



## Admissions Policy

**Philosophy:** Riverstone International School admits students to all grades from Preschool through Grade 12, who have demonstrated scholastic achievement, who show promise for future academic and personal accomplishments, and who will benefit from the positive learning environment provided by the school. To ensure a good fit among the school for the student and family, many factors are considered in the application process.

All required documentation and processes by grade level can be found on the school's website:

- Day Student Applicants: <https://www.riverstoneschool.org/admissions/domestic/>
- Boarding student applicants: <https://www.riverstoneschool.org/admissions/international/>

The final admission decision rests with the Director of Enrollment in conjunction with the Division Director. All decisions and the discussions related to the application process are confidential. Riverstone admissions decisions comply with the School's Non-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion policies.

Financial aid and scholarships are offered to recruit qualified applicants. We believe that an education at Riverstone should be accessible to students of all socio-economic backgrounds. Investing in education is a choice that all of our families make and our assistance program provides an avenue to attend Riverstone for families who qualify. Any financial awards offered by Riverstone International School are grants, not loans, and do not have to be repaid. All financial aid applicants must complete the school's tuition assistance application through SSS, which is outlined on our website at (<https://www.riverstoneschool.org/admissions/financial-aid-tuition-assistance/>)

One of the keys to having engaging academics and strong student-teacher relationships is the personal attention that only a small class with an outstanding teacher can provide. Riverstone enrolls students each year in all grades, Preschool–Grade 12. We use the following guidelines for class sizes:

- Elementary School: Preschool and Pre-K: 16–18 students; Kindergarten–Gr 2: 16–18 students; Gr 3–5: 18–20 students.
- Middle and High School: For grades 6–12, our core class size is, on average, fewer than 20 students. *Core classes include the six subject groups.*
- When students enter the Diploma Programme (DP), classes are even smaller as Riverstone offers more DP courses than any other school in the area.

Decisions regarding admissions are typically based upon multiple criteria, including:

- Academic readiness or qualification;

- Maturity;
- Age;
- Qualities of character, motivation, and attitude;
- Students who fit the mission of the school;
- Appropriateness of the match between the family and the school;
- Affiliation with the school and siblings of current students.
- Transfer credit (in Gr 9-12);
- English proficiency (for non-native English speakers)
- Riverstone High School academic plan (in Gr 9-12)

Riverstone International School admits students of all races, color, national and ethnic origin, and makes available to all the rights, privileges and activities generally accorded or made available to every student at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ideologies, nationality, or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, tuition assistance programs and other school-administered programs.

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