

### **Placement Assessments**

All students applying for SSIS are required to attend a placement assessment. There is no need to overly prepare for the assessment, it is simply to get a baseline of the student's English language level, and an idea of them as an individual. Please note that results of the placement assessment are purely confidential and will not be released for any reason.

We hold placement assessments each week on Tuesday mornings throughout the school year. It is our recommendation to attend the placement assessment once the family arrives in Suzhou.

Once our Admissions team receives the completed application documents and the non-refundable application fee, someone from our team will confirm the next available date for the placement assessment. Please email [admissions@mail.ssis-suzhou.net](mailto:admissions@mail.ssis-suzhou.net) if you are unsure if your placement assessment date has been confirmed.

Upon completion of the Placement Assessment the Admissions Office will contact you within 3 working days via email to confirm the offer of placement and an orientation date.

### **Early Years Placement Assessments (Pre-Nursery to Kindergarten)**

Our Pre-Nursery to Kindergarten students are required attend a placement assessment so we are able to observe your child's social and emotional development. This assessment is usually scheduled with the Coordinator of our Early Years Program, who will meet with you along with your child in an informal classroom setting. Results of the placement assessment are used to assist us in placing the students in appropriate classes, ensuring a diverse mix of students and language levels. After the assessment Early Years students may purchase and collect uniforms from the uniform shop.

### **Elementary Placement Assessments (Grade 1 to Grade 5)**

All students entering Grade 1 to Grade 5, are required to take a placement assessment. The placement assessment can take up to one hour and is typically administered by the Elementary ESL Coordinator. Results of the placement assessment are primarily used to assist us in placing the students in appropriate classes and identifying any support they might need. Students will be assessed without their parents present. During the assessment time parents will be given the opportunity to meet with the Assistant Principal of our Elementary School in an informal meet and greet session.

### **Secondary Placement Assessments (Grade 6 to Grade 12)**

All students enter Grade 6 to Grade 12 are required to take to take an English language placement assessment. At this time the student's English level will be assessed. The test includes an oral and written component which takes about one and a half to two hours to complete. The placement assessment is typically administered by our Secondary ESL Coordinator. Students will be tested without their parents present. Please note, to be considered for entry into Grades 8 and above, students must have a highly functional academic English level beyond that of an English language beginner. Students not meeting this requirement will not be eligible for admission into SSIS.

While students are attending placement testing, parents of students applying for Grade 6 to Grade-10 will meet with our Middle Years Programme (MYP) Coordinator. The MYP Coordinator will outline the IB Middle Years Programme and discuss subject choices for your student. Parents of incoming Grade 11 and 12 students will meet with our Diploma Programme (DP) Coordinator for subject selections during the placement test.