

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME LANGUAGE POLICY IN THE XXXV BOLESŁAW PRUS HIGH SCHOOL IN WARSAW

The aim of the language policy is to develop the key language skills: reading, listening, writing and speaking. It helps to prepare students to a conscious reception of literature and to using their language competence to understand the world both locally and globally. It also aims to help the students experience new, different cultures. The language policy develops the students' curiosity and inspires them to search for answers to their questions on their own.

One of the school's priorities is the effective teaching of languages. At present in the IB Diploma Programme the school offers Polish A: Literature and English B. Special care is taken as far as learning Polish and English is concerned, as we believe that good knowledge of languages is the basis of the whole teaching process and of proper, knowledge-based functioning in the society. Every teacher in the IB Diploma Programme is also a language teacher who assists students in their learning and guides them in using language to decode meaning and aid understanding. Students are provided with the opportunities to effectively and precisely learn and use both their native language and the foreign languages. Teachers use modern teaching methods, strategies and styles to ensure the students' proper linguistic development. Emphasis is also put on developing the abilities of critical thinking, communicating skills and social skills, as well as personal management and research abilities. Teachers individualize the teaching process and adjust it to different student learning styles. Diploma Programme teaching concentrates on effective group work and teamwork, it takes into account the various needs that students can have.

1. In the XXXV Bolesław Prus High School English is the IBO language of communication
2. All announcements and information relayed to the students and employees are to be formulated in English; in select cases Polish will be allowed.
3. Communicating with the students' parents takes place in either Polish or English, according to the needs. In special cases other languages, such as Spanish, French, and German, will be allowed.
4. The language of instruction in the IB Diploma Programme is English for all subjects with the exception for the A Language, where the language of instruction is Polish
5. Within the Language Acquisition path the school offers learning HL-level English on the 6-hour weekly basis.
6. Students participating in the Diploma Programme are encouraged to use English outside of classroom communication to help their development.
7. Within the IB DP each student is required to choose a Language A course in his native language.
8. For Polish students learning Polish is obligatory on the SL-level (4 hours per week). The subject teacher is responsible for developing the student's native language competence
9. Foreign students may study Polish literature if their Polish language competence is sufficient.
10. For students whose native language is other than Polish the school provides:
 - 1) lessons of Polish as a foreign language,
 - 2) the care of a teacher-tutor until they are fully accommodated to their new language environment or longer, basing on individual needs,
 - 3) the guarantee of learning their native language at an SL-level (Language A: Literature School Supported Self-Taught) and will guarantee assistance of a language teacher and a coordinator when their native language is not offered at the school,
 - 4) measures to integrate them with the school and the local community,

- 5) additional aid through organizing events that promote different cultures and languages, as well as participating in international exchanged and programmes.

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