

Speas Global Elementary School
An Authorized IB World School offering the Primary Years Programme
Access/Admissions Policy
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The purpose of this document is to communicate the admissions process at Speas Global Elementary School. Our philosophy of admissions is influenced by the requirement of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County enrollment policies and directly aligns to our mission statement:

The Speas Global learning community educates each child with knowledge, skills, and attitudes while inspiring collaboration, inquiry, innovation and action. In our pursuit of wisdom through an international curriculum, second language development and character development, we empower students to successfully engage in our increasingly globalized, rapidly changing world.

Philosophy:

All students who attend Speas Global Elementary have access and opportunities to learn in our IB PYP programme. No additional requirements are needed to be a part of our IB PYP programme. All students will be exposed to the IB framework and teaching philosophies and be a part of the Primary Years Programme by being a student enrolled at Speas Global. All students at Speas Global have access to the IB program whether they are enrolled in an English Only classroom or a Spanish Dual Language Immersion (DLI) classroom.

Our Spanish Dual Language Immersion program begins in Kindergarten and students acquire the target language, Spanish, through a natural process of language acquisition. At Speas, it is possible to join an immersion class at the beginning of first grade. After the middle of first grade, it is not recommended that students without second language experience enter the DLI program, since they would not have the prior knowledge needed in order to be successful. A student must be able to demonstrate Spanish language knowledge in order to enter the program beyond first grade.

Practices:

Speas Global Elementary adheres to [Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools District Policies](#) in regards to admissions:

- AR 5111 Admission and Assignment of Primary Students
- Policy Code: 5117 Assignment of Pupils Policy
- AR 5117.1 Assignment of Pupils - Student Domicile
- AR 5117.2 Assignment of Pupils - Elementary & Middle Schools
- AR 5117.4 Assignment of Pupils - Magnet Schools

Per WSFCS district policies, enrollment is granted for kindergarten to a child who turns 5 by August 31 of the upcoming school year. Students must also meet or apply for any of the following district Magnet or School Choice options for enrollment at Speas Global:

- Reside in the [Speas Global residential school zone](#).
- Apply through the [Magnet or School Choice](#) application process.

Resources:

<https://www.boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=forsyth>

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