



ALTURAS

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

INTRODUCTION

Alturas International Academy (AIA) is a tuition-free public charter school. By enrolling a student at AIA, parents and students understand and agree to the expectations of the school. AIA is an authorized IB World School and offers the Primary Years Program (PYP) in grades Kindergarten-5th grade. AIA is an IB school and all students who enroll and attend AIA will participate in the Primary Years Program.

“The Primary Years Program (PYP) curriculum is made up of five subject groups. Through the Primary Years Program (PYP) core, students reflect on the nature of knowledge, complete independent research and that encourages our students to take action within their community and the world in relation to the Unit of Inquiry’s central idea and their passion.”

(<https://ibo.org/programmes/primary-years-programme/>)

The six core subject groups are:

- Language and Literature (ELA)
- Language Acquisition (Spanish)
- Units of Inquiry (History and Science)
- Mathematics
- Specials (Art, PE, and STEM)

Towards the end of a student’s 4th/5th grade year, students will be required to participate in the Exhibition, Unit of Inquiry. This is a learning activity where the student will plan, design, and present their unit according to the IB process for Units of Inquiry, using the Transdisciplinary Theme. Students will be required to present their learning on a presentation night established in the school calendar. All grade levels participate in three presentation nights per school calendar to showcase their passion for learning and mastery of approaches to learning (ATL’s).

Accommodations for instruction and assessment are made, as necessary, in accordance with student Individual Education Plans (IEP), 504 plans, IB policies, and practices of differentiated instruction.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

Alturas International Academy is open to all in-state students on a space-available basis. No in-state student will be denied admission based on ethnicity, creed, gender, disability, or place of residence. No out-of-state students will be enrolled. Alturas International Academy’s boundary encompasses the following school districts: Idaho Falls School District #91,

Bonneville Joint School District #93, and Shelley School District #60. Students who live within the boundary will be given precedence over those who reside outside of the school's boundaries.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment applications will be accepted anytime, however the LOTTERY ENROLLMENT WINDOW will be January-March for the following school year (specific dates will be posted in December). Any applications received after the lottery deadline will be placed on the bottom of a wait list for the grade in which they will be entering. The wait list DOES NOT carry over to the next year.

EQUITABLE SELECTION

Alturas International Academy complies with Idaho State of Education Rules Governing Public Charter Schools IDAPA 08.02.04 for the Equitable Selection Process. The tiers of lottery preference are as follows:

1. Current students (remain enrolled – no action required)
2. Children of founders or employees (not to exceed 10% of overall enrollment)
3. Students who reside within the Local Education Agency (LEA's) area of attendance (District 91, District 93, District 60)
4. Students who reside outside the LEA's area of attendance (District 91, District 93, District 60)

LOTTERY PROCESS

Each prospective student will be assigned a lottery number. Once enrollment for each grade reaches capacity, the lottery process will continue with lottery numbers being added to a wait list. Each stage of the lottery is complete once all numbers have been drawn and placed on the enrollment chart or a wait list.

Alturas International Academy complies with Idaho State Board of Education Rules Governing Public Charter Schools IDAPA 08.02.04 for the Proposed Attendance List for Lottery.

WAIT LIST

Wait lists are used to fill available student spots until the next equitable selection process is conducted. If a student does not accept an offer for enrollment or the parent/guardian does not respond to the offer by the date designated in the offer, the student's name will be removed from the waitlist and the next eligible student will be offered the seat. Wait lists will not carry over from one year to the next.

DENIAL OF ENROLLMENT

Per Idaho Code 33-205 the school's Board of Directors may deny enrollment to Alturas

International Academy to any student who is habitually truant, or who is incorrigible, or whose conduct, in the judgment of the Board of Directors is such as to be continuously disruptive of school discipline, or of the instructional effectiveness of the school, or whose presence in the school is detrimental to the health and safety of other students or who has been expelled from another school district in this state or any other state.

Any student having been denied enrollment or expelled may be enrolled or readmitted to the school by the Board of Directors upon such reasonable conditions as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors: but such enrollment or readmission shall not prevent the Board of Directors from again expelling such student for cause.

ATTENDANCE

Alturas International Academy is committed to providing a rich and valuable learning experience each day. More importantly, regular school attendance is the single strongest contributing factor to academic growth and is essential for the student to make the most of his/her education by benefiting through teacher-led activities, building each day's learning on that of the previous day, and growing as an individual. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. It is essential students are on time and have good attendance habits. Good attendance will help our students be more prepared to learn each day and will help them acquire the work habits required for success.

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