



## Recognition of Cambridge IGCSE examinations in Germany

International Schools in Germany must meet certain requirements in order to have Cambridge IGCSE examinations be officially recognized as equivalent to German school leaving certificates. These requirements are regulated by the Lower Saxony Ministry of Education. International students are strongly recommended to check the regulation of their home countries regarding the recognition of IGCSE exams.

At the end of Year 10, students of the CJD International School are registered for IGCSE exams according to the CIE regulations. Depending on the exam subjects selected and the final grades on those IGCSE exams, students may earn the certificate equivalent to the following German degrees:

- Erweiterter Sekundarabschluss I
- Sekundarabschluss I – Realschulabschluss
- Sekundarabschluss

At the end of Year 12 students may achieve:

- The IB Diploma according to the IBO regulations
- The IB Bilingual Diploma
- The IB Diploma recognized as German university entrance qualification
- IB Certificates according to IBO regulations
- In the event that students do not successfully complete the IB Diploma requirements, students can achieve the Sekundarabschluss I – Realschulabschluss, according to the regulations fixed by the Lower Saxony Ministry of Education and based on their grades at the end of year 11.



## 1. Erweiterter Sekundarabschluss I

According to the German Educational Law, 5 Cs or better in English First Language, Spanish, Maths, one natural science and Geography are recognised as equivalent to the **Erweiterter Sekundarabschluss I** by most German states, including the state of Lower Saxony. The equivalent allows students to transfer into the German system and begin the “Einführungsphase der gymnasialen Oberstufe”. The Cambridge IGCSE Certificate is the only official document for International School students at the end of their Secondary education.

## 2. Sekundarabschluss I – Realschulabschluss

2 a) Students with a minimum passing grade of C in five IGCSE subjects – Mathematics, two languages (out of the three languages – German, Spanish and English – only two must be passed), one natural science and Geography can achieve the equivalent to the **Sekundarabschluss I – Realschulabschluss** which is recognised by most German states, including the state of Lower Saxony at the end of Year 12.

2 b) Students who are promoted into Year 12 and who complete the IB Programme but who do not achieve the IB Diploma will be granted the German **Sekundarabschluss I – Realschulabschluss** with a selection of 5 subjects – Mathematics, two languages (one may be German), Biology or Physics and Geography, with a minimum comprehensive grade of 4 in these subjects based on the Year 11 final report card.

## 3. Sekundarabschluss I

Students with five IGCSE subjects graded A to G – two languages (out of the three languages – German, Spanish and English – only two must be passed), Mathematics, Biology or Physics and Geography – will be granted the **Sekundarabschluss I** at the end of Year 12.