



Secondary Education at Berlin Metropolitan School

Academic Profile

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 a Cambridge International School.

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

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 1,135 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 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 Secondary School students an extension of their academic and personal interests in our Secondary After School Program. The activities and workshops are taught by our Secondary faculty 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 show leadership and independence, as a few of our after-school activities are created and led by our students. BMS Club offers include a wide variety of genres: arts, academics, film, choir 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 Secondary Student Support Team consists of a head of student support, one school counselor responsible for the social and emotional needs of our students, a university and career counselor, as well as 2 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 3 Progress Leaders, assigned to two grade-levels from grades 7-12. Progress leaders are responsible for the pastoral and academic success of our students, providing guidance and direction through the focus of our students and their needs. By acting as the bridge for our students, our Progress Leaders ensure a holistic balance is maintained between social and emotional needs as well as 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 Secondary School student body for one consecutive school year, 4 House Captains representing our BMS House System and student council leaders. In addition, peer mentors, ambassadors, and student representatives, are members of the student leadership, who 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 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. 65% of our 2023 cohort was awarded the IBDP Bilingual Diploma, in line with 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	- Berlin State Curriculum
	Grades 9 & 10 Ages: 14 - 16	- Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) - Berliner Bildungsgreife (BBR) Grade 9 - Mittlerer Schulabschluss (MSA) German Grade 10 leaving Certificate
	Grades 11 & 12 Ages: 16 - 19	- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

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)
6-World Language	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 Arts Film

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

Qualifications, External Examinations

- Cambridge IGCSE Examinations – Core Subjects and electives are selected by the students
- MSA Assessment – Mathematics, German, English, Presentations
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme – six subjects depending 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 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 the 2023 IBDP, IGCSE, and MSA Examinations:

MSA Results Overview

As part of our commitment to offering our students the best international and national curriculum, our students complete the necessary course work through Grade 9 and 10 for the MSA Diploma, culminating into examinations in English, Mathematics, German, and a self-derived presentation on a topic of their selection.

MSA RESULTS OVERVIEW	
Subject	BMS 2023
English	1,2
German (incl. German as a Second Language)	2,0 1,9
Mathematics	2,2
Presentation	1,5

The Mittlerer Schulabschluss (MSA) is a national school-leaving certificate for students completing the 10th grade in Germany. MSA subjects are assessed on an six-point grade scale: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, with a Grade of 1 representing the highest level of achievement.

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 into examinations and moderated internal course work. Students are assessed on a grading scale of A*-G, with an A* representing the highest level of achievement possible. IGCSE examination outcomes reflect results achieved for 2023:

IGCSE RESULTS OVERVIEW	
Students who achieved 5 or more A* to C passes	89%
A* to C passes in English First Language	95%
A* to C passes in English as a Second Language	85%
A* to C passes in First Language German	91%
A* to C passes in Foreign Language German	97%
A* to C passes in Foreign Language French	100%
A* to C passes in Mathematics	81%
A* to C passes in Science	85%

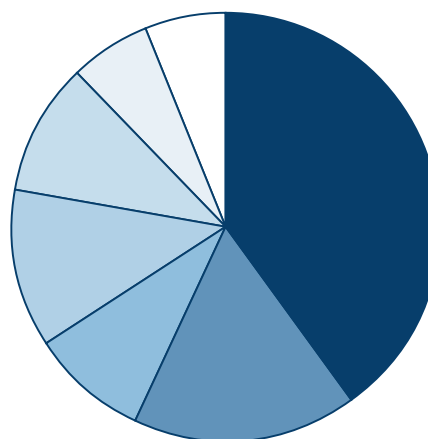
IBDP Results Overview

In grades 11-12, BMS offers students the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP). Students are assessed based on external exams from 6 selected subject groupings and moderated, internal course work. Students collect a maximum amount of 45 points overall, based on a 7-point grading scale, with a 7 representing the highest level of achievement. IB DP Exam outcomes reflect results achieved by the class of 2023:

DP RESULTS OVERVIEW	
Cohort Size	59
Full Diploma Students	57
BMS Average Score (World Average)	33 (30)
BMS Highest Score	43
Bilingual Diplomas	65%
Subject grade 4 or higher	93%

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. 97% of students from the Class of 2023 received their first or second university placement choice.



