

The Hans-Litten-Schule is now a Europa-Schule (SESB)

The Hans-Litten-Schule is now another branch of the *Staatliche Europa-Schule Berlin* (Public European School Berlin), with English as its partner language.

What does that mean?

Students can now pass their *Abitur* (university entry diploma) within three years in courses such as History and Biology in English. Furthermore, the subject English is offered at native language level, which also applies to the non-language courses that are taught in English.

We are now accepting enrolments for the next academic year 2016/ 2017 (this summer).

What is so special about it?

The courses leading to the *Abitur* (university entry diploma) can be divided into two phases. The first phase is the *Einführungsphase* or 11th grade (introductory phase). In this introductory phase, which is not offered at any other bilingual Gymnasium, students will be prepared for the more demanding courses in the 2-year *Qualifikationsphase* (qualification phase) that are part of the *Abitur* examinations.

As we are just starting, there is the advantage of small learning groups in the SESB courses. We expect the SESB to become quite popular because of the unique introductory phase and small groups, making the learning process much more personal.

What qualifications can students get?

The students who attend SESB courses and pass the examinations successfully are awarded the German *Abitur*. This will give them access to any university in Germany.

An additional certificate states that all courses that are taught in English were taught at the language level of a native speaker. According to the Common European Framework of References for Languages this would be considered level C2.

Universities worldwide acknowledged this certificate. Enrolment becomes easier. And given this certificate, a common language entry certificate, such as TOEFL, should be unnecessary with universities abroad.

It is not only about the qualifications. Students learn without frontiers, in an international learning atmosphere. The Europa-Schule is well connected with partner institutions in many other countries. Projects and internships within and outside the European Union are part of the curriculum. There is a focus on the study of the past, present and future of Europe as a place of communal living and trading.

Who is the SESB school for?

The usual path to the SESB Hans-Litten-Schule is via our cooperation partner and SESB Peter-Ustinov-Schule, which is a comprehensive secondary school (*Integrierte*

Sekundarschule) with SESB classes and bilingual classes. Bilingual classes are taught in English in History only.

Students coming from the Peter-Ustinov-Schule, having passed the MSA and fulfilling the requirements for continuing in higher education according to the VO-GO, automatically receive a placement at the Hans-Litten-Schule.

Students who have not attended the Peter-Ustinov-Schule and have passed the MSA and met the requirements according to the VO-GO are also able to enrol. However, they need to demonstrate an appropriate level of English to be able to master the SESB courses. There is a school-internal language test.

What else is offered at the Hans-Litten-Schule?

The Hans-Litten-Schule offers many courses leading to qualifications.

Even students who have no qualifications can attend courses to acquire German school leaving qualifications. These courses are taught in German.

The Hans-Litten-Schule also offers a variety of vocational training courses. There are office management courses, as well as courses for becoming legal assistants or judicial clerks.

Who can I approach if I am interested?

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Factfile SESB Hans-Litten-Schule

Questions	Facts
When does it start?	From the academic year 2016/ 2017 (this summer)
Who is it for?	Students who speak English and German at native or near-native level
What is taught?	All usual courses are taught. SESB courses are in English at native language level: History and Biology as well as English as a subject
What qualifications are needed?	Students need to have passed the MSA and have to meet the requirements according to the VO-GO to enter the <i>Gymnasiale Oberstufe</i> . Furthermore, they need to demonstrate an appropriate level of English, e.g. in an internal language test, if they have not attended an SESB school before.
What qualification do students achieve?	The German <i>Abitur</i> with a certificate that states that courses have been taught in English at a native level (C2 level)
What is the <i>Einführungsphase</i> ?	The introductory phase is unique for SESB students. A time to focus and prepare for the qualification phase.

Glossary

Europa-Schule - Short name for *Staatliche Europa-Schule Berlin* (SESB)

SESB - Abbreviation for *Staatliche Europa-Schule Berlin*

MSA - *Mittler Schulabschluss* This leaving school qualification is comparable with the GCSEs in England

Abitur - The German university entry diploma

Einführungsphase - Introductory phase, the first year in the *Oberstufe*

Qualifikationsphase - Qualification phase, the courses that count for the *Abitur*

muttersprachliches Niveau - Language level of a native speaker

VO-GO - Abbreviation for *Verordnung für die Gymnasiale Oberstufe*. These are the laws and regulations which organise the *Oberstufe*, the way to the *Abitur*.

C2 - The term for a language level that is normally spoken by a native speaker

Seiteneinsteiger/ Quereinsteiger - Students who enter the SESB at an alternative entry, such as just after passing the MSA and meeting the requirements for going on to attend the higher courses for *Abitur*

Europäischer Sprachreferenzrahmen - All language levels in language courses are normed by the Common European Framework of References for Languages. It has six stages of language levels: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and the highest, C2