

Bi-lingual Programs at BeBe

English Enrichment

Program

The English Enrichment Program (EE) provides weekly English instruction for grades 5-10 in various subjects. Participation also helps to prepare students for the IB Program in grades 11-12, should they choose to enroll.

- Grade 5-6: General English Language learning with games, reading and movies. 1 hour/week.
 - Native speaker 5-6: Whenever possible, BeBe offers a special EE class for native or fluent English speakers so that they can maintain and improve their language abilities.
- Grade 7: History, Physics/Computers and Biology. 1 hour/week.
- Grade 8: History, Chemistry and Biology. 1 hour/week.
- Grade 9: History, Mathematics, and Biology. 1 hour/week.
- Grade 10: English, History, Mathematics, Biology, Physics, Music and Visual Arts. Average of 2 hours/week.
- **Costs:** ca. 90-120€/year, depending on grade level

Admissions English Enrichment

- All students who wish to enroll in the EE must be matriculating students at BeBe and complete all the requirements of the Sachsen School System.
- Admission is open to all interested BeBe students, regardless of language ability.

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.

Requirements for the The English Enrichment Program: Students registered for EE are required to attend class and participate respectfully and actively. Absences must be excused with a note from parents.

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.

Working languages: The working language of the school is German and the working languages of English Enrichment are German and English.

Language skills required for admission: English Enrichment: All interested students may participate in the EE program, regardless of language level.

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

Assessment and Scheduling

English Enrichment: Students are awarded certificates at the end of the school year and given a grade on the IB scale of 1 (lowest) to 7 (highest) and a statement of performance from the teacher of each course. These grades are not included on official school transcripts or report cards.

Academic Honesty

All administrators, faculty and students will practice academic honesty. The goal of this policy is to ensure that academic work will not be plagiarized but will be produced independently and will be an honest reflection of the author's language, expression and ideas. Academic honesty requires proper citations so that the work of others is fully acknowledged and that collaboration on academic work does not lead to an act of collusion. Finally, academic honesty also means avoiding any behavior which would result in an unfair advantage over another. These and other terms are defined by the IBO in its *Academic Honesty* publication as follows:

- *Plagerism:* the representation of the ideas or work of another person as the candidate's own
- *Collusion:* supporting malpractice by another candidate, as in allowing one's work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another
- *Duplication of work:* the presentation of the same work for different assessment components and/or diploma requirements
- *An unfair advantage:* any behavior that gains an advantage for a candidate or that affects the results of another candidate (for example, taking unauthorized material into an examination room, misconduct during an examination, falsifying a CAS record).
- *Academic misconduct:* the failure to acknowledge the work or ideas of another that leads or may lead to gaining an unfair advantage over another

- *Academic infringement:* some attempt has been made to acknowledge the source of information or ideas

Our Administrative Staff

Head of School: Marcello Meschke

English Enrichment Coordinator: Laura Protector

Administrator and Librarian: Ronald Eichler

Our Students and Alumni. The over 900 students at Bertolt Brecht Gymnasium come from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds but all share the common language of German. In 2016, there were 290 students in the EE program in grades 5-10.

Our Results

English Enrichment: Students who participate in EE in the lower grades (6-8) gain confidence in using their English skills and lose the fear of speaking English. They become accustomed to a variety of English accents and grow comfortable hearing English spoken at a normal speed. By the 8th grade, most EE students rarely need assistance to understand lessons in various subjects taught completely in English. Those students who remain in the program in the upper grades (9-10) master English reading and writing skills as well. This is particularly useful to our native English speakers, who may speak English at home but don't necessarily get to employ their reading comprehension and writing skills at the same level.

Grounds for Removal from the Programs: Students may be removed from the program for excessive unexcused absences, disruptive behavior or failure to participate. Removal from the program will be determined by the Head of School and the EE Coordinator.