



Friedrich-Ebert-Gymnasium, Bonn



Gymnasium der Stadt Bonn mit internationalem Profil

Bilingual deutsch-französischer Bildungsgang und bilingual deutsch-englische Bildungswege

Admission Policy

As a German state school, we offer the IB Diploma Programme only in combination with the obligatory German Programme leading to the university entrance qualification Abitur. Native speaker-like proficiency in German and the fulfilment of all requirements for the upper school years of the German school system in North Rhine Westphalia is therefore mandatory for all students participating in the IB Diploma Programme at Friedrich Ebert Gymnasium.

The dual qualification leading to the Abitur and the International Baccalaureate Diploma is offered in the two final years of the national system covering years 11 and 12 for the cohort with final exams in May 2025 and in years 12 and 13 for students with final exams from May 2027 onwards.

Six months before they enter upper school, students register their interest in the dual qualification on a form which includes their choice of subjects for the upper school years. This form is signed by both the student and their legal guardians. Each student receives individual advice during a counselling interview with their head of year.

According to the regulations of the German Abitur Programme students already have to take up all subjects they want to enrol in during their two final years in the year preceding the two final years.¹

In order to be admitted to the IB Diploma Programme students therefore must enrol in English, either History or Economics, and at least one of the languages French or Spanish in their pre-IB year. High achievers can choose another science subject instead of another language if this is compliant with the schedule planning.

In their ultimate and penultimate year, students who opt for the dual qualification Abitur and IB Diploma usually enrol in the advanced course in English. Exception from this requirement is reviewed by the IB coordinator on demand (for detailed information see "Parent or legal guardian and student complaint procedures").

To be admitted to the pre-graduation year the performance of students in the preceding year has to meet the requirements of the national system.² Applicants from other German schools can also be admitted to the IB Diploma Programme at Friedrich-Ebert-Gymnasium if their school career complies with the regulations outlined above and they transfer before the start of the pre-graduation year.

¹ <https://www.schulministerium.nrw.de/docs/Recht/Schulrecht/APOen/GY-Oberstufe-SekII/APO-GOSt.pdf>

² <https://www.schulministerium.nrw.de/docs/Schulsystem/Schulformen/Gymnasium/Sek-I/Versetzungsregelungen-Gymnasium.pdf>

The head of school oversees the admittance of students from abroad in years 5 to 10. The local government (Bezirksregierung Köln) is responsible for the recognition of foreign reports and the assignment of students from abroad to the upper school years covering years 11 to 13.

Every student at our school who is highly motivated and has good grades in English is encouraged and given the chance to participate in the IB Diploma Programme. In addition, at the end of the first term of year ten, teachers discuss which students should receive a recommendation to pursue both qualifications. These students' parents or legal guardians receive a letter of recommendation from the headmaster encouraging them to participate in the IB Diploma Programme and an invitation to a special parents' evening.

For students with special educational needs special arrangements are made to ensure that they are given the chance to participate in the programme (see Special Educational Needs / Inclusion Policy).

Legal guardians have to make a contribution of 300€ to the examination fees of their children at the beginning of the final year.

If the students' Abitur is at hazard due to the workload required by the double qualification they are advised to withdraw from the full diploma after the pre-graduation year and opt for certificates or to concentrate on the Abitur. At the end of the first Year of the Diploma Programme parents can also submit a withdrawal request in order to adjust the school career to the student's academic performance.

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