

ADMISSIONS POLICY

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

- Expatriate children
- Children from marriage where one parent is Korean and the other partner is an expatriate
- Korean children who were educated overseas for more than three years or six semesters
- Legally adopted Korean child by an expatriate family
- All children entering preschool or higher must be toilet trained before entrance

FORMS THAT MUST BE COMPLETED TO ENROLL

All forms can be downloaded from the website or can be picked up at the school.

Please see www.gifs.or.kr/online-application to begin the enrollment process.

ENTRY LEVEL ACCORDING TO ACADEMIC YEAR

Grade	Age	Grade	Age	Date
Pre-Kindergarten 4K	4 - 5 [^]	6 th Grade	11 - 12	The initial age must be achieved by September 1 st of the entry year.*
Kindergarten 5K	5 - 6 [^]	7 th Grade	12 - 13	
1 st Grade	6 - 7	8 th Grade	13 - 14	
2 nd Grade	7 - 8	9 th Grade	14 - 15	
3 rd Grade	8 - 9	10 th Grade	15 - 16	
4 th Grade	9 - 10	11 th Grade	16 - 17	
5 th Grade	10 - 11	12 th Grade	17 - 18	

*Students will be placed in grade levels based on the chart above with the child's age confirmed by a site such as: <http://www-users.med.cornell.edu/~spon/picu/calc/agecalc.htm>. Given the small class sizes and the ability to offer enriched materials with such small class sizes, advancing students by a grade level beyond what is indicated in the chart above is not advised. All efforts are made to provide students with a challenging curriculum within a classroom of their peers. In the case that a student arrives from a school district that has a school calendar starting at different dates, the student will be placed as the chart above indicates, even if that means repeating part of a year. For example, if a student from South America completes grade five in December and arrives in Korea in January, that student, based on his or her age, would still be placed in grade five which completes here in Korea in June.

[^] Students whose birth dates are within 1 month of September 1st may apply for acceptance and entry to Pre-Kindergarten (4K) and Kindergarten (5K). However, any student born after September 1st and before October 1st must be evaluated by the supervising teacher and head of primary to determine if the student is appropriately eligible to enter the classroom. These

educators will then make a recommendation to the principal and the head of admissions regarding the student's admission. In cases where the student is eligible to enter the classroom per the evaluation results, but has a concerning factor such as low level English, behavioral issues, etc, the recommendation may include a clause that requires a year-end evaluation to determine if the student is able to advance to the next grade level.