



# **Frequently Asked Questions**

# Q: How will my ward take the board exams?

**A:** Your ward will appear for the IGCSE Checkpoint as well as the board exams (10th grade) as a private candidate at a registered center. We will facilitate the process and do everything required.

# Q: What if we decide that this is not working for us? Can my ward switch to another school?

A: Of course, they can. The curriculum we follow is built using a combination of the IGCSE and IB curriculum, so you can switch to any other program seamlessly. However, if you choose to switch to CBSE/ICSE/State boards, some additional work will be required on your part for the languages only. If you would like to switch over to our sister CBSE school, any advance fees paid will be adjusted on a prorated basis (less GST) towards your admission to any of the branches of Dhruv Global School.

# Q: Is attendance mandatory?

A: We strongly recommend that your ward be on campus as much as possible. However, we do understand that families have plans outside of education, and we encourage you to take time off as deemed necessary. We will be sharing weekly updates so that your ward doesn't miss out on any work done.

#### Q: What is expected from parents?

A: While we will take care of academics and extracurricular activities, we expect parents to be actively involved in the overall development of the child. We expect parents to spend about an hour a week going through content on our platform to keep them up to pace with what their ward is doing.

#### Q: Is there a uniform?

A: Yes, there is. Since the 2 Sigma program is being run on the premises of Dhruv Global School, Undri, we will need the students to wear a uniform. They will be part of the house system and will participate in inter-house competitions.

#### Q: Will there be homework?

A: Minimal to no homework until the age of 10/11. All practice is to be done on the premises. However, there WILL be mandatory homework for parents that will take at most an hour a week.

# Q: Are field trips mandatory?

**A:** Field trips are included in the fees. However, if some locations are ticketed, the ticket price will be charged separately. We strongly recommend that your ward take the field trips. Learning outside the classroom is essential and is a core part of our program. However, if you are not comfortable sending your ward to a particular location, you are welcome to not send them, and we will try to document the experience so that they do not miss out on the learning.

#### Q: Will I need to purchase an electronic device?

**A:** No. A Chromebook will be given in the first year. For the technical support to work, we require that all students use the same devices.

#### Q: Will there be assessments?

A: Yes, but not in the traditional sense. There will be no announced assessments up to the age of 10/11. However, we will have periodic formative assessments to ascertain how we are doing. The assessment WILL NOT be the same for all students. The purpose of it is to ensure progress and help students get unblocked where needed. For the higher grades, ages 12 and above, there will be summative assessments as they will eventually be taking the IGCSE exam.

#### Q: Are you affiliated with any board?

**A:** We are not and we do not intend to be. To give our students the best experience possible, we are not limiting ourselves to the guidelines of a particular board.

#### Q: How does my ward move on to the next class?

**A:** We will have exit assessments for students who we think are ready to move on to the next class. They may move at the end of a year or mid-year.

#### Q: What are the classroom age ranges?

A: We envision the following levels to start with:

- Lower Primary (6,7,8)
- Upper Primary (9,10,11)

We will be adding the following levels in subsequent years:

- Early Years (4,5)
- Lower Middle School (12,13)
- Upper Middle School (14,15)
- Senior School (16,17)

#### Q: How will you measure if the learning is effective?

A: We will be having periodic unannounced standardized assessments across all our schools that cover language skills, problem-solving, science, and mathematics. The goal of this is similar to the PISA exam. It is not to evaluate the students but to look at aggregates across our institutions and measure the efficacy of our methods. We will need to articulate to students that this is a low-stakes assessment but incentivize them with prizes for the best-performing class.

# Q: Will the teacher be a subject matter expert at things being taught?

A: Our educators are extremely effective in class management and managing the social and emotional development of the child. However, we do not expect our educators to be subject matter experts at everything. It would be unreasonable to expect anyone to do that. They will always be able to point the students in the right direction to avail the resources necessary.

