



The International School in Berlin-Mitte

Berlin Metropolitan School is the international school for Berlin Mitte. We offer a comprehensive and continuous education from Kindergarten to 12th Grade based on the highest international standards and the educational requirements of the Berlin Senate. We are proud to be a certified IB World School and Cambridge Assessment Centre.

Mission Statement

Berlin Metropolitan School consistently aims to build an inclusive culture of learning that inspires and challenges every individual to develop to their full potential and be active and responsible participants in our global society.

The School

Berlin Metropolitan School (BMS), founded in 2004, is the largest international school in Berlin which offers an education that includes both local and international standards. The school offers a comprehensive and continuous education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 to boys and girls with a total enrollment of 1,044 students. BMS is a non-selective school that aims to bring out the best in every student through its academic program, pastoral care and extensive co-curricula programme. The school operates with an extensive and vibrant school calendar divided into two semesters and 192 days of instruction per academic year.

The Community

Berlin Metropolitan School serves the educational needs of a diverse inner city population consisting of German nationals and international families. Approximately 68 nationalities are represented in the student body. Located in the heart of Berlin Mitte the school is surrounded by all the city has to offer and enjoys a diversified socio-economic base. BMS tuition fees are based on a sliding scale of income which allows students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds to access a first class international education.

The Faculty

BMS enjoys a diverse and international Secondary School faculty, comprised of over 28 nationalities. The school celebrates the range of educational philosophies and experience this brings to teaching and learning. A large proportion of faculty hold an advanced degree in their field of specialty. Teachers at BMS are much more than just instructors, they are the mentors, educators, coaches, and in many cases, a trusted source of advice for academic or pastoral issues. Our faculty and teaching staff is comprised of over 40 teachers.

Pastoral Care

Our Vertical House System, our School Counselor and various other pastoral resources support our students along their academic and social-emotional growth, and strive to create an environment where students feel safe and participate in the life of the school. Pastoral Care is also the heart of our aim in allowing our hidden curriculum to unfold and thus allowing our students to learn and internalize our school culture, to establish their own set of beliefs and values, and moreover, to guide our students through the critical time period of adolescence

Co-Curricula Program

As an international all-day school, we recognize our responsibility to offer our Secondary School students an educational and recreational program every day to function as a complement to more formalized class time. The After School program as a whole provides our students with an opportunity to acquire new knowledge and to both extend and enhance new knowledge in field of their interest.

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AUTHORIZATIONS

- Certified IB World School (PYP, DP)
- State-recognized substitute school
Grades 1-10
- State-approved supplementary school
Grades 11-12

MEMBERSHIPS & ACCREDITATIONS

Certified as an IB World School, Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Diploma Programme (DP), IB DP School Code: 003754, Certified Assessment Center of Cambridge University, ecis (European Council of International Schools), AGIS (Association of German International Schools), Accredited by CIS (Council of International schools) and NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges)



CLUB OVERVIEW CO-CURRICULA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMM 2018/2019	
Clubs	Blues Factory Model UN Philosophy Smart Directors Smartphone Film Club XLab
ART	Cartooning Masterclass Creative Writing Drama Class - Scenic Play East Asian Pink Wash Painting Hip-Hop & Street Dance Senior Choir
Languages	Chinese French Spanish
Material Arts	WoolZen – Boxing Woolzen – Grappling
Sport	ALBA BMS 3 Basketball (mixed) ALBA BMS 4 Basketball Cheerleading Cross & Country Fencing Parkour Soccer (Men) Table Tennis

Student Life

House culture is a defining element in the life of a Secondary School student. House competitions and activities are a central part in building the identity as a member of their house and allow students to form bonds of friendship and collaboration. These include sports' day competitions, chess matches, and competitions in selected weekly assemblies. Together with the student leadership, students create their house vision as a group. Students create a common house action with each new school year which guides their efforts to support both local and international charities and is tied to their specific vision and house element. Hence, Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) are hallmarks of what it means to be a Berlin Metropolitan with each student committing to 18 months of CAS activities.

Curriculum

Berlin Metropolitan School delivers a tailored curriculum designed to meet the needs of both national and international families. The language of instruction is English. All students study German throughout their life at the school with the aim of all students being proficient academically in both English and German. Approximately 60% of all grade 12 students will achieve an IBDP Bilingual Diploma.

SECTION	CLASSES & AGES	CURRICULUM
Early Learning Centre	Kindergarten Preschool Ages: 3-6	- International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) - Berlin State Curriculum
Primary School	Grades 1 - 6 Ages: 6 - 11	- IB PYP - Berlin State Curriculum
Secondary School	Grades 7 - 8 Ages: 11 - 14 Grades 9 & 10 Ages: 14 - 16	- Cambridge prep. program - Berlin State Curriculum - Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) - Mittlerer Schulabschluss (MSA) German Grade 10 leaving Certificate
	Grades 11 & 12 Ages: 16 - 19	- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

Secondary School Classes

- There are 7 x 50 minute lessons per day
- Class sizes in the Lower Secondary School average 22 students
- Class sizes in the Grade 11-12 range from 9 - 22 students depending on course selections;
- Class sizes in the Senior School ranges from 3 - 20 students depending on course selections;
- Secondary School student : faculty ratio = 8 : 1

Our school curriculum in the upper Secondary school consists of choices over six different subject areas.

Grade 9 & 10 IGCSE Subject Overview

GROUP	REQUIREMENT	SUBJECT CHOICES
1 - English	Choose one Subject	First Language English English as a Second Language English Literature
2 - German	Choose one Subject	First Language German Foreign Language German
3 - Mathematics	Choose one Subject	International Mathematics – Extended International Mathematics – Core
4. Humanities	Choose one Subject	Geography History
5 - Science	Choose one Subject	Co-ordinated Science (Extended) Co-ordinated Science (Core)
6 - World Language & Business Studies	Choose one Subject	French Business Studies Spanish
7 - Performing & Visual Arts	Choose one Subject	Drama Art & Design Spanish

Grade 11 & 12 IBDP Subject Overview

GROUP	SUBJECT
Group 1 – Studies in Language and Literature	English Literature
	English Language & Literature
	English B
Group 2 – Language Acquisition	German Literature
	German Language & Literature
	German ab initio
	German B
Group 3 – Individuals and Societies	Economics
	Environmental Systems and Societies
	Geography
	History
	Philosophy
Group 4 – Sciences	Biology
	Film
	Physics
Group 5 - Maths	Maths Studies
	Maths SL
	Maths HL
Group 6 - The Arts	Visual Art
	Theatre Arts
	Global politics
	French ab initio
	French B
	Spanish B
	Chemistry

*In certain group subjects, students can select self-taught/mother tongue languages, decided on a case-by-case basis.

Qualifications, External Examinations

- Cambridge Grade 8 Checkpoint Examinations – Mathematics & Science
- Cambridge IGCSE Examinations – Seven Subjects dependent on course selection
- MSA Examination – Mathematics, German, English, Presentations
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme – six subjects dependent on course selection in addition to the core program (CAS, EE, TOK)

GPA Grade Conversion Table

In accordance with local laws and the requirements of international curricula, Berlin Metropolitan School uses both German and international grading systems. In order to be able to compare grades across year groups and to provide a cumulative grade for students, we have applied a conversion scale from the German, IGCSE and IBO grading systems to a Grade Point Average (GPA) scale. This conversion takes into account the demands of the different curricula and their internal grade boundaries, as well as the distribution of grades. It was constructed with input from admissions directors, university guidance counselors and experts in international education.

Grade 11 & 12 IB Grading Scale GPA Conversion Table

IB GRADE	U.S GRADE SCALE	U.S GRADE SCALE
7	A	5.0
6	A	4.0
5	B	3.5
4	C	3.0
3	D	2.0
2	D	1.5
1	F	1.0

Grade 9 & 10 IGCSE Grading Scale GPA Conversion Table

IGCSE	GPA
A*	5.0
A	4.0
B	3.5
C	3.0
D	2.0
E	1.0

Grade 9 BMS German Grading Scale GPA Conversion Table

GERMAN GRADING SCALE	US LETTER GRADE	GPA
1	A	5.0
2	A	4.0
3	B	3.5
4	C	3.0
5	D	2.0
6	F	1.0

Examination Results

The Berlin Metropolitan School achieved the following results in both the 2018 IBDP and IGCSE Examinations.

IGCSE RESULTS OVERVIEW

BENCHMARK	BMS ACHIEVEMENT	UK ACHIEVEMENT ¹
Percentage of results at A*	14.1%	7%
Percentage of results at A	19.6%	14.7%
Percentage of results at B	28.2%	21.8%
Percentage of results at C	21.6%	23.4%
Percentage of results from A* to C	83.1%	66.9%
Students achieving A* to C in English	83.9%	58.2%
A* to C passes in foreign Languages	87.8%	83.2%
A* to C passes in Mathematics	88.7%	55.4%
Students achieving A* to C in German	88.7%	83%
A* to C Passes in Dual Award Science	94%	61%
A* to C Passes in Single Award Science	75%	66.4%

IB DP Examination outcomes reflect results achieved by the graduating class of 2018.

DP RESULTS OVERVIEW

Cohort Size	37
Full Diploma Students	37
BMS Average Score	32
BMS Highest Score	45
Bilingual Diplomas	60%
Subject grade 4 or higher*	90.6%

University Acceptance

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE OVERVIEW

Atelier Chardon Savard Berlin, GER
Bard College, US
BAU International Berlin, GER
Birkbeck, University of London, UK
Bucerius Law School, GER
Deep Spring College, US
Eindhoven University of Technology, NL
Erasmus University Rotterdam, NL
Falmouth University, UK
Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, GER
Glasgow Caledonian University, UK
Goldsmiths, University of London, UK
HULT University, UK
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU), GER
Lancaster University, UK
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU), GER
Middlesex University, UK
New York University, US
Northumbria University, UK
Queen's University Belfast, UK
SEA Institute Berlin, GER
SRH Hochschule Berlin, GER
Touro College Berlin, GER

TH Wildau, GER

University of Aberdeen, UK

University of Alberta, CA

University of Amsterdam, NL

University of the Arts London, UK

Universität für Bodenkultur Wien, AT

University of British Columbia, CA

University of Dundee, UK

University of Edinburgh, UK

University of Manchester, UK

University of Nottingham, UK

University of Lausanne, CH

University of Portsmouth, UK

University of Stirling, UK

University of Sussex, UK

University of Twente, NL

University of Warwick, UK

University of York, UK

Vienna University of Economics, AT

VU Amsterdam, NL