

Transfer Policy: English

Academic Access Program (AAP) to Mainstream Transfer Policy

- Transfer to the Mainstream Program at NIS takes place at the beginning of each semester (in August + January) only.
- Students will be considered for transfer to their grade by age or one grade lower
- The NIS Transfer Committee will issue each student a set of transfer goals at Mid-Semester Parent Teacher Conferences
- The student must achieve the required goals if they are to be considered for a transfer offer
- The Transfer Committee will only consider results obtained during the official NIS Winter and Spring transfer windows
- If the student does not achieve the required results during an official test window, the school will not allow for a retest
- The Transfer Committee will issue each student with a transfer report at the end of each semester upon the conclusion of all academic assessment criteria (see below).
- If the student qualifies for transfer, the Transfer Committee will make a transfer offer when they issue the transfer report
- The transfer of a student will only proceed if the Transfer Committee receives signed parental acceptance of the transfer offer
- If NIS does not receive signed parental acceptance of the transfer offer, the student will automatically be re-enrolled in the Academic Access Program
- Students must complete **a full semester** of enrollment in the AAP before the Transfer Committee will consider a student for mainstream transfer.
- The NIS Transfer Committee's decision on transfer offers is final
- NIS and AAP cannot guarantee when a student will qualify to transfer to the mainstream program.
- This NIS Transfer Committee reserves the right not to issue a transfer offer if there are concerns about a student's behavior
- This NIS Transfer Committee reserves the right to refuse a student re-enrollment at NIS and in the AAP if they have concerns with regards to a student's behavior

Academic Assessment Criteria

Criteria 1: All students must achieve a Reading RIT Score (NWEA MAP™) that is equivalent to the average score achieved by the mainstream students at each grade level.

Criteria 2: All students must achieve a Mathematics RIT Score (NWEA MAP™) that is equivalent to the average score achieved by the mainstream students at each grade level.

Criteria 3: Students targeting grade 3 or higher must achieve a Language and Usage RIT Score (NWEA MAP™) that is equivalent to the average score achieved by the mainstream students at each grade level.

Criteria 4: Students targeting grade 3 or higher must achieve a Science RIT Score (NWEA MAP™) that is equivalent to the average score achieved by the mainstream students at each grade level.

Criteria 5: All students must be reading at an appropriate level according to the *Reading A-Z™* scale and mainstream reading results.

Criteria 6: All students must achieve an acceptable writing score based on the AAP Writing Rubric and mainstream writing results.

Criteria 7: All students must achieve an acceptable speaking score based on the AAP Speaking and Presentation.

Criteria 8: Students must receive a satisfactory behavior referral from their AAP teacher.