

## Roadmap to the German International Abitur (DIA)

### Student and Parent Information

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## One School – Two Degrees

1. DIA: Exit Examination of German Schools Abroad
    - Qualifies for entrance to German universities
    - Includes English language components
  2. New York State High School Diploma
    - Local diploma earned also at GISNY
    - Requires the components *American History, Health Education & ACT Exam* (Reading, Science, English & Math exam)
- Students can apply worldwide!



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## Introductory Phase

- Grade 10
- Prepares students for the learning methods used in upper school
- Gymnasial eingestufte Schüler erwerben den MSA durch die drei schriftlichen Prüfungen (D, E, M), die als ZK durchgeführt werden.
- Die ZK zählen 30% der Gesamtjahresnote
- Realschüler werden gesondert beraten
- Required subjects: De, Ma, En, Fr/Lt/Sn, Bio, Ge, AH, Ec, Sp, Et
- Electives:
  - Mu or Ku
  - Sn (new) or Ph
  - Fr (new) or Ch
- Assessment calculated from 1+ to 6
- Students receive a year-end report card



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## Qualification Phase

- Includes grades 11 & 12
- 11 high-levelled qualification and examination subjects
  - Required subjects: De, Ma, En, Bl, Ge/AH, Ec, Sp, Et
  - Electives:
    - Ku or Mu (continued)
    - At least two of these electives: Fr/Sn (2.FS), Ch, Ph/Sn (3.FS)
  - Assessment calculated from 15 – 0 points (based on German grades 1 – 6)
  - Report cards issued for each semester



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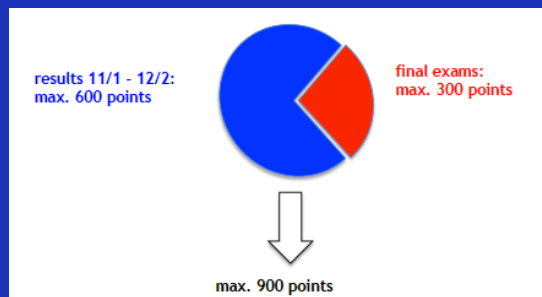
## Abitur Point System

- Students qualify through both earning points
  - during the four semesters 11.1 through 12.2 (called area Q) and
  - the final *Abitur* examinations (3 written and 2 oral final *Abitur* exams, called area A)



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## Point System



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Punktzahl E	Durchschnittsnote N
900-923	1,0
822-895	1,1
804-787	1,2
786-769	1,3
768-751	1,4
750-733	1,5
732-715	1,6
714-697	1,7
696-679	1,8
678-661	1,9
660-643	2,0
642-625	2,1
624-607	2,2
606-589	2,3
590-571	2,4
570-553	2,5
552-535	2,6
534-517	2,7
516-499	2,8
498-481	2,9
480-463	3,0
462-445	3,1
444-427	3,2
426-409	3,3
408-391	3,4
390-373	3,5
372-355	3,6
354-337	3,7
336-319	3,8
318-301	3,9
300	4,0

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## Abitur Points

- Max. 900 points out of two areas (Q, A) of the qualification phase
  - The qualification of the grades achieved in 36 semester courses (Q)
    - Average of 36 semester grades  $\times 40/36 = \text{max. } 600 \text{ points}$
  - The results of the final *Abitur* exams (A)
    - 5 exam subjects (each max. 15 points  $\times 4$ ) quadruple weighting) = max. 300 points

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## Partial Qualification Q

Students earn at least 44 grades

- A total of only 36 grades are to be included as follows
  - German 4
  - Math 4
  - One foreign language 4
  - Sciences at least 4 (Abi 2021)
  - One natural science 4 (ab Abi 2022)
  - Foreign languages and sciences (Bio, Ch, Ph) combined at least 14
  - Social sciences at least 4 (of which 2 in Ge)
  - Arts or Music at least 3
  - Phys Ed max 3
  - 3. FS at least 2 (never 0.P)
  - In each of the five exam subjects four grades must be submitted

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## Qualification Q: Example

I. Teilqualifikation Q									
	Fach*	Unterrichtssprache	1.Hj.	2.Hj.	3.Hj.	4.Hj.	Anzahl der eingetragenen Halbjahre (insgesamt 8)	Punktsumme eingetragener Halbjahre	
Sprachlich-literarisches Aufgabenfeld	Deutsch	deutsch	13	10	12	12	04	47	
	Englisch	englisch	12	12	13	13	04	50	
	Spanisch		12	11	13	14	mind 2	39	
	Latein		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Künstlerisches Aufgabenfeld	Musik	englisch	11	09	10	12	mind 3	33	
	Kunst		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gesellschafts- wissenschaftliches Aufgabenfeld	Wirtschaft	deutsch	12	13	13	14	04	52	
	Wirtschaft	bilingual	15	12	14	14	04	55	
Naturwissenschaftliches Aufgabenfeld	Mathematik	deutsch	14	14	12	12	04	45	
	Mathematik	bilingual	10	11	12	12	04	45	
Technisches Aufgabenfeld	Physik	deutsch	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Physik	bilingual	11	12	13	13	-	38	
Sport (max. 3Hj einzutragen)	Chemie	deutsch	13	12	13	14	04	52	
	Chemie	bilingual	14	14	14	14	max 3	42	
Gesamtpunktsumme (Übertrag)								453	
Gesamtpunktsumme		453	$\times 40 =$	Punktzahl EI		503	(Die 36 Halbjahresergebnisse wurden mit dem Faktor 40/36 gewichtet und gerundet)		

