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Saudi Aramco’s aim is to attract high-caliber students, whether they graduate from an in-Kingdom or an out-of-Kingdom school. Saudi applicants from in-Kingdom and out-of-Kingdom high schools that have adopted international high school educational systems can apply for the program. Their applications are considered on a case-by-case basis.

To sit for the College Degree Program for Non-Employees (CDPNE) placement tests and be considered for the program, all applicants must meet minimum requirements that are based on high school performance and standardized aptitude test results.

The 2021 Eligibility Criteria are expressed in [Table A](#) below:

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Eligibility Criteria	Qiyas score 85 - 89 or Math score on SAT 460 - 620 or Math score on ACT 17 - 26	Qiyas score 90 - 100 or Math score on SAT 630 - 800 or Math score on ACT 27 - 36
	GPA 85.00% - 89.99%	non-eligible
GPA 90.00% - 100%	eligible	eligible

- The GPA in [Table A](#) is the minimum of the cumulative GPA and the cumulative GPA for math and science subjects only. Cumulative GPAs are computed for grades 9, 10, 11, and the first semester of grade 12.
- Candidates with a Qiyas score less than 85 (or Math score on SAT less than 460 or Math score on ACT less than 17) or GPA less than 85.00% are non-eligible.

All candidates must have his/her diploma authenticated by the appropriate government authorities, indicating the equivalency of his/her diploma to the Saudi Arabian government high school certificate.

If the applicant is accepted into the program, he or she must submit, prior to the start of the program, a Tahseeli score (no minimum score) or SAT Subject test scores (no minimum score) in any two of the following subjects: Math Level 1, Math Level 2, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology.

Any international school that does not use one of the educational systems mentioned below will follow Saudi Aramco’s internal guidelines to ensure equivalency.

1. American (U.S.) High School Diploma

- Math: Geometry/Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus/College Algebra, and preferably Calculus or Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus AB/BC (these courses are equivalent to high school Math 1- 6 courses offered in local private schools adopting the American Diploma Program).
- Science: any 3-year combination of Physics, Chemistry, and Biology.
- When calculating the weighted average, Advanced Placement or Honor (Math/Science) Course grades will be raised by one letter grade to that reported in the transcript.

2. International Baccalaureate (IB)

- Math: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (or IGCSE/O-Level Math) in grades 9 and 10 and IB Math SL (or HL) in grade 11 and the first semester of grade 12.
- Science: two years of science in his/her grades 9 and 10 (or IGCSE/O-Level) and a minimum of one IB Science SL (or HL) in grade 11 and the first semester of grade 12.
- When calculating the weighted average, Higher Level (HL Math/Science) course grades will be raised by one letter grade to that reported in the transcript.

3. British IGCSE/GCSE/GCE Ordinary Level (O-Level) and Advance-Level (A-Level)

- Math and Science: six IGCSE/GCSE/O-Level subjects, including one Math and two Science courses. In addition, passed two A-Level subjects, including one A-Level in Math and one A-Level in Science.
- If the applicant has not completed A-Level subjects, the applicant must have passed two AS-Level subjects in Math and two AS-Level subjects in Science.