

Integrated Secondary School and High
School Institute (ISS)
European State School of Berlin (SESB)
German-Spanish

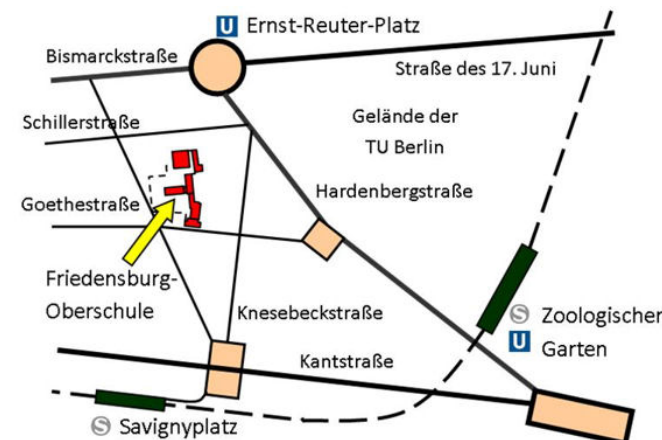
APPLICATION PROCESS CRITERIA

In order to gain **admission into the Friedensburg-Oberschule**, the following criteria apply:

- *The Friedensburg-Oberschule will admit in the 2019-2020 school year a total of 100 students in the regular curriculum (non SESB).*
- *The Friedensburg-Oberschule will admit into the SESB courses (German-Spanish) up to a 75 students from the Hausburg and Joan Miró Primary Schools. From these open slots, nine have to be reserved for admission of students from other schools, as long as they have good knowledge of both German and Spanish. This language condition is of utmost importance.*

In order to gain admission into the regular curriculum the following criteria apply:

- Up to 16 places are for students with special educational needs.
- 10% of the remaining places (=100%) are for the hardship cases respectively siblings (decision by district authority).
- 60% to 70% (depending on the number of hardship cases) are allocated based on the marks of the primary school certificate.
- The remaining places (30%) are raffled.



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The FRIEDENSBURG-OBERSCHULE is an all day integrated secondary school (ISS), with an advanced level High School Institute and is the site of the European State School of Berlin (SESB) German- Spanish.

Integrated Secondary School

Our focus and priority is joint learning. We strive and aim to support all students so that every student can achieve their full potential and may obtain the best diploma at the end of their high school program. For this reason, students remain as long as possible in their learning group (Class internal differentiation).

Starting from the 9th grade, students are divided into different groups according to their learning abilities and academic performance. These groups are created exclusively in the core subjects (German, Maths, first foreign language – English, or Spanish in the SESB). These courses (AoK) are oriented towards the realistic goal of obtaining a diploma, to which each student aspires and aims to fulfill the requirements for obtaining either the Intermediate Certificate (Mittlerer Schulabschluss or MSA in German) or the Baccalaureate Certificate (Abitur in German). A course change (AoK) is possible at the end of every semester. Students and parents are well advised and briefed in order to make the best informed decision about the course allocation.

Each class has its own classroom, which is usually rarely shared with another group and students can therefore participate in the design and decoration process of the classroom. All the groups in the same grade have their classrooms on the same floor or at the most on two floors in the same building. On that same floor, the grade’s secretary office is located (Jahrgangsbüro) and a free recreation or study room for different activities. There are teachers and social pedagogues that are available for every grade in these offices, who help students with their day-to-day issues or concerns, grades, and most of all to aid and mediate in conflict situations.

Due to the large number of students who are enrolled in the Gymnasiale Oberstufe and the Abitur (Baccalaureate certificate), we have arranged an hourly schedule at the gymnasium. The number and distribution of class hours (Studentafel) differs in only a few subjects from the hourly schedule of the Gymnasium. The core subjects (German, Maths, 1st foreign language), the natural sciences (physics, biology, chemistry) and the learning area of sociology (history, geography, social studies) are offered with the same number of hours as the Gymnasium.

Elective Courses

In the 7th grade, each student chooses an elective course. In the SESB, English is taken in addition to the regular curriculum, thus this subject substitutes the first elective course. Starting from the 9th grade, students are able to choose between adding another foreign language course such as French or Latin or another elective course, according to the courses offered, such as Art, Natural Science, Workshop and Sport.

