# Bi-lingual Programs at BeBe CertiLingua

## The Program

**CertiLingua: (Grades 10-12)** CertiLingua is a European certificate of excellence for students who demonstrate their language and cultural understanding. It offers students with command of two modern foreign languages (level B2) the opportunity to complete an interactive, intercultural project and reflective paper. It is an excellent chance for students who have studied abroad or are interested in the cultural exchanges that surround us here in Dresden. **Costs**: None.

#### **Admissions**

All students who wish to enroll in CertiLingua must be matriculating students at BeBe and complete all the requirements of the Sachsen School System.

**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 <a href="mailto:ib@bebe-dresden.de">ib@bebe-dresden.de</a> for more information about how to apply.

**CertiLingua** is open to all interested students who demonstrate competence in 2 modern languages other than German, agree to attend the required class hours in a foreign language and present an appropriate intercultural project and reflection idea to the CertiLingua supervisor.

# Requirements

**CertiLingua:** Successful completion of CertiLingua requires:

- Competence in 2 modern foreign languages other than German. Competence may be shown either because the student is a native speaker or has taken adequate instruction in school (normally 5 years)
- Subject instruction in a foreign language, not including school language instruction.
   These hours may be obtained with attendance of courses offered as part of the IB
   Program or through hours in a foreign exchange program.
- o Frequent consultation with the CertiLingua supervisor
- Design and implementation of a suitable interactive, intercultural project and completion of the Written Reflection.

 For more information, please see the CertiLingua website at http://www.certilingua.net/

## **Language Policy**

The linguistic goal of BeBe and all of its bilingual programs is to promote good language skills across academic subjects in German, English and the student's native language, if other than German or English.

<u>Working languages</u>: The working language of the school is German. The working language of CertiLingua is German, although the student will determine the language of the project.

<u>Language skills required for admission</u>: CertiLingua: Students must demonstrate competence (level B2) in 2 languages other than German.

<u>Resources</u>: The BeBe library has a large selection of English books and movies to support student study and language improvement.

#### **Assessment and Scheduling**

<u>CertiLingua:</u> The determination of the suitability of the interactive, intercultural encounter and the written reflection lies solely with the CertiLingua supervisor.

# **Grounds for Removal from the Program**

Students may be removed from Certilingua for poor performance, including failure to maintain adequate contact with the Certilingua supervisor, or to complete project work in a timely and a professional manner.

**Questions?** Please contact the CertiLingua supervisor, Florian Lindner, at <a href="mailto:certilingua@bebe-dresden.de">certilingua@bebe-dresden.de</a>