

Dresden International School

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Educational Excellence and Intercultural Understanding

Dresden International School is a non-profit, non-selective, private, IB World School accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the Council of International Schools.

Founded in 1996 in the culturally-renowned Saxon capital of Dresden, the school has grown from just a handful of students in the late 1990s to a thriving centre of learning for over 500 students from 55 countries. In two campuses spread through the Altstadt and Blasewitz neighbourhoods of Dresden, students pursue an academically challenging core of International Baccalaureate courses, complemented by a wide range of co-curricular athletic, artistic and academic activities.

Despite its growth, the school maintains exceptionally small classes led by qualified and experienced international faculty members. Graduates of the Dresden International School attend a variety of universities in countries around the world.



Graduation Results:	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total number of graduates	31	28	38	32
Number of IB Diplomas	28	24	32	29
Average IB Point Total	35	32	33	33
Global Average	32	30	30	30
Number of Bilingual Diplomas	21	18	19	18

Our Newest Graduates - Class of 2025

Dresden International School celebrated its 22nd graduation in June, 2025. 29 of the 32 members of the class of 2025 achieved the full International Baccalaureate Diploma with 100% pass rate. The average IB point total was 33 (global average of 30).

The IB Programme at DIS:

All students at DIS pursue courses in the rigorous International Baccalaureate Programme.

Most students pursue the full IB Diploma, in addition to the Dresden International School High School Diploma offered by the school.

Students who successfully complete an IB Certificate in a subject have demonstrated college-level proficiency in that subject. Students who achieve the full IB Diploma have met exceptionally rigorous academic standards across the spectrum of disciplines. Students holding IB Diplomas and Certificates should be considered for advanced standing by universities.



The Setting:

Dresden is a metropolitan city of over 500,000 inhabitants located in the eastern German state of Saxony.

Many international families make Dresden their home because of the many high-tech firms, science research institutes and artistic establishments.



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Requirements for the DIS Diploma:

In order to earn the DIS High School Diploma students must complete at least 24 units of credit (1 class taken for 1 year equals 1 credit) during the years 9 through 12 distributed among the disciplines as follows:

Subject Areas	Units
English	4
Mathematics	3
Natural Sciences	3
Social Sciences	3
Non-English Language	3
Physical Education	1
Fine Arts	1
Academic Electives	6

Additionally, all students must complete the school's two supplementary requirements:

Creativity, Activity & Service (CAS) - Grades 11 and 12
Personal Project or Extended Essay

Courses Offered at DIS:

Languages

IB MYP English 9 & 10
IB DP English A Literature SL / HL
IB DP English A Language & Literature SL / HL
IB DP English B SL / HL
English Support (for non-native speakers)
IB MYP German (German for advanced speakers) 9 & 10
GAL 9 & 10 (German as an additional Language)
IB DP German A Literature SL / HL
IB DP German A Language & Literature SL / HL
IB DP German B SL / HL, IB German ab initio SL
IB MYP Spanish 9 & 10
IB DP Spanish B SL/HL
IB DP School-Supported Self-Taught Literature SL

Social Sciences

IB MYP Individuals & Societies 9 & 10
IB DP History SL, IB European History HL
IB DP Geography SL/HL
IB DP Business Management SL / HL
IB DP Economics SL/HL
IB DP Theory of Knowledge (1/2 credit per year)

DIS Grading & Evaluation Policies:

Students at DIS earn grades in their courses on a scale from 1 to 7, corresponding to the marking scheme of the IBO. A score of "7" represents exceptional achievement for a high school student. A grade of "3" is the minimum grade required to receive credit for a course.

DIS Grade	Descriptor	A-F Equivalent	4-Point Equivalent
7	Excellent	A+	4.0 (5.0 HL)
6	Very Good	A/A-	3.5 (4.375 HL)
5	Good	B	3.0 (3.75 HL)
4	Satisfactory	C	2.0 (2.5 HL)
3	Passing	D	1
2	Poor	D-/F-	0
1	Very Poor	F	0



Students at DIS are engaged in unusually rigorous course-work and are encouraged to work cooperatively with classmates.



