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Important Information about the IB selection process

How do I join the IB Program?

At International School Braunschweig – Wolfsburg, the IB program is open to any and all students who have completed ten years of schooling/or/MYP/IGCSE/Any National recognized form of the ten years schooling format. IB students are those who are motivated and work hard, which are perhaps the strongest indicators of future success. In order to help with that decision, we have provided a list of characteristics that would help students to succeed in the program:

Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry must be taken before in Year 10 level as a prerequisite to IB Mathematics. Two years of a foreign language must be taken before as a prerequisite to IB Language Acquisition courses (English B, German B or Spanish B). English B is offered at the HL only.

IB Course Students are students who take a single IB course or multiple courses and would be awarded a certificate for each examination and course successfully passed.

IB Diploma Students are who take six IB subjects, complete the Theory of Knowledge course and successfully pass each assessment. In addition, IB Diploma students must complete an Extended Essay and fulfill the requirements of the "Creativity, Action, and Service" component of the Diploma program during Years 11–12.

To be successful in IB, you need to be willing to try your best; read; practice good time management; ask for help when it is needed; work diligently and sometimes independently; be open to new ideas and tolerant of different beliefs.

Benefits of being an IB Diploma Student include higher scores; challenging courses focusing on writing, thinking, communicating, inquiry and research; being better prepared for career, military, or college by developing skills and knowledge; opportunities for scholarships and admission into college or university; a head start on college with credit or advanced placement; and being able to compete for jobs internationally.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is IB?

The International Baccalaureate Program (IB) is a comprehensive two-year advanced academic studies program that begins in a student's year 11 at the International School Braunschweig – Wolfsburg. The program covers curriculum in six subject areas including English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Foreign Language, and the Electives. Students who pursue the IB diploma program have taken courses equivalent to first year college courses and may receive advanced standing and/or college credit for their work.

Since the program doesn't start until the Year 11, what should I be doing now to prepare if I am interested?

In middle school, students who may be interested in IB courses should be preparing to enter an advanced course sequence once they start high school in the ninth grade. This includes taking a minimum of Algebra I in Year 8. Although not required, it can benefit students to start their foreign language in middle school. Taking English or Advanced Year 8 Language Arts is also recommended.

What courses should I be taking in Year 9 and 10 to prepare me for IB?

Students who wish to enroll in the IB program should be enrolled in Advanced English, Advanced Mathematics, Advanced Science, and Advanced Social Studies in Year 9 and 10. In addition, students must start their foreign language in Year 9 if they did not start in middle school.

Do I have to take foreign language in middle school to do IB?

No. Although it may help a student in the foreign language course sequence, a student can start their foreign language in Year 9 to participate in the IB program.

If I am a transfer student, how do I enroll for the IB Diploma Program?

Students who transferred from another high school or IB School to attend International School Braunschweig – Wolfsburg for the IB Diploma program will be required to request their current IB Diploma Coordinator to get in touch with the IB Coordinator at the International School Braunschweig – Wolfsburg. In this case, all CAS and TOK credits have to be transferred too.



Process of Selection for the IB Diploma Program

Who can apply?

International School Braunschweig – Wolfsburg's IB Diploma Program is open to students from all across the world. There is no restriction on the country or district of residence as long as students can physically attend classes at our school campus.

How do I apply?

To be considered for admission, students must complete the “Invitation to Discuss” application available on request from the school-office or coordinator via email or in person.

Do grades affect admission?

Yes, our admissions process is selective, meaning that a student's previous academic performance is used as the basis for enrollment. All admissions offers are based on a personal interview either in person or via Skype in case of overseas candidates.

What is the purpose of the interview?

The interview process is designed to help families and students determine whether International School Braunschweig – Wolfsburg is an appropriate fit for the student. Interview team consists of the IB Diploma Coordinator who will in turn forward his/her feedback about the interview to the Head of School for consideration. The decision of the Coordinator in consultation with the Head of School is final. Our goal is to help families make an informed enrollment decision based on a clear picture of our educational program and expectations.

Documents required before the interview process?

Previous report cards from schools attended – preferably last three school report cards, scanned copies of passports in case of overseas candidates/Boarding school applicants, Recommendation letters from teachers/organizations if any, a one page Letter of Intention about the student's view of the IB Diploma Program at the International School Braunschweig – Wolfsburg, “Invitation to Discuss” form duly filled in



How do I opt for some IB courses not offered by the school?

The school offers courses whose combination is accepted at universities in Germany as well as rest of the world. However, students taking the IB Diploma program who opt for courses other than the ones offered by the school have the option to take these courses online for which they will be awarded a certificate from the IBO. Such courses are offered as extra courses and the fees have to be paid separately and in advance for the whole course. All fees once paid for such courses are non-refundable. Some of the courses offered are Economics, Psychology and Business Management at Standard Level and Higher Levels.

Are there possibilities for foreign students to choose their native language as an option?

Yes, it is possible to choose a native language of a country of origin of students. It is offered as a Self-Taught option and instruction will not be provided for the same. However, external support will be provided in some cases. We have students for Self Taught Chinese, Russian and Japanese.

All Self-taught subjects are offered at Standard Level.



Suggestions for future IB students

Because some of the IB courses have prerequisites, we offer the following suggestions:

For Students:

- Make sure to have successfully completed Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II before your Year 11 to take any IB Math courses.
- Make sure to have successfully completed two years of a foreign language prior to Year 11 to take any IB Language Acquisition courses (English B, Spanish B or German B).
- Do all work and turn it in on time. This is very, very important.
- Begin time management early. Record assignments and plan your work schedule outside of class so that you don't procrastinate.
- Keep track of your grades so that you know where you stand in your classes.
- Talk to your teachers about concerns that you have. Ask questions in class when you need to do so – even when you would prefer to keep quiet. No one can help you if you don't ask for help.

For Parents:

- As your student is making the transition from middle school to high school it would be helpful for you to monitor time management skills. Help your student learn to make good use of his or her time. There will be homework every night, but with planning it does not have to be overwhelming.
- If the progress reports indicate that a conference is needed, please contact your student's teacher.
- Be supportive of your student but allow him/her to take the responsibility for the work that is to be done. There may be times of frustration as adjustments are made to new demands (both for students and parents), but that is a natural part of the growth process and your support will enable your student to resolve his/her own problems in a responsible way.