

## **Admissions Policy of Herderschule - IB Programme:**

Herderschule welcomes applications from students from all over the world and from all backgrounds. Admission to the 2-year IB Diploma Program at Herderschule is possible if the applicant has completed what corresponds to 10 or 11 years of schooling in another education system which equals the first year of "Einführungsphase" in Germany.

Admission to Senior High School (Oberstufe) is possible if students fulfill one of the following requirements:

They have successfully completed Junior High School or obtained any other qualification according to the regulation of the Federal Ministry of Education of Hesse (OAVO) which entitles them admission to Senior High School.

Additionally a residence permit is needed if students do not have the German citizenship.

The Federal Ministry of Education of Hesse has decided that public schools in Hesse can only offer the IB Program to students who choose to do the national curriculum – the "Abitur" – as well. IB-students, therefore, will have to do both educational programs at the same time which also means that they do not only have to fulfill requirements that qualify them for the IB Program but also those that qualify them for the "Abitur". Thus, this admission policy has to be read in connection with the guidelines of the Hessian Ministry of Education:

<https://kultusministerium.hessen.de/schule/schulformen/gymnasium/gymnasiale-oberstufe>



To enter the IB Program, applicants are expected to have a high proficiency in German and English. In order to obtain the Full Diploma, students need to have a very good knowledge in German because they have to enroll in the German A Literature Higher Level course.

IB-students do not necessarily need to have outstanding marks throughout all subjects. What is more important is to be an independent and self-responsible person who is well organized and demonstrates a willingness to work dedicatedly with schoolwork. Being open-minded towards new methods and topics is also desired.

Generally, we recommend students to join the IB Program already in the "Einführungsphase", which offers one-year preparatory courses in almost all IB subjects.

Students who want to apply for the IB Program at Herderschule can only obtain the Full Diploma or Certificates in the following subjects:

1. German A Literature HL
2. English B HL
3. French B SL
4. Spanish B SL
5. History SL
6. Geography SL
7. Biology HL
8. Mathematics SL