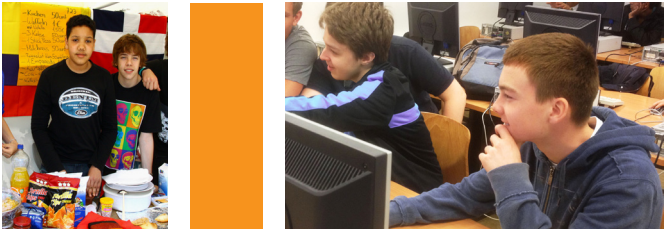
Professional Orientation Projects (BOP)

Already in the 7th grade, all students decide on a project that aims to introduce students to the professional world. The combination of the contents in the Economy, Work and Technology course (WAT) with personal interest in a subject makes it possible to gain technical skills and gives the students a professional vision that can be applied not only in the educational world but also outside of school by investigating the appropriate job field. More detailed information about these projects can be found in the brochure dedicated to the Information Technology and musical-artistic field.

Language Offer

In the 7th grade, within the regular curriculum of the FOS, English is the first foreign language. French, Spanish and Russian are also offered as an elective subject, as long as there is sufficient student demand. In the SESB program, Spanish, from the first grade onwards is legally the first foreign language. English is the second. As an elective subject, students can begin to learn the following languages:

- From the 9th grade: French or Latin.
- From the 11th grade: Latin and French for beginners (Provided there is sufficient enrollment in these courses).



The development of personality in a stable group is very important to us. We treat the different performance capacity levels with the distribution of different tasks in terms of the content and offer exercises with different degrees of difficulty.

The internal differentiation of the grades defines the day-to-day activities of the school. This means that all students normally, without taking into account each child’s performance ability, attend class together. For the first time in the ninth grade, different courses are formed geared towards the goals and capabilities of each student. In German, Maths, and the first foreign language (Spanish in the case of the SESB classes), the MSA (Intermediate Certificate) or Abitur (Baccalaureate Degree) courses are offered.

Notebook Class

If there is sufficient interest, a “Notebook class” can be offered, both in the SESB and the regular FOS curriculum. In this class, each student has a laptop computer that the parents provide. This computer, which is normally used during class time, can also be used to do individual homework, as well as aid the personalized learning of the student. The idea is to combine these laptop computer classes with the Professional Orientation Project (BOP) New Media and Communication. There are currently classes with laptop computers already in session both in the regular FOS curriculum and in SESB classes.

The Friedensburg-Oberschule is an all-day school

In our school students are in class from 8:00 until 16:00, only four days a week. Our offer as an all day school is completed with hours of support and advising for the tasks, projects oriented towards the professional world and group work.

Certificates

In the Friedensburg- Oberschule you can obtain all the Certificates and Diplomas awarded by any other school:

- Berufsorientierter Abschluss (BOA),
- Berufsbildungsreife (BBR),
- erweiterte Berufsbildungsreife (eBBR),
- mittlerer Schulabschluss (MSA) - it is the Intermediate Certificate,
- the School part of the Fachabitur (at the end of 12th grade),
- Abitur (Official Baccalaureate degree).

The Secondary School Intermediate Certificate

The intermediate certificate exam (Mittlerer Schulabschluss or MSA in German) is taken at the end of the 10th grade in the German, Maths and Spanish courses- in SESB classes - or in English. This certificate also serves as proof that the SESB student has reached a level of Spanish well above the average (B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

The High School Program at the Secondary School

The Friedensburg- Oberschule offers the possibility of completing the High School program in twelve (like a German Gymnasium) or thirteen years. Students from the European State School of Berlin (German-Spanish) receive the Baccalaureate Certificate (Abitur) upon completion of their High School program and a Certificate that proves the student has reached a level of C2 in Spanish (the highest level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). Those students who want to obtain the Baccalaureate Certificate (Abitur) and meet the required criteria at the end of the 10th grade can be admitted in the 11th grade. The students who have had a good or very good school performance can apply after the 10th grade to directly begin taking the qualification courses for the Baccalaureate program in the 12th grade. Other students, on the other hand, decide to spend a semester or academic year abroad. In order to support the student, the school offers intensive advice that makes it possible, for example, to have the student be reincorporated in the same grade or class group upon their return.

More detailed information about the wide range of courses and subjects offered in the High School program can be found in the brochure dedicated to the High School diploma. There is also a separate brochure for the bilingual students of the SESB.