



**GERMAN  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL | Boston**

*empowering students for success in a global world*

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### **School Community**

German International School Boston (GISB) is a private, non-profit, international school founded in Boston, MA, in 2001. The school offers a bilingual education to students from preschool through Grade 12. Out of a total enrollment of 234 students, 40 students are in our high school. Twenty nationalities are represented and 12 languages are spoken by our diverse student body. 84% of our faculty members come from Germany and close to 100% of our high school faculty hold advanced degrees.

**100% of GISB graduates pursue 4 year higher education.**

### **Accreditation**

GISB is one of five German schools in the United States that meet the strict accreditation requirements of the German government. We are accredited by the Federal Republic of Germany, and are a member of the Association of Independent Schools of New England (AISNE), as well as a registered high school with the Massachusetts Department of Education.

### **Academic Program**

GISB follows the rigorous curriculum of the German state of Thuringia (*Thüringer Lehrplan*). Our challenging curriculum prepares students for the German International *Abitur* (*Deutsche Internationale Abitur* or DIA). At GISB, Science and Mathematics are emphasized with 13 hours of instruction per week in Grades 11 and 12; Advanced Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology required throughout High School. Two-year qualification phase in Grades 11 and 12 with 10 qualification and examination subjects, 5 of which are final *Abitur* exams (3 written, 2 oral) proctored by German educational officials.

### **Testing**

All curriculum testing assesses three levels of thinking established by the State Ministries of Education of Germany:

1. Understanding of content and the ability to reproduce a text or mathematical problem;
2. Analysis, exploration and interpretation of materials;
3. Ability to go beyond the text or mathematical problem to demonstrate or transfer knowledge to another context.

### **Academic Assessment Reporting**

GISB's calendar is divided into two semesters beginning in September with a total of 180 school days. **GISB does not rank its students and does not weigh grades.** The distribution of grades is not published due to the small number of students. We do not offer Advanced Placement courses.



## High School Curriculum (required hours per week)

Subject	Language of Instruction	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
German	German	4	4	4	4
English	English	4	4	4	4
French	French	4	4	4	4
Spanish	Spanish	3	3	4	4
Math	German	4	4	4	4
Biology	English/German	1.5	1.5	3	3
Chemistry	German	1.5	1.5	3	3
Physics	German	2	2	3	3
History	English/German	3	3	4	4
American History	English	2	2	2	2
Geography	German	1	1	0	0
Music	English	1	1	1	1
Art	English	2	2	2	2
Physical Education	German	2	2	2	2

### Special Programs

**Transcontinental Classroom:** Video Collaboration between GISB and German International School of Silicon Valley.

**Exchange Programs:** Exchange program with German School of Valparaiso, Chile, and Christianeum High School, Germany

**Internship Week** for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Experts in the Classroom:** Program for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grades

**Research Project:** 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Secondary School Extracurricular Activities

**Sports:** Ski/Snowboarding, Yoga, Jazz Dance, Taekwondo, and Soccer.

**Clubs:** Drama Club, Writer's Workshop, Chess Club, Discovery Club, Mad Science, Math Club, Robotics Club, Red Cross, Film Club, Yearbook, Debate, Literary Magazine and Newspaper.

**Music:** Jazz Band, MusicMakers, Recorder, Piano, Guitar, School of Rock, Music and Movement, Choir.

**Arts:** Art Studio.

### Partial List of College and University Acceptances 2013-2019

Tufts University, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Harvard College, Bard College, Bates College, Bennington College, Boston University, Commonwealth Honors College at UMASS Amherst, DePaul University, Fordham University, New England Institute of Art, The New School, New York University, Northeastern University, Reed College, Saint Mary's of California, Sarah Lawrence College, Seton Hill University, University of Colorado, University of San Francisco, Wheaton College, UCLA, UC Berkeley, University of the German Federal Armed Forces in Munich, University of Hamburg, University of Muenster, University of Amsterdam, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne, Groningen University, Maastricht University, Oxford University, University of St. Andrews, University of Edinburgh, Kings College London