We avoid ranking the students within their class and discourage them from competing for positions.

Sciences

IB MYP Science 9 & 10
IB DP Biology SL / HL
IB DP Chemistry SL / HL
IB DP Physics SL / HL

Mathematics

IB MYP Mathematics 9 & 10 - Extended and Standard
IB DP Mathematics Applications and Interpretations SL/HL
IB DP Mathematics Analysis and Approaches HL

Fine Arts

IB MYP Performing Arts 9 & 10
IB DP Visual Arts 9 & 10
IB DP Visual Arts SL / HL
IB DP Theatre SL / HL

Physical Education

IB MYP Physical and Health Education 9 & 10

Design

IB MYP Design 9 & 10

Placements of DIS Graduates have included:



World Citizens Made in Dresden

Australia

Creative Writing at La Trobe/Curtin
Engineering at the University of New South Wales

Austria

Linguistics at Universität Graz
Medicine at Universität Wien
Veterinary Medicine at Universität Wien
Sociology at Universität Wien
Transcultural Communication at Universität Wien

France

International Relations at Sorbonne, Paris

Germany

Aerospace Engineering at TU Munich
Biology at Universität Göttingen
Business at Ludwig Maximilian Universität, Munich
Computer Science at TU Dresden
Chemistry at TU Dresden
Dentistry at TU Dresden
Education at Technische Universität Dresden
Electrical Engineering at TU Dresden
French/German Law at Cologne University
Law at Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
Law at Ludwig Maximilian Universität, Munich
Law at Universität Heidelberg
Law at Universität Passau
Mechanical Engineering at TU Dresden
Media and Communication Management at MHMK, Munich
Medicine at Ludwig-Maximilian-University, Munich
Medicine at the University of Heidelberg
Medicine at Leipzig University
Pharmacy at Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena
Physics at Technische Universität Dresden

Netherlands

Aerospace Engineering at Delft University
Medicine at Groningen University

Netherlands (continued)

Water Management at Hogeschool Zealand
Economics at Tilburg University

Singapore

Environmental Sciences at the University of Singapore

Spain

Business at European University
Dentistry, Universidad Europea Madrid

Switzerland

Hotel Management at Cesar Ritz College
Mechanical Engineering at ETH Zurich

United Kingdom

Accountancy & Finance at the University of Bath
Art & Design at the University of Glasgow, Scotland
Business & Management at the University of Edinburgh
Drama & Applied Theatre + Education at University of London
Economics at Kings College, London
Finance at City University, London
History and Politics at Oxford University
International Relations at Saint Andrews University, Scotland
International Business at Exeter University
Law at Oxford University
Neuroscience and entrepreneurship, Manchester
Philosophy & Economy at Saint Andrews University, Scotland
Psychology at the University of Edinburgh
Sustainable Development, University of Edinburgh

United States of America

Arabic Studies at Monterey Institute, California
Archaeology at Colorado College
Astrophysics at Boston University
International Relations, Depaul University, Chicago
Medicine at Columbia University, New York

* These entries reflect student plans upon graduation.
They are subject to change.

The Class of 2025

The DIS Class of 2025 was composed of 32 students from 17 countries: e.g. Austria, China, Germany, Hungary, India, Kazakhstan, Poland, Switzerland, Ukraine, USA, and Vietnam. 29 students were enrolled as full IB Diploma candidates. Students are also involved in charity fundraisers, helping with our annual World Fest and Welcome Back BBQ, and various painting projects, and internships. Students take part and leading roles in clubs such as Student Voice Coalition, Sustainability Club, theatre productions, music competitions, sport teams, Model United Nations Club, Yearbook Club and Debating Club.

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