



## **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

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### **BFIS Mission**

Our purpose is to engage our diverse school community in the pursuit of educational excellence and success for all students.

### **Admissions Philosophy**

To maintain a strong and engaged international community that embraces our core values.

### **Admissions Goal**

To identify, recruit, and admit students and families who will be fully committed to our educational program, mission, core values, and community.

In line with the BFIS Mission, the school strives to enroll students who themselves and their families:

- Represent a diverse and international background / culture
- Contribute to the academic and pastoral success of our community
- Are committed to an open and collaborative partnership with the school
- Believe in the BFIS Mission, core values and are engaged in our community
- Embrace a US inspired, progressive, student-centered education

### **Admissions Prioritization Sequence**

Due to the high demand for spaces, we are unable to accommodate all qualified prospective students. Thus, the following admissions priorities apply:

1. Qualified children of US Embassy diplomatic personnel.
2. Qualified siblings of currently enrolled children at BFIS.
3. Qualified US passports holders, whose home language includes English.
4. Qualified children of Alumni or qualified children of returning BFIS family.
5. Qualified international children or qualified children coming from other international schools located outside of Spain where English is the main language of instruction.
6. Other qualified children as space permits.

Within each of the categories, priority is given to children with native or near-native level of English; after that, priority is based on the application completion date.

The following will be considered:

1. Demographics percentage in each grade.
2. Support services needed in each grade.