#### Q: What are the class sizes?

**A:** We have a hard cap of 20 students per class for the younger classes. As students get older, we expect to have at most 25 students per class. We may have an assistant teacher in the class from time to time as deemed necessary.

#### Q: When are the fees due?

**A:** The fees are payable in 4 equal installments and will be due at the start of every quarter.

#### Q: Why am I being charged GST on the school fees?

**A:** We are not affiliated with any board and we are not a school. We are therefore not allowed to be run by a trust the way other schools are. We are required to charge GST the same way a coaching center or private tuition center offering education services would charge.

#### Q: Why are meals mandatory?

**A:** Quality nutrition is essential to producing superior outcomes in education. Except for food allergies, we are unwilling to waver on this.

#### Q: Are scholarships offered?

A: We offer need-based scholarships on a case-by-case basis.

### Q: What is the process for late fees?

**A:** We have expenses to bear and appreciate the timely payment of fees. Late fee charges are disclosed in the fee schedule. Any consideration for personal circumstances will be evaluated by the management on a case-by-case basis.

### Q: What if you don't get enough students for this new format?

**A:** We are in it for the long run and the sole aim is to provide good quality education and not to make profits, and hence we plan to execute our vision regardless of the levels of enrollment. We understand the results in education are not obtained overnight.

#### Q: Is there a fixed syllabus for each of the cohorts?

**A:** The syllabus is a mix of core subjects and minis. The core subjects are built into the curriculum for the IGCSE exam and minimum proficiency in them is mandatory. The minis are subjects that a student is exposed to, and the student has some liberty as to how much depth they want to pursue.

#### Q: If they are given an electronic device, will they learn to write?

**A:** Absolutely. Practice is predominantly written. Formative assessments will be written, and the IGCSE exam is a written exam. Writing continues to be an important skill, and we intend to give it the importance it deserves.

# Q: What am I getting in addition to Dhruv/the host school?

A: We strive to combine the best of both worlds:

### • Shared with Dhruv:

- World-class sports infrastructure
- Performing arts educators and infrastructure
- Inter-house competitive activities

# • Unique to 2 Sigma:

- Dedicated educators with the training and skills to lead this program
- Tech-first, bespoke curriculum focusing on holistic development and life skills
- Smaller classrooms for individualized attention
- Mixed-age classrooms fostering peer learning
- More field trips for hands-on learning experiences
- Freedom to pursue areas of interest in greater depth under the guidance of teachers
- Personal electronic devices allow for individualization of the learning process

# Q: How are the kids going to have time to do all of this?

**A:** By eliminating much of the curriculum that has lost its relevance, we free up hundreds of hours each year to focus on skills necessary for the future.

- Memorizing tons of facts for history and geography Gone
- Time spent on second and third languages Reduced to mastery of oral communication skills
- Time wasted mugging for tests Gone
- Time spent on endless repetitive practice Reduced until mastery is obtained

# Q: Can I see a demo class?

**A:** Unfortunately, not right now. The academic year starts in June, and there will be a provision to observe (not participate in) a demo class then. However, measuring outcomes from a single class would not be very effective.

#### Q: I want my kid to do IIT/NEET - is this the right program for them?

A: Probably not. If you wish for your kids to pursue those entrance exams, they may be better off spending a lot more time on exam preparation and exam-specific material. While we cannot predict what colleges may look like 10-12 years from now, we are planning the curriculum around the most generalizable skills to prepare the kids for what the future may hold.

#### Q: What are the fees?

**A:** The fees for the 2024-25 academic year are Rs. 3,00,000 a year + 18% GST. Fees for your ward in subsequent years will increase by 7% a year, accounting for expected inflation in costs. The fee you pay is locked in at the time of enrollment. Students enrolling in subsequent years will be paying a higher fee.

#### The fees include:

- 3 meals (breakfast, lunch, and evening snack)
- Transport to and from field trips

#### They do not include:

- Bus transport to and from school
- Headphones that are required with the electronic device
- Tickets for ticketed field trips
- Stationery
- Uniforms

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