



Age Criteria and Grade Equivalency

At TAISM the correct grade placement for international student applicants is decided by the Admissions Committee in consultation with the Principal. It is the intention of the school to always place students in the grade most appropriate for their academic and social development. When making a grade placement decision the following will be taken into account:

- a) Age of student
- b) Previous schooling to date and student's previous school reports
- c) Assessment test results and interview (if applicable)

Schools around the world use different numbering conventions as well as follow different curriculums. It is common to find schools following the US and other North-American curriculum using a 12 grade numbering format, and British schools and those following the National Curriculum for England and Wales using a 13 year numbering format. In addition, there are other numbering conventions in different countries.

In Muscat there are international community schools offering different curriculums and following different numbering conventions. The table below indicates TAISM's numbering convention and how it equates to other systems. TAISM follows the 12 grade system. The student's age as of 31st of October is the cut-off date for admissions placement.

Student Age	TAISM (US 12 Grade System)	British (13 Year System)	Dutch (IPC) System	Indian System
3 +	Early Childhood Year 1 (EC1)	Nursery / FS 1	PN (pre-nursery)	Pre-school
4 +	Early Childhood Year 2 (EC2)	Reception / FS 2	P1	KG 1
5 +	Kindergarten	Year 1	P2	KG 2
6 +	Grade 1	Year 2	P3	Grade 1
7 +	Grade 2	Year 3	P4	Grade 2
8 +	Grade 3	Year 4	P5	Grade 3
9 +	Grade 4	Year 5	P6	Grade 4
10 +	Grade 5	Year 6	P7	Grade 5
11 +	Grade 6	Year 7		Grade 6
12 +	Grade 7	Year 8		Grade 7
13 +	Grade 8	Year 9		Grade 8
14 +	Grade 9	(I)GCSE / Year 10		Grade 9
15 +	Grade 10	(I)GCSE / Year 11		Grade 10
16 +	Grade 11	Sixth Form / A Levels / Year 12		Grade 11
17 +	Grade 12	Sixth Form / A Levels / Year 13		Grade 12