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1. A final certificate for the Middle Years Programme gained in accordance with the regulations of the “International Baccalaureate Organisation/Office du Baccalauréat International” at one of the International Schools in Germany listed below will be recognised as equivalent to the German Lower Secondary School Leaving Certificate if it has been obtained after the completion of at least ten years of progressive levels of education in schools where pupils are taught full-time and the following requirements are met:
 - a) From each of the five core-subject groups of the “Middle Years Programme” (MYP), Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, or a further Language and Literature subject, Individuals and Societies, Sciences, and Mathematics, at least one subject must be chosen.
 - b) In the three elective subject groups Arts, Physical and Health Education, and Design, at least one subject must be taken.
 - c) In addition to the subject groups mentioned under a) and b), a “personal project”¹ and a graded “interdisciplinary unit”² must be completed.
 - d) The number of lessons in the subjects or subject groups has been adjusted to the requirements of the Agreement on School Types and Courses of Education in Secondary Education I of 03 December 1993, as amended (Item 4.1.2), taking the duration of the MYP Programme into account.
 - e) The following subjects may be taught as cross-subject courses or separate courses: Sciences, Arts, Individuals and Societies, and Design.
 - f) Students must prove sufficient knowledge of the German language. Further details are regulated by the relevant Federal State.
 - g) The MYP Certificate includes a total of eight graded elements. The maximum achievable point score is 56.³The minimum number of points required for an MYP Certificate is 28.

¹ A “personal project” is an interdisciplinary project embedded in “global contexts” which connect the subject groups. It is graded like the subjects listed under a) and b).

² An interdisciplinary unit of study is a unit comprising a minimum of two subjects which in addition to the individual subjects individually evaluates the student’s interdisciplinary abilities and competences.

³ MYP grade key: 1= very poor, 2= poor, 3= mediocre, 4= satisfactory, 5= good, 6= very good, 7= excellent.

From a point score of 32 the MYP Certificate will be recognised as equivalent to the German Lower Secondary School Leaving Certificate. A score of at least 40 points is required to be admitted to the introductory stage of the upper secondary level of education, and in the three subject groups Language and Literature, Language Acquisition or a further Language and Literature subject, and Mathematics, a minimum overall point score of 15 must be reached.

2. The average grade for an MYP Certificate gained in accordance with the provisions of the "International Baccalaureate Organisation/Office du Baccalauréat International" will be calculated in the German federal state in which the certificate is assessed.
3. The average grade (N) is calculated on the basis of the total point score (P) gained in the Middle Years Programme, and the maximum score (Pmax) of 56 and the minimum score (Pmin) of 28.

The conversion is made according to the following formula:

$$N = 1 + 3 \frac{(P_{\max} - P)}{(P_{\max} - P_{\min})}$$

with

$$N = \text{Grade (Average Grade)}$$

$$P = \text{Total point Score as per MYP Certificate}$$

$$P_{\max} = 56$$

$$P_{\min} = 28$$

4. The IBO will keep the Conference of the Ministers of Education informed of any changes of the final examination (regarding requirements, contents, or organization) and will give the German School Supervisory Board the opportunity to inspect the schools' work. Where consultation is required, or at the request of a Federal State, the Advisory Board of the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) will examine whether the conditions for the recognition of the MYP still apply.
5. This resolution shall become effective on the date of its adoption by the Conference of Ministers of Education. It is applicable from 2016 for an initial period of 5 years for examinations at the following schools:

Berlin Brandenburg International School GmbH

Bonn International School e.V.

Dresden International School e.V.

International School of Düsseldorf e.V.

International School Hannover Region GmbH
Munich International School e.V.
International School of Stuttgart e.V.
Bavarian International School e.V.
Heidelberg International School GmbH
Strothoff International School
International School Stuttgart (Sindelfingen Campus)
International School of Hamburg
Thuringia International School Weimar e. V. (THIS)
Franconian International School (FIS), Erlangen

For MYP Certificates issued for the examination periods 2012 until 2015 the previous versions of the agreement shall continue to apply.