

Grade Placement

Because there are such a variety of different systems across the world, your grade placement here at MEF IS may be a little different to what you are accustomed to. When placing your child in the correct grade level, we will look at the following criteria.

- In most all cases, students must have successfully completed their previous grade level to be placed in the next grade level in MEF IS at the start of the next academic year.
- New student placements for Grade 2 through Grade 9 will be made on the basis of the child's age, previous educational records, and the assessment of the School Principal. Entry into Grades 10-11-12 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- ECC to Grade 1 students will be placed based on their age-level.
- If an application is submitted after the school year starts, during midterm or in Semester 2, the student's current Grade Progress Report or Semester/Trimester Report Card or Transcript must also be submitted.
- The Academic Year runs from Late August or Early September to June and one school year is completed in 10 months. However, in Southern Hemisphere countries such as Australia, Korea or Japan, the academic year runs on a different schedule. Therefore, students who come from these countries and apply to enter MEF IS in the second half of the academic year will not be placed in the next grade level until the Fall Semester because of having missed the first 5-6 months of that school year.
- A proficient level of English is required for enrolment in Grades 9-12.

See the table below for placement students based on the UK equivalent and age of the student. The age level of the student is a rough guide, as it is important that your child has completed the previous grade level in order to be accepted into the next. MEF IS accepts student enrolments for ages 3 through to 18. You can also reference the academic records required for your application in this table.

MEF IS GRADE LEVEL	Year of Birth	UK EQUIVALENT YEAR	REQUIRED ACADEMIC RECORDS / TRANSCRIPTS
Preschool	2022	Nursery	(if available)
Pre-Kindergarten	2021	Reception	(if available)
Kindergarten	2020	Year 1 – Primary School	(if available)
Grade 1 – Primary School	2019	Year 2 – Primary School	Kindergarten/Year 1 Report Card
Grade 2 – Primary School	2018	Year 3 – Primary School	Kindergarten & Grade 1/Year 1 & 2 Report Cards
Grade 3 – Primary School	2017	Year 4 – Primary School	Grades 1 & 2/Year 2 & 3 Report Cards
Grade 4 – Primary School	2016	Year 5 – Primary School	Grades 2 & 3/Year 3 & 4 Report Cards
Grade 5 – Primary School	2015	Year 6 – Primary School	Grades 3 & 4/Year 4 & 5 Report Cards
Grade 6 – Secondary School	2014	Year 7 – Secondary School	Grades 4 & 5/Year 5 & 6 Report Cards
Grade 7 – Secondary School	2013	Year 8 – Secondary School	Grades 5 & 6/Year 6 & 7 Report Cards
Grade 8 – Secondary School	2012	Year 9 – Secondary School	Grades 6 & 7/Year 7 & 8 Transcripts
Grade 9 – Secondary School	2011	Year 10 – Secondary School	Grades 7 & 8/Year 8 & 9 Transcripts
Grade 10*– Secondary School	2010	Year 11*– Secondary School	Grades 8 & 9/Year 9 & 10 Transcripts*
Grade 11*– Secondary School	2009	Year 12*– Secondary School	Grades 9 & 10/Year 10 & 11 Transcripts*
Grade 12*– Secondary School	2008	Year 13*– Secondary School	Grades 9 & 10 & 11/Year 10-11-12 Transcripts*

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