

## Press release

The international high school exam, the International Baccalaureate (IB), gains full recognition.

The international high school exam IB - the International Baccalaureate - has finally gained full recognition in Denmark.

For a number of years the grade scale conversion for the IB students has been skewed so that it was more difficult for students with an IB diploma to get into higher education programs. This despite the fact that the diploma is recognized the world over for its high academic standards.

For the last couple of years the Association of IB Schools in Denmark has been in negotiations with politicians and officials from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Higher Education and Science (UFM) to make them aware of the problem. This summer the Ministry of Higher Education and Science published an in-depth report which made clear the problems regarding the conversion of IB grades. The report also proposed the introduction of a new grade conversion scale that takes into account the high standards of the IB exam as well as the introduction of a range of changes with respect to the way the IB students are accepted into higher education programs.

Head of Kolding High School, Momme Mailund, who is also the chairman of the Association of IB Schools reports, "During the process we have had a very constructive collaboration with officials as well as politicians, especially Annette Lind from the Social Democratic Party, and we are incredibly pleased that the IB students are now completely equated with Danish high school graduates when they apply to higher education programs.

The new rules mean, among other things, that IB students in the lower grade range will find it easier to get into university colleges and business schools, but especially IB students in the average grade range will find more open doors at the universities.

The IB program is offered at 16 high schools in Denmark in all parts of the country. There are more than 3000 IB schools globally.

Questions regarding the above can be directed to the chair of the Association of IB schools in Denmark, Head of School Momme Mailund by phone (41 44 21 83) or by email: [mo@kolding-gym.dk](mailto:mo@kolding-gym.dk)

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