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# **Admissions Policy 2020-2021**

#### Statement of Purpose

- ASU is a private educational facility that seeks to provide a world-class international education to students in an English speaking learning environment.
- ASU is a non-discriminatory body and as such does not discriminate against parents or students on the basis of gender, ethnicity, religion or race.
- ASU strives to present a balanced learning environment in which students are able to access their full potential and engage in opportunities to grow academically, emotionally, socially and culturally.

#### 2. Admissions Practices and Policies Overview

- The final admission decision is made by the Assistant Principal/Principal
- ASU is an English language speaking school and all lessons, with the exception of Mongolian and Modern Foreign Languages, are delivered in English
- ASU limits the number of students in each classroom to maximum of 24-26
- ASU does not permit 'skipping' a grade based on parent requests. Students are placed based on age requirements
- Current ASU students reserve priority standing for re-enrolment. Without re-registration payment and the signed School Agreement for the upcoming school year, a place cannot be held for the current student
- No application will be considered until the completed admissions documentation, as per the checklist, is received. No exceptions will be granted
- Should it come to the School's attention that full disclosure has not been made on the application forms as required; the student's place at ASU may be terminated
- Students may only attend school once all required fees have been paid
- No parent requests for class placement will be accepted
- For families applying with children at both elementary and secondary schools, a joint decision will be made by Principals
- Upon attending classes, should School Administration determine that a student is unable to meet the existing criteria, his or her registration will be withdrawn and unused tuition will be reimbursed

#### 3. Admissions Process

- The application documentation must be completed in full and returned to the Student Services Office at ASU.
- Once the completed documentation has been received, including the payment of the required application fee, Student Services Office will contact the prospective parents and set up a time for testing
- Every student must complete a language proficiency test, regardless of where the student has studied previously.
- An admissions interview with the Assistant Principal or designate will be scheduled and must be attended by the prospective student. The admission decision is reached based upon age appropriateness, past academic results, a face to face interview, and the results of the admissions testing
- Once the student has been accepted into ASU, the Assistant Principal/Principal will sign the admissions approval forms and assign the homeroom teacher and house color.
- The Student Services Office will contact the prospective family following the Assistant Principal's decision and inform the family as to the status of their child(ren) 24 48 hours after testing

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- Should the prospective parents accept the offer of a place at ASU; the Student Services Office will inform the Finance Office. The Finance Office will generate an invoice for payment and forward the invoice to the responsible party.
- Student Services will inform the appropriate teaching staff of the admission of the new student(s)

#### 4. Language Policy

- ASU believes that in order to be successful, students must meet the Language Proficiency Benchmarks.
- Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grade 1 students with little or no English will be considered for acceptance
- ESL support will be provided to students who require additional language support.

### 5. Testing and Resource Policy

- ASU tests new entrants in English Proficiency, Math and other subject areas as deemed necessary
- Every child for whom English is not their mother tongue, or who is listed on their admissions form as bilingual, must complete a language competency test. This test will be administered regardless of the number of years that a non-native speaker may have studied in an English language environment

### 6. Age and Mid-year Enrollment Policy

- Prospective students seeking a place at ASU will only be considered for a spot in a grade that is appropriate for their current age or the grade after the successfully completed grade
- Students who enter ASU from schools with a different academic year (such as January to November) will be placed in the grade they are currently attending if they join ASU at the start of the ASU school year.
- For former students returning to ASU from outside of Mongolia within 6 months, no application fee is required
- Former students returning from schools within Mongolia will be required to pay the application fee and testing may be required
- Students admitted at any point during the semester will be required to pay the full amount for that semester.
- No students applying within Mongolia will be accepted after October 1 and March 1.

#### 7. Students with Special Needs

- Students with special learning needs will only be granted a place at ASU after consideration from the Principal that ASU is able to meet all of the student's needs.
- Should the Principal determine that ASU is unable to meet the needs of the student, entry to ASU will be denied

### 8. Wait listing

- Prospective students may be waitlisted if there is no place available in the grade level providing the student meets the required criteria for admission
- Students who cannot be offered a place in the appropriate grade will not be considered for the grade above or below
- Should the prospective student be waitlisted, the parents will be informed of this once the required completed application materials have been received
- Priority on the waitlist will be generally given to students in the order in which their applications were received.

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## 9. Probationary Period

• Any student placed on probation for the academic year will be assessed to determine whether the student is able to cope academically, linguistically, and behaviorally as well as benefiting from and contributing to the ASU learning program

### 10. Tuition Fee Payment Structure

1<sup>st</sup> semester tuition fee deadline is August 15, 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> semester tuition fee deadline is January 24, 2021

Any student with unpaid tuition after 10 days from the start of the semester will be removed from the class roster. Any removed student may reapply for the following school year.

## 11. Age Appropriate Chart

### Criteria for Grade Level Eligibility for the 2020-2021 School Year

| Grade level           | Birth date:   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Pre-                  | Oct 2015, Nov 2015, Dec 2015, Jan 2016, Feb 2016, March 2016, April 2016, May |
| Kindergarten          | 2016, June 2016, July 2016, Aug 2016, September 30, 2016                      |
| Kindergarten          | Oct 2014, Nov 2014, Dec 2014, Jan 2015, Feb 2015, March 2015, April 2015, May |
|                       | 2015, June 2015, July 2015, Aug 2015, September 30, 2015                      |
| 1st Grade             | Oct 2013, Nov 2013, Dec 2013, Jan 2014, Feb 2014, March 2014, April 2014, May |
|                       | 2014, June 2014, July 2014, Aug 2014, September 30, 2014                      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade | Oct 2012, Nov 2012, Dec 2012, Jan 2013, Feb 2013, March 2013, April 2013, May |
|                       | 2013, June 2013, July 2013, Aug 2013, September 30, 2013                      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade | Oct 2011, Nov 2011, Dec 2011, Jan 2012, Feb 2012, March 2012, April 2012, May |
|                       | 2012, June 2012, July 2012, Aug 2012, September 30, 2012                      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Oct 2010, Nov 2010, Dec 2010, Jan 2011, Feb 2011, March 2011, April 2011, May |
|                       | 2011, June 2011, July 2011, Aug 2011, September 30, 2011                      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Oct 2009, Nov 2009, Dec 2009, Jan 2010, Feb 2010, March 2010, April 2010, May |
|                       | 2010, June 2010, July 2010, Aug 2010, September 30, 2010                      |