

IB Admissions Policy at Hermann-Böse-Gymnasium (HBG)



The DP instruction is carried out in year 11 and 12 of the German Abitur system, which are the second and third year of our upper secondary. During 9th grade, students make a first decision if they want to join the IB. All the students interested in the IB are then put together in one class in grade 10 which enables them to grow together as a class and also provides the teachers with the opportunity to do some preparatory work for the subsequent IB classes in years 11 and 12 already. There is a system of informing the students about the upper secondary opportunities and curriculums to make them competent decision makers. The information about the school's IB DP is integrated into this information system. Interested students and parents are invited to attend a special IB DP presentation. This presentation provides a more precise introduction into the general characteristics of the DP, describes how the school implements it and explains how the IB DP and Abitur programme can be combined. The information evening on the IB DP takes place in year 9, about 18 months before students enter the programme in year 11. The next step is individual counselling of students interested in the programme; the parents or other legal guardians take part in these counselling sessions, too. Step three is the decision of whom to recommend for the IB track. The decision is made by the DP coordinator, the CAS coordinator and IB colleagues on the basis of their academic performance reflected in the two latest report cards, a letter of motivation by a teacher or former teacher who worked with the student in question intensively and their individual performance during a face to face interview with the DP coordinator. Future IB students are expected to show good grades in English and have a grade average better than 2.5 (good). Also having studied abroad for a significant amount of time in an English-speaking country counts as a factor that usually enhances the chances for good success in the IB track. Since the HBG is a public school, the IB admission policy implemented at our school has only a recommending character as public school by law cannot bare students from entering certain schools or school branches. Therefore the recommendations have no legal binding character. Via the information on the home page and class visits of the IB coordinator in year 9 and 0 students not yet enrolled in the IB track also inquire about the programme and our admission policy.

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