

## Language Test Requirement

There are various official language tests that would meet the language test requirement for Notre Dame Regional Secondary School international applicants. Essentially, any internationally-recognized official test of the English language will suffice. These include but are not limited to:

- TOEFL
- IELTS
- Cambridge Assessment of English
- Canadian Academic English Language Assessment
- Pearson PTE Academic Test

In terms of language level required, we are looking for a minimum CEF B2 for applicants entering Grade 10 and a B1 for applicants entering Grade 8 or 9. Applicants entering Grade 11 must demonstrate a C1 level or have a strong B2 in addition to high academic achievement in their past two years. We do not normally consider applicants for Grade 12 unless they have been studying BC curriculum for the past two years.

Test results should be recent (within 6 months of the application date).

Commonly used tests and scores that indicate B1, B2, and C1 levels include the following:

<b>B1</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>C1</b>
Cambridge English Preliminary (PET)	Cambridge English First (FCE)	Cambridge English Advanced (CAE)
BEC Prelim	BEC Vantage	BEC Higher
CAEL 35-40	CAEL 50-60	CAEL 70-80
IELTS 4-4.5	IELTS 5-6.5	IELTS 7-8
TOEFL iBT 57-86	TOEFL iBT 87-109	TOEFL iBT 110-120
TOEIC Listening & Reading 550	TOEIC Listening & Reading 785	TOEIC Listening & Reading 945
TOEIC Speaking & Writing 240	TOEIC Speaking & Writing 310	TOEIC Speaking & Writing 360
PTE General Level 2	PTE General Level 3	PTE General Level 4
PTE Academic 43-58	PTE Academic 59-75	PTE Academic 76-84
Trinity ISE I	Trinity ISE II	

International applicants who are applying from within the Lower Mainland are encouraged to write a local language test. IELTS has convenient locations and several test dates available:

<http://www.ieltsvancouver.com/test-dates/>

The Admissions committee understands that sometimes tests are not the best measure of a student's ability in language as there are factors that may prohibit the student from achieving a score indicative of ability. If an applicant has a score that is close in range to the levels we are looking for but does not quite meet the level, the applicant should feel free to apply and include a supplemental 200-word essay discussing why she or he wishes to attend Notre Dame.