

Greengates School

Mexico City, Mexico



Since 1951 in Naucalpan, the only Mexico City school requiring every sixth-former to sit the full IB Diploma, with results to match

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	63/100
Academic outcomes	64/100
University placement	62/100
Prestige & heritage	65/100
Alumni network	64/100
Facilities	65/100
Transparency	52/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Greengates occupies a narrow, valuable position in the Mexico City market: an English-medium day school in Naucalpan with a long local history, a British curriculum base and the IB Diploma at the top end. The decisive differentiator is clear. It is the only school in the city that requires every sixth-form student to complete the full IB Diploma, not a pick-and-mix post-16 programme and not a split route between IB courses and other leaving qualifications. That matters. A compulsory full-diploma model sets the academic culture for the whole sixth form, fixes expectations early and gives parents a direct read on the school’s seriousness. Founded in ****1951****, serving ages ****3-18****, and operating as a day school, Greengates offers **institutional continuity**, **academic discipline** and a **clear sense of purpose**.

Why shortlist it? Because Greengates gives families something rare in a crowded premium market: coherence. Plenty of schools advertise ambition; fewer bind every older student to one of the world’s most demanding school-leaving frameworks. If you want a school that prizes optionality, this is not it. If you want a school that insists on breadth, sustained writing, time management and intellectual stamina, Greengates earns attention. Its recent university destinations are modest in number in the data disclosed — McGill, Toronto Metropolitan and Queen’s, each with **1** student listed — but they fit the profile of a school geared towards international, English-speaking higher education rather than local brand theatre. The school’s accreditation base is also straightforward: COBIS and IB World School status, nothing inflated, nothing decorative. That gives it *hard academic edges* and a *serious sixth-form identity*.

The right student for Greengates is academically steady, resilient and comfortable with pressure spread across multiple subjects at once. The full IB Diploma does not flatter the disorganised. Pupils who thrive here will value structure, read willingly in English and accept that breadth is non-negotiable. Families who want a softer ride, heavy hand-holding or a more flexible final two years will find stronger fits elsewhere. Families who want *a demanding all-through education*, *a disciplined international route* and a school with **74** years of operating history in this market should look closely. Greengates suits students who do not need endless choice; they need a school that sets the bar high and keeps it there.

STRENGTHS

- British curriculum from ages 3-18
- English-medium teaching throughout
- IB World School accreditation adds recognised pathway
- Day school suits Mexico City-based families

TRADE-OFFS

- No boarding; unsuitable for relocating unaccompanied pupils
- English-only instruction may limit Spanish immersion
- Non-religious ethos may not suit faith-based families

ADMISSIONS

Greengates School is a day school in Mexico City for ages 3 to 18, so the obvious entry points are the early years, primary, secondary and sixth form stages. The school declares a British curriculum and is also an IB World School, with English as the language of instruction. Publicly available information in the material supplied does not set out preferred intake years, rolling versus annual admissions, or whether places are easier to secure at particular ages. Nor does it specify whether applicants are assessed through testing, school reports, interviews or classroom visits.

That absence of detail matters: families should not assume a standardised British-school admissions process without checking directly. The school likewise does not publish, in the sources provided here, fixed application deadlines, financial-aid or bursary arrangements, or any distinctive selection mechanism. In practical terms, parents should expect admissions to be handled school by school rather than inferred from wider British or IB norms, and should ask specifically about timing, assessment expectations, language support and availability in the relevant year group.

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