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## Calculation of Semester Grades

- Grades of written exams and further results ("*Sonstige Leistungen*", e.g. oral grade, presentations, oral test, short written tests...) are to be weighted equally towards the grade for the semester.
- Exams (50%)  $\leftrightarrow$  Further results (50%)

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## Quantity of Written Exams

### 11.1-12.1

- Two exams in all languages and math
- One or two exams in all other subjects (except Phys Ed)

### 12.2

- One exam in each subject (except Phys Ed)

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## Duration of Written Exams



- German, foreign languages, Math: 2 – 4 periods
- All other subjects: 2-3 periods
- Important: one written exam in 12.1 in all examination subjects to be written under final exam conditions! (*Abivorklausuren*)

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## Absences



- Parents must notify front office on first day of absence.
- Written excuses stating reason of absence must be given to homeroom teacher no later than on third day of return after absence.
- Written excuses must be written by parents if student is under 18.
- Absences during exams: doctor's note required on day of exam, must be submitted to subject teacher on day of return
- Unexcused absence: 0 points
- Note: When a teacher is absent, classes usually work unsupervised or can go home on their own to complete an assignment starting in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

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## Practice Presentations (PiUs)



- Every student must do one PiU per school year in grades 9 - 11
- Students decide until October 11, ask teacher, schedule presentation with teacher
- Students complete PiU list in homeroom
- Presentation counts as "*Sonstige Leistung*"
- If a student does not do the PiU, he/she gets zero points in the subject they signed up for.

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## Final Examination Subjects



- Will be selected by the students at the beginning of 12.1 (sheet "Meldung..." & CV, deadline is October 01 for Abi 2021)
- Must cover the three fields of study:

Languages and Arts	Social Sciences	Math and Natural Sciences
German, English, French, Spanish, Music, Art	History, Economics, Ethics	Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology

- Phys Ed cannot be a final exam subject

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## Final Examination Subjects



- Three written exams (must be from two different fields of study)
  1. German (mandatory)
  2. Math or an advanced foreign language (keine 3. FSI!)
  3. Another subject (except for Music/Art, Ethics, Economics)
- Two oral exams
  - Choose any two remaining subjects (including third field of study)
  - At least one oral exam subject taught 100% in German
  - Format of oral exams:
    - P4 is a colloquium
    - P5: presentation
- All exam subjects combined must be taught at least 50% in German

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## Final *Abitur* Examinations



- Duration of the final written exams
  - German, English, French, Spanish, Math (240 minutes Abi 2021, 270 minutes Abi 2022)
  - All other subjects (180 minutes)
- Duration of the final oral exams: 20 minutes each

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## DIA Minimum Requirements



- **Q**(ualification phase)
  - Within the 36 classes (11.1-12.2) counting towards the Abitur:
    - total of at least 180 points,
    - never 0 points and
    - no more than 7 times < 5 points
- **A**(bitur)
  - At least 100 points
  - At least grade 5 points achieved in three Abitur exams and total score of all five Abitur exams at least 25

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## DIA 2021: Dates



- Oct 1: Deadline for “Meldung zur Prüfung” (incl. Examination Subjects)
- Abivorklausuren: see “*Exam Schedule*”
- Jan 19 – 22: classes for DIA prep only
- Jan 25 + 26: no classes
- Jan 27 – Feb 5: Written Exams
  - 01/27: German
  - 01/29: Math
  - 02/01: English/French/Spanish
  - 02/03: Biology/Chemistry/Physics/History
  - 02/05: Make-Up Exam
  - (no school two or three days before exams start)
- May 10 - 14: oral exams

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## Legal Background



- This presentation was created based on the DIA rules and regulations. In the interest of clarity, not every potentially occurring circumstance could be considered.

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## Sources/More Information



- *Deutsches International Abitur: Ordnung zur Erlangung der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife an Deutschen Schulen im Ausland (11.06.2015 [Abi 2021], i.d.F. vom 03.05.2018 [Abi 2022])*
- *Richtlinien fuer die Ordnung zur Erlangung der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife an Deutschen Schulen im Ausland (11.06.2015)*
- For a condensed version refer to the DIA brochure on our website: *Academics* → *Middle & Upper School* → *click document on bottom right corner*

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