United Kingdom (40%)	US (10%)
Netherlands (17%)	Canada (6%)
Germany (9%)	Other Non-European Countries (6%)
Other European Countries (14%)	

University Acceptances 2016 - 2023

UNITED KINGDOM

Anglia Ruskin University
Arts University Bournemouth
Birkbeck, University of London
Birmingham City University
Brunel University
Buckinghamshire New 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 University
Imperial College London
King's College London
Kingston University
Lancaster University
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
Middlesex University
New College of the Humanities
Northumbria University
Queen Mary University of London
Queen's University Belfast, UK
Richmond, The American University of London
Royal Veterinary College, University of London
SOAS University of London
University College London
University of Aberdeen
University of St. Andrews
University of the Arts London
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 Hertfordshire
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 Portsmouth
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 York

CANADA

Concordia University
McGill University
St. Lawrence College
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo

UNITED STATES

Alfred University
BARD College
Berklee College of Music
Boston Architectural College
Boston University
Bryn Mawr College
Columbia College Chicago
Deep Spring College
Emerson College
Georgia State University
Lynn University
Marist College
Minerva Schools at KGI
New York University
Parsons School of Design, The New School
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Syracuse University
Temple University
The Cooper Union
The University of Chicago
The New School – College of Perform. Arts
University of California
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Georgia
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Texas at Austin
University of Vermont
Yale University

NETHERLANDS

ArtEZ Academy of Arts
BUas Breda University
Delft University of Technology
Design Academy Eindhoven
Eindhoven University of Technology
Erasmus University College
Erasmus University Rotterdam
Fontys University of Applied Sciences
Hanze University of Applied Sciences
Hotelschool the Hague
Hotel Management Maastricht
HU University of Applied Sciences
Leiden University
Maastricht University
Gerrit Rietveld Academie in Amsterdam
Radboud University
Royal Academy of Art, The Hague
Royal Academy of Art, The Hague
University of Amsterdam
University of Groningen
University of Twente
Utrecht University
Vrije University Amsterdam
Wageningen University

GERMANY

Atelier Chardon Savard Berlin
BAU International Berlin
Bucerius Law School
Business & Law School Berlin
Frankfurt School of Finance & Management
Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
International Academy for Acting in Cologne
Jacobs University Bremen
Karlsruhe Institut für Technologie
Kunsthochschule Weibensee
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
SRH Hochschule Berlin
Technische Universität Berlin
Technische Universität Darmstadt
Technische Universität Dresden

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Technische Universität München
TH Wildau
Touro College Berlin
UMCH Hamburg
University of Applied Sciences Europe
University of Bayreuth
University of Greifswald
Universität Hamburg
Universität der Künste Berlin
University of Stuttgart
WHU: Otto Beisheim School of Management

GLOBAL AND EUROPEAN

Central European University, Austria
Danube Private University, Austria
Technische Universität Wien, Austria
Universität für Bodenkultur Wien, Austria
Vienna University of Economics, Austria
Webster University Vienna, Austria
Brussels School of Governance, Belgium
KU Leuven, Belgium
University of Alcalá, Spain
CEU Universidad Cardenal Herrer, Spain
Centro Universitario Cardenal Cisneros, Spain
ESADE, Spain
IE University, Spain
La Salle Campus Barcelona, Spain
Université de Lausanne, Switzerland
Webster University Geneva, Switzerland
Bocconi University, Italy
John Cabot University, Italy
NABA, Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti, Italy
Polimoda Fashion School, Italy
École Polytechnique, France
EDHEC Business School
ESDAC (Ecole de design), France
ESRA (International Film School in Paris), France
ESSEC Business School
GOBELINS, l'école de l'image, France
Paris College of Art, France
Sciences Po, France
Toulouse Business School, France
Charles University, Czech Republic
FAMU Prague, Czech Republic
Medical School of Democritus Univ. of Thrace, Gr.
National Technical University of Athens, Greece
Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
Maynooth University, Ireland
Riga Graduate School of Law, Latvia
BI Norwegian Business School, Norway
Linköping University, Sweden
Istanbul Technical University, Turkey
Koç University, Turkey
Middle East Technical University, Turkey
University of Nicosia, Cyprus
British University in Cairo, Egypt
Future University in Egypt, Egypt
EBC: Escuela Bancaria y Comercial, Mexico
Hong Kong Univ. of Science & Technology HK
Griffith University, Australia
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia
University of Queensland, Australia
University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia
Kyoto University, Japan
Temple University, Japan
Waseda University, Japan
Yale - NUS College, Singapore
Xian Jiatong-Liverpool University, China