Parent's/ Guardian's Evening when the Study and Careers Counsellor presents his/her role and the support and information which can be offered to support students with their studies and choice of subjects and paths out into further education or working life.

In December of the first term the students of the pre- diploma year start to select their IB subjects. A full day of general information given by the IB Coordinator and subject information from teachers is organized. Each student has also at least one scheduled individual meeting with the Study and Careers Counsellor for further information, support and discussions. There is also written information sent home to the legal guardian about the various subjects and possibilities.

At the start of the diploma programme in year 1 there is a Parent's / Guardian's Evening for both students and their legal guardians held by the IB Coordinator together with the CAS Coordinator and the class mentor(s). Prior to the meeting the IB publication *General Regulations Diploma Programme (B1 of Diploma Programme Assessment Procedures 2024)* is sent out and during the meeting aspects of the publication are gone through in detail to ensure that both students and their guardians understand the demands and the opportunities of the programme.

During both the autumn and spring term of year 2 of the diploma programme, meetings are held by the IB Coordinator together with the class mentor(s) informing final year candidates about registrations, deadlines and other relevant information about the final exams as well as important news published by the IB. In coordination with exam information sessions, the Study and Careers Counsellor gives important information relevant to future career routes and paths of study, for example, grading criteria, entrance requirements and application dates.

The Study and Careers Counsellor offers concluding scheduled individual meetings with all students during the spring term of year 2 of the diploma programme to give guidance and support for post-secondary educational options.



During the whole of the programme, from the pre-diploma year and through year 1 and year 2 of the diploma, individual appraisal talks are held where the mentor of the student, the student and legal guardians meet to discuss the student's study situation and to look ahead at future goals and plans. These meetings are scheduled once every term and offer a continuum of support and advice to the student during their diploma studies.

Communication

This document, [Guidance and Counselling on the DP NTI Gymnasiet Skövde](#) is available on the school IT-based administrative system (Schoolsoft) and also on the school webpage.

[Guidance and Counselling on the DP NTI Gymnasiet Skövde](#) is written in collaboration with the IB Team, NTI Gymnasiet Skövde.

IB Documents used in support of this document (can be found on www.ibo.org)

Diploma Programme Assessment Procedures 2024

General Regulations Diploma Programme (B1 of Diploma Programme Assessment Procedures 2024)

Diploma Programme: From principles into practice (2015)