

# German International Abitur and Qualification Period

Information for our students and our parents

May 2018

Dear students, dear parents!

This flyer was created to give you an overview of the German International Abitur (DIA) and what is to come during the four semesters in grades 11 and 12. It is based on the DIA rules and regulations. In the interest of clarity, not every potentially occurring circumstance will be considered here.

AvH is the only German school in Canada offering students the option of completing Grade 12 and earning the DIA. The final Abitur mark is a combination of the results from the Abitur exams and grades from all four semesters.

Holding a DIA-diploma in your hands, you will be able to study at German, Canadian and international universities.

Just like at other high schools in Québec, you will also receive the Diplôme d'études secondaires after the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, which will qualify you to study at any CEGEP college.

For any questions, please feel free to contact me at [wolfkuehler@avh.montreal.qc.ca](mailto:wolfkuehler@avh.montreal.qc.ca) or visit the following websites:

[https://www.kmk.org/fileadmin/Dateien/doc/Bildung/Auslandsschulwesen/Abitur/2015\\_06\\_11-PO-Deutsches-Intern-Abitur.pdf](https://www.kmk.org/fileadmin/Dateien/doc/Bildung/Auslandsschulwesen/Abitur/2015_06_11-PO-Deutsches-Intern-Abitur.pdf)

[https://www.kmk.org/fileadmin/Dateien/doc/Bildung/Auslandsschulwesen/Abitur/2015\\_06\\_11-Richtlinien-Deutsches-Intern-Abitur.pdf](https://www.kmk.org/fileadmin/Dateien/doc/Bildung/Auslandsschulwesen/Abitur/2015_06_11-Richtlinien-Deutsches-Intern-Abitur.pdf)

Jan-Olaf Wolfkühler

Senior Highschool Coordinator

---

## Content

- I: Definition of Grades
- II: Weekly Lesson Plan
- III: Subjects
- IV: Written Exams (*Klausuren*)
- V: Abitur Exam Subjects
- VI: Qualification
- VII: Calculation of the Grade Average

## I: Definition of Grades

During the Qualification Period, the 1 to 6 grade scale will be replaced by a point system that ranges from 0 to 15 points.

	Points	Grade Level	Percentage (Mathematics and science)
very good	15	1+	100 – 95 %
	14	1	94 – 90 %
	13	1-	89 – 85 %
good	12	2+	84 – 80 %
	11	2	79 – 75 %
	10	2-	74 – 70 %
satisfactory	9	3+	69 – 65 %
	8	3	64 – 60 %
	7	3-	59 – 55 %
passing	6	4+	54 – 50 %
	5	4	49 – 45 %
	4	4-	44 – 40 %
failed	3	5+	39 – 34 %
	2	5	33 – 27 %
	1	5-	26 – 20 %
failed	0	6	< 20 %

## II: Weekly Lesson Plan

The weekly lesson plan shows the subject area of the subjects and the hours taught weekly during grades 10, 11 and 12.

Subject Area	Subject	10	11	12	Language of instruction
Arts and Languages	German	4	5	5	
	English	4	4	4	
	French	4	4	4	
	Arts	2	2	2	German
Social Sciences	History	3	3	3	German (English in Grade 10)
	Politics and Economics	2	3	3	English
	Moral Education	2	2	2	German
Mathematics and Science	Mathematics	4	4	4	German
	Biology	2	3	3	German / English
	Chemistry	3	3	3	German
	Physics	3	3	3	German
None	Sports	2	2	2	German
	<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	

### III. Subjects

In grade 11 and 12 we have elevated-level subjects (German, Mathematics, English and French). These subjects are being taught on a higher level with higher expectations.

All other subjects are basic-level subjects which are being taught on a regular German high school level.

### IV. Written Exams (*Klausuren*)

During the 1<sup>st</sup> (11.1), 2<sup>nd</sup> (11.2) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (12.1) semesters, there will be two exams per subject in the elevated-level subjects each semester. The basic-level subjects have at least one exam per subject (except Sports, which has no exams).

A mandatory examination of the speaking and listening competence areas will take place in the foreign languages (English and French) during grade 11 instead of a second written exam.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> semester (12.2), there will be one exam per subject.

The length of the written exams is at least 90 minutes.

For the calculation of the semester grade, the weighting of the in-class performance to exams is 1:1.

A timetable will be arranged for all the exams at the beginning of each semester.

### V. Abitur Exam Subjects

At the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester (12.1) the students will select their Abitur exam subjects. The subjects must cover all subject areas mentioned in the weekly lesson plan (II.)

Arts and Languages	Social Science	Mathematics and Science
German English French	History Politics and Economics Moral Education	Mathematics Biology Chemistry Physics

Arts and Sports cannot be selected as Abitur exam subjects.

There will be three written exams (exam 1-3):

- German is the first written exam (mandatory).
- The second written exam is Mathematics, English or French
- The third exam can be chosen from English, French, Mathematics, Sciences or Social Sciences.

The duration of the written exams is:

- 4 full hours for German, Languages and Mathematics.
- 3 full hours for History, Politics & Economics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

There will be two oral exams (exam 4-5):

- Can be chosen from all non-written exam subjects except Arts and Sports.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> exam subject takes 20 minutes.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> exam subject also takes 20 minutes and can be a colloquium, debate or presentation.

**IMPORTANT:**

- **All semester grades of the exam subjects have to be taken into calculation of the final Abitur mark.**
- **Only one bilingual and