



Admissions policy

As a German state school we offer the IB Diploma Programme only in combination with the obligatory German Programme leading to the university entrance qualification Abitur. Proficiency in German is therefore required of all students participating in the IB Diploma Programme at Friedrich Ebert Gymnasium. The dual qualification leading to the Abitur and the International Baccalaureate Diploma is offered in the two final years of the national system covering years 11 and 12. Students register their interest in the dual qualification on a form which includes their choice of subjects for year 10. This form is signed by both the student and their legal guardians. Each student receives individual advice by their head of year.

According to the regulations of the German Abitur Programme students already have to take up all subjects they want to enrol in during their two final years in grade 10, the year preceding the two final years.¹

In order to be admitted to the IB Diploma Programme in year 10 students therefore must enrol in History, English and French B or Spanish B or Spanish ab initio in the national programme. According to our curriculum students choose another subject from group 2 instead of an arts subject from group 6.

In year 11 students must enrol in the advanced course in English. Exception from this requirement are checked by the IB coordinator on demand.

To be admitted to year 11 the performance of students in year 10 has to meet the requirements of the national system.²

Students from other German schools can also be admitted to the programme if their school career complies with the regulations outlined above.

The head of school is in charge of the admittance of students from abroad in years 5 to 9. The local government (Bezirksregierung Köln) is responsible for the recognition of foreign reports and the assignment of students from abroad to the upper school years covering years 10 to 12.

Every student of our school with a high motivation and good grades in English is encouraged and given the chance to participate in the IB DP.

Special arrangements are made for students with special educational needs to ensure that they are given the chance to participate in the programme.

Students have to make a contribution of 300€ to the fees in their final year.

If the students' Abitur is at hazard due to the workload required by the double qualification they are advised to opt only for certificates or to concentrate on the Abitur.

¹ <https://www.schulministerium.nrw.de/docs/Recht/Schulrecht/APOen/GY-Oberstufe-SekII/APO-GOSt.pdf>

² <https://www.schulministerium.nrw.de/docs/Schulsystem/Schulformen/Gymnasium/Sek-I/Versetzungsregelungen-Gymnasium.pdf>