



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, two School Counselors, 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



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. 49% of our 2026 cohort were awarded the IBDP Bilingual Diploma, above the world average of 27%.

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 2026 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 2026	
Students who achieved 5 or more A* to C passes	91%
A* to C grades in English	90%
A* to C grades in German	94%
A* to C grades in Mathematics	89%
A* to C grades in Co-ordinated Science	94%

IBDP Results Overview

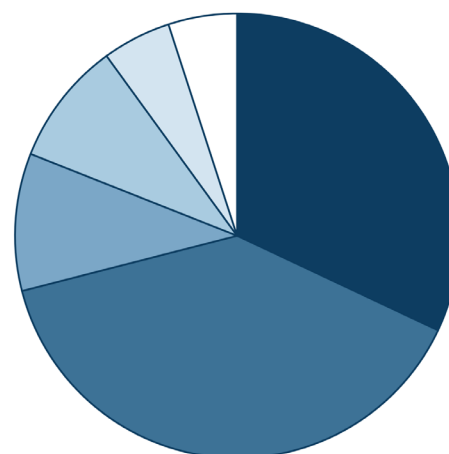
In Grades 11-12, BMS offers students the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP). Students are assessed based on external exams in six subjects as well as moderated, internal coursework. Students collect a maximum of 45 points, based on a 7-point grading scale, with 7 representing the highest level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

IBDP RESULTS OVERVIEW BMS 2026	
Cohort Size	59
Full Diploma Students	55
BMS Average Score (World Average)	33 (31)
Bilingual Diplomas (World Average)	49% (27%)
BMS Highest Score	45
Subject grade 4 or higher	94%

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. **98% of students from the Class of 2026 received their first or second university placement choice.**

WHERE DO BMS GRADUATES CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES? (2016-2026)



University Acceptances 2016 - 2026

UNITED STATES

BARD College
Berklee College of Music
Boston Architectural College
Boston University
Bryn Mawr College
Columbia University
Cornell University
Deep Spring College
Drexel University
Emerson College
Georgia State University
Lynn University
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 Caligornia, Irvine
University of California , Santa Cruz
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Georgia
University of Massachusetts
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Texas at Austin
University of Vermont
Yale University

UNITED KINGDOM

Arts University Bournemouth
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
Imperial College London
King’s College London
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Loughborough University
London School of Economics and Political Science
MetFilm School London
Newcastle University
Northeastern University London
Queen Mary University of London
Queen’s University Belfast
Ravensbourne University London
Royal Holloway University
Royal Veterinary College, University of London
SOAS University of London
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 Kent
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Liverpool
University of Oxford
Point Blank Music School
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 York
University of South Wales

CANADA

Bishop’s University
Brock University
Concordia University
McGill University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
Western University
York University
McMaster University
University of Victoria

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
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
Burgendy School of Business, 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/ES
IÉSEG School of Management, FR
IFA Paris, 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
Carl Benz School of Engineering, DE
Deggendorf Institue of Technology, DE
EBS University, DE
Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, DE
Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, DE
European University Viadrina, DE
FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, DE
Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft, DE
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, DE
International Academy for Acting in Cologne, DE
Karlsruhe Institut für Technologie, DE
Kunsthochschule Weißensee, DE
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, DE
Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, DE
Leuphana University of Lüneburg DE
OTH Regensburg, DE
Otto-von-Guericke-University 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
University of Bayreuth, DE
University of Duisburg-Essen, 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
American College of Greece, GR
Medical School of Democritus University of Thrace, GR
Maynooth University, IE
Bocconi University, IT
John Cabot University, IT
LUISS Guido Carli University, IT
NABA, Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti, IT
Riga Graduate School of Law, LV
ArtEZ Academy of Arts, NL
Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences, 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
Hotelschool the Hague, NL
Hotel Management Maastricht, NL
Hague 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
IE University, ES
La Salle Campus Barcelona, ES
Saint Louis University-Madrid, ES
EADA Business School, ES
Jönköping University, SE
Linköping University, SE
Stockholm School of Economics, SE
University of Stockholm, SE
Université de Lausanne, CH
EHL Hospitality Business School, CH
University College Cork, IE
Trinity College Dublin, IE
Kaunas University of Technology, LT
Vilnius University, LT

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
Istanbul Technical University, Turkey
Koç University, Turkey
Middle East Technical University, Turkey
NUS, National Univeristy of Singapore