

International Baccalaureate

Admissions and Requirements

Please note that this policy is congruent and compatible with the policies of the Bertolt Brecht Gymnasium as devised by staff and required by the State of Saxony.

International Baccalaureate Diploma and Course Program (IB: Grades 11-12) BeBe is an International World School certified for the IB Diploma Programme. Students who successfully complete the IB Diploma Programme graduate with two degrees: the German Abitur and the International Baccalaureate Diploma. In combination with Abitur course work, students complete IB courses in 6 subjects, write an Extended Essay and satisfy the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) requirements for the IB Diploma. Students may also select to complete individual IB Courses and CAS.

- **Courses offered:** German, English, French, Russian, History, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics (Analysis and Approaches), Music and Visual Arts. All Diploma students must register for Theory of Knowledge (TOK) as an Abitur standard level course (*Grundkurs*). Students with a mother-tongue other than those listed may be able to complete a self-taught course in that language.
- **Costs:** ca. 200€ in grade 11, ca. 400€ in grade 12, including examination fees.

Admissions to the IB Program

All students who wish to enroll in the IB program must be matriculating students at BeBe and complete all the requirements of the public Sachsen school system.

Admission to the IB Diploma Program is open to all interested students who offer a willingness and ability to complete the rigorous demands of the Diploma or selected courses in addition to their Abitur studies. This can be shown through active participation in and successful completion of the English Enrichment program and/or through conversations with IB teachers and the IBDP Coordinator, who will engage the student in a discussion of their interests, motivations and ambition. Marks received in the Sachsen state system provide some but not exclusive evidence of aptitude. A student may, for example, participate in the IB Program even if not at the top of their state school courses so long as sufficiently motivated.

Acceptance to the IB Program is determined by the Head of School with the assistance of the IB Coordinator. All accepted students enter the program as Candidates in Grade 11. Upon satisfactory attendance in the selected courses and completion of required assignments (normally the Extended Essay and Historical Investigation), students may, with the approval of the IBDP Coordinator, register for the IB Diploma or IB Courses in the fall of Grade 12.

Transfer students: Students from other Gymnasiums and those returning from an exchange year may transfer to BeBe if they wish to participate in any of the bilingual programs. Applications are made through the Head of School. Acceptance to the school is at the sole discretion of the Head of School and dependent on the availability of open places and on the student providing sufficient evidence of potential to complete the demands of the Abitur and the bilingual program. For instance, such evidence may be supplied with past report cards and by an interview with the Head of School. Students interested in transferring may contact the IB Coordinator at ib@bebe-dresden.de for more information about how to apply.

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The IB Diploma and IB Course Program:

- **Diploma:** Diploma students select 3 Higher Level and 3 Standard level IB courses and register for Theory of Knowledge (TOK) as an Abitur Grundkurs. With the exception of TOK courses, which take place during the school day, all IB classes take place after the normal school day. Each course has its own requirements, including written and oral work, presentations, and in the arts, performances or exhibitions. Diploma students must complete the Extended Essay, which is written in place and in satisfaction of the Sachsen Facharbeit requirement. Diploma students must also satisfy the requirements of CAS (Creativity, Activity and Service). Written examinations occur in May of the 12th grade year. For more detailed information, please see the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) website: <http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/>
- **Course:** Course students select the number and level (HL or SL) of courses in which they are interested and satisfy the requirements of the particular class, including sitting the examinations and completing the written and oral requirements. All course students are encouraged to participate in CAS. Participation in TOK and in the Extended Essay is possible only if space is available. As with the Diploma, classes occur after the normal school day, have their own requirements and include examinations in May of the 12th-grade year. Please see the IBO link above for more detailed information.

Removal

Removal from the program may take place for misconduct, academic or otherwise, as articulated in the Integrity Policy and rules of the school. This includes failure to complete assignments by internal deadlines, failure to attend class regularly, inappropriate or disrespectful behavior to staff or peers and violation of school rules intended to protect the safety and welfare of all students and staff. Prior to any removal, the Coordinator will speak with the student about the concerns, contact the student's parent or guardian and issue a written warning. A second warning is grounds for immediate dismissal.

Student who are no longer admitted to the Bertolt Brecht Gymnasium, including those not admitted to the Abitur examinations in Grade 12, are not eligible for participation in the IB program, as it is impossible to satisfy the course hour requirements.

Links: *Assessment, Integrity, Language and Inclusion Policies and the CAS Handbook*

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