



Secondary Education at Berlin Metropolitan School

Academic Profile

Berlin Metropolitan School is the international school for Berlin Mitte. We provide an outstanding education from Kindergarten to Grade 12, combining the highest international standards with the educational requirements of the Berlin Senate. We are proud to be a certified IB World School, a Cambridge International School, and accredited by NEASC and CIS.

Mission Statement

We strive for academic excellence and strength in character to contribute to a more informed world and an open-minded society.

The School

Founded in 2004, Berlin Metropolitan School (BMS) is the largest international school in Berlin, with more than 1,100 students enrolled from Kindergarten to Grade 12. BMS is a non-selective, co-educational school that combines international curricula with local requirements. Our mission is to bring out the best in every student through strong academics, dedicated pastoral care, and an extensive after-school program.

The Community

Berlin Metropolitan School serves the educational needs of a diverse inner city population, consisting of German nationals and international families. Approximately 65 different nationalities are represented in the student body. Located in the heart of Berlin Mitte, the school is surrounded by museums, galleries, and neighborhood cafés and enjoys an international and dynamic setting. BMS tuition fees are based on a sliding scale of income allowing students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to access a first-class international education.

After School Program

As an international, all-day school, we recognize our responsibility to offer our students an extension of their academic and personal interests in our After School Program. The activities and workshops are taught by our faculty and external providers and students select their own clubs from a variety of offers published at the beginning of each school year. Our clubs also provide students with an opportunity to develop leadership and independence, with several of our after-school activities created and led by our students. BMS Club offers include a wide variety of genres: arts, film, technology, academics, music and sports.

Student Support and Engagement

At the forefront of our commitment to a holistic education, is a strong student engagement and support system, helping our students to navigate the formative years of adolescence. Our dedicated Student Support Team consists of a Head of Student Support, one School Counselor, three Learning Support Teachers, a University and Career Counselor, as well as two full-time school nurses. By providing a support structure that seeks to be inclusive, personalized, and caring, our students are given the tools, services and evidence-based practices to holistically support their academic, social and personal development. Our students are further supported by a team of three Progress Leaders, assigned to two Grade-levels each, from Grades 7-12. Progress Leaders are responsible for the pastoral and academic success of our students, providing guidance and direction for our students. They ensure a holistic balance is maintained between social and emotional needs and academic achievement.

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AUTHORIZATIONS

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

MEMBERSHIPS & ACCREDITATIONS

Authorized IBO World School, Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Diploma Programme (DP), IB DP School Code: 003754, Authorized Cambridge International School, 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)



At the beginning of each academic year, our students elect one School Captain who serves and leads the entire student body, four House Captains representing our BMS House System, and Student Council Leaders. In addition, Peer Mentors and Ambassadors play an active role in representing the school at community events, providing school tours, as well as welcoming new families and students to BMS.

Curriculum

Berlin Metropolitan School delivers a tailored curriculum designed to meet the needs of both national and international families. The main language of instruction is English. All students study German with the aim of being proficient academically in both English and German. 48% of our 2025 cohort were awarded the IBDP Bilingual Diploma, above the world average of 30%.

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	- Bespoke BMS Curriculum - Berlin State Curriculum
	Grades 9 & 10 Ages: 14 - 16	- Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) - Berlin State Curriculum - Berliner Bildungsgreife (BBR) Grade 9 - Mittlerer Schulabschluss (MSA) German Grade 10 leaving Certificate
	Grades 11 & 12 Ages: 16 - 19	- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) - High School Diploma

Grade 9 & 10 IGCSE Subject Overview

GROUP	SUBJECT CHOICES
1-English	First Language English English as a Second Language
2-German	First Language German Foreign Language German
3-Mathematics	International Mathematics (Extended) International Mathematics (Core)
4-Humanities	Geography History
5-Science	Co-ordinated Science (Extended) Co-ordinated Science (Core) Biology
6-World Language & Business	French Spanish Business Studies

7-Performing & Visual Arts	Drama
	Art & Design
	Music

Grade 11 & 12 IBDP Subject Overview

GROUP	SUBJECT
Group 1 – Studies in Language and Literature	English Language and Literature German Language and Literature English Literature German Literature
Group 2 – Language Acquisition	English B French B German B Spanish B German Ab Initio
Group 3 – Individuals and Societies	Economics Geography Global Politics History Philosophy
Group 4 – Sciences	Biology Chemistry Environmental Systems and Societies* Physics
Group 5 – Maths	Maths Applications and Interpretations Maths Analysis and Approaches
Group 6 – The Arts	Visual Art Theatre Film

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

*Can also count as a subject from Individuals and Societies

Qualifications, External Examinations

- Cambridge IGCSE Examinations – Core subjects and electives are selected by the students
- MSA Exams in Mathematics, German, English, Presentations – plus year-end grades issued in all subjects
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme – six subjects 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 compare grades 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

Berlin Metropolitan School Grade 10 and 12 achieved the following results in the 2025 IBDP and IGCSE Examinations:

IGCSE Results Overview

In addition to the MSA, students complete the necessary course work for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) in Grades 9 and 10, culminating in examinations and moderated course work. Students are assessed on a grading scale of A*-G, with A* representing the highest level of achievement possible.

IGCSE RESULTS OVERVIEW BMS 2025	
Students who achieved 5 or more A* to C passes	91%
A* to C Grades in First Language English	95%
A* to C Grades in English as a Second Language	100%
A* to C Grades in German	93%
A* to C Grades in Mathematics	89%
A* to C Grades in Science	97%

IBDP Results Overview

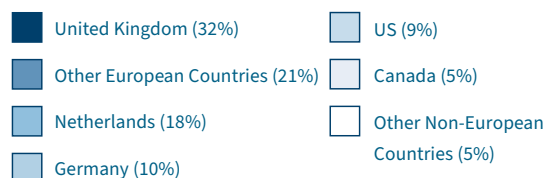
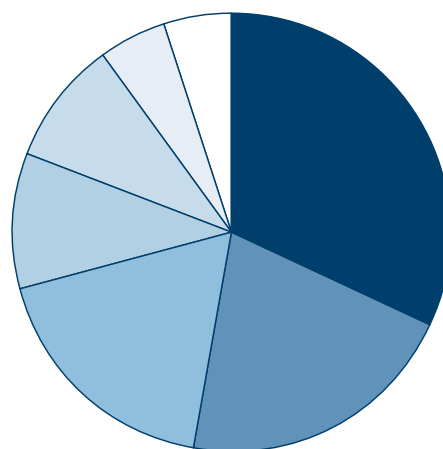
In Grades 11-12, BMS offers students the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP). Students are assessed based on external exams in six subjects as well as moderated, internal coursework. Students collect a maximum of 45 points, based on a 7-point grading scale, with 7 representing the highest level of achievement.

IBDP RESULTS OVERVIEW BMS 2025	
Cohort Size	58
Full Diploma Students	57
BMS Average Score (World Average)	34 (30)
Bilingual Diplomas (World Average)	48% (27%)
BMS Highest Score	42
Subject grade 4 or higher	96%

University Acceptances

Our students choose universities within Europe and abroad or select service-learning and work-study programs before they enter a university course of study. **100% of students from the Class of 2025 received their first or second university placement choice.**

WHERE DO BMS GRADUATES CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES? (2016-2025)



University Acceptances 2016 - 2025

UNITED STATES

Alfred University
 BARD College
 Berklee College of Music
 Boston Architectural College
 Boston University
 Bryn Mawr College
 Columbia College Chicago
 Columbia University
 Cornell University
 Deep Spring College
 Drexel University
 Emerson College
 Georgia State University
 La Salle University
 Lynn University
 Marist College
 Minerva Schools at KGI
 New York University
 Parsons School of Design, The New School
 Pratt Institute
 Purdue University
 Rhode Island School of Design
 School of Visual Arts
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 The Cooper Union
 The University of Chicago
 The New School – College of Perform. Arts
 University at Albany
 University of California , Santa Cruz
 University of California, San Diego
 University of California, Santa Barbara
 University of Colorado Boulder
 University of Georgia
 University of Massachusetts
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Texas at Austin
 University of Vermont
 West Chester University
 Yale University

UNITED KINGDOM

Anglia Ruskin University
 Arts University Bournemouth
 Birkbeck, University of London
 Bournemouth University
 Brunel University
 Cardiff University
 City, University of London
 City & Guilds of London Art School
 Durham University
 ESCP Business school
 Falmouth University
 Goldsmiths, University of London
 Heriot-Watt University
 HULT International Business School
 HULT University
 Imperial College London
 King's College London
 Kingston University
 Lancaster University
 London South Bank University
 Loughborough University
 MetFilm School London
 Middlesex University
 Newcastle University
 Northeastern University London
 Northumbria University
 Queen Mary University of London

Queen's University Belfast
 Ravensbourne University London
 Richmond, The American University of London
 Royal Holloway University
 Royal Veterinary College, University of London
 SOAS University of London
 Ulster University
 University College London
 University for the Creative Arts
 University of Aberdeen
 University of St. Andrews
 University of the Arts London
 University of Bath
 University of Birmingham
 University of Brighton
 University of Bristol
 University of Cambridge
 University of Dundee
 University of East London
 University of Edinburgh
 University of Essex
 University of Exeter
 University of Glasgow
 University of Greenwich
 University of Kent
 University of Leeds
 University of Leicester
 University of Lincoln
 University of Liverpool
 University of Manchester
 University of Newcastle
 University of Nottingham
 University of Sheffield
 University of Southampton
 University of Stirling
 University of Strathclyde
 University of Sussex
 University of Surrey
 University of Warwick
 University of Westminster
 University of West London
 University of the West of England Bristol
 University of York

CANADA

Bishop's University
 Brock University
 Concordia University
 McGill University
 St. Lawrence College
 University of Alberta
 University of British Columbia
 University of Ottawa
 University of Toronto
 University of Waterloo
 Western University
 York University

EUROPE

Central European University, AT
 Danube Private University, AT
 Modul University Vienna, AT
 Sigmund Freud University, AT
 Technische Universität Wien, AT
 Universität für Bodenkultur Wien, AT
 University of Innsbruck, AT
 Vienna University of Economics, AT
 Webster University Vienna, AT
 Brussels School of Governance, BE
 KU Leuven, BE

Charles University, CZ
 FAMU Prague, CZ
 Palacký University Olomouc, CZ
 Copenhagen Business School, DK
 Aalto University, FI
 American University of Paris, FR
 École Ducasse, FR
 École Polytechnique, FR
 EDHEC Business School, FR
 ESCP Business School, FR
 ESDAC (Ecole de design), FR
 ESRA (International Film School), FR
 ESSEC Business School, FR
 GOBELINS, l'École de l'image, FR
 Paris College of Art, FR
 Sciences Po, FR
 Toulouse Business School, FR
 Atelier Chardon Savard Berlin, DE
 Bard College Berlin, DE
 BAU International Berlin, DE
 BIMM University Berlin, DE
 Bucerius Law School, DE
 Business & Law School Berlin, DE
 Constructor University, DE
 EBS University, DE
 Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, DE
 Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, DE
 FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, DE
 Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft, DE
 Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, DE
 International Academy for Acting in Cologne, DE
 Jacobs University Bremen, DE
 Karlsruhe Institut für Technologie, DE
 Kunsthochschule Weißensee, DE
 Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, DE
 Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg, DE
 SRH Hochschule Berlin, DE
 Technische Universität Berlin, DE
 Technische Universität Darmstadt, DE
 Technische Universität Dresden, DE
 Technische Universität Hamburg, DE
 Technische Universität München, DE
 TH Wildau, DE
 Touro College Berlin, DE
 UMCH Hamburg, DE
 University of Applied Sciences Europe, DE
 University of Bayreuth, DE
 University of Greifswald, DE
 Universität Hamburg, DE
 Universität der Künste Berlin, DE
 University of Stuttgart, DE
 WHU: Otto Beisheim School of Management, DE
 Zeppelin Universität, DE
 University of Gibraltar, GI
 Medical School of Democritus University of Thrace, GR
 National Technical University of Athens, GR
 Maynooth University, IE
 Bocconi University, IT
 John Cabot University, IT
 NABA, Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti, IT
 Polimoda Fashion School, IT
 Riga Graduate School of Law, LV
 ArtEZ Academy of Arts, NL
 BUas Breda University, NL
 Delft University of Technology, NL
 Design Academy Eindhoven, NL

Eindhoven University of Technology, NL
 Erasmus University College, NL
 Erasmus University Rotterdam, NL
 Fontys University of Applied Sciences, NL
 Gerrit Rietveld Academie in Amsterdam, NL
 Hanze University of Applied Sciences, NL
 HAN University of Applied Sciences, NL
 Hotelschool the Hague, NL
 Hotel Management Maastricht, NL
 HU University of Applied Sciences, NL
 HZ University of Applied Sciences, NL
 Leiden University, NL
 Maastricht University, NL
 NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences, NL
 Radboud University, NL
 Rotterdam School of Management, NL
 Royal Academy of Art, The Hague, NL
 Tilburg University, NL
 University of Amsterdam, NL
 University of Applied Sciences, NL
 University of Groningen, NL
 University of Twente, NL
 Utrecht University, NL
 Vrije University Amsterdam, NL
 Wageningen University, NL
 BI Norwegian Business School, NO
 Nord University, NO
 Norwegian School of Economics, NO
 Universidade Católica Portuguesa, PT
 Forward College, PT
 CEU Universidad Cardenal Herrero, ES
 Centro Universitario Cardenal Cisneros, ES
 ESADE, ES
 EU Business School, ES
 IE University, ES
 La Salle Campus Barcelona, ES
 Saint Louis University-Madrid, ES
 Toulouse Business School, ES / FR
 University of Alcalá, ES
 Jönköping University, SE
 Linköping University, SE
 Stockholm School of Economics, SE
 University of Stockholm, SE
 Université de Lausanne, CH
 Webster University Geneva, CH

GLOBAL

NYU Abu, Abu Dhabi
 Griffith University, Australia
 Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia
 University of Queensland, Australia
 University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia
 Xian Jiatong-Liverpool University, China
 University of Nicosia, Cyprus
 University of Birmingham Dubai
 Heriot-Watt University Dubai
 British University in Cairo, Egypt
 Future University in Egypt, Egypt
 German University in Cairo, Egypt
 Hong Kong Univ. of Science & Technology
 Kyoto University, Japan
 Temple University, Japan
 Waseda University, Japan
 EBC: Escuela Bancaria y Comercial, Mexico
 Yale - NUS College, Singapore
 Istanbul Technical University, Turkey
 Koç University, Turkey
 Middle East Technical University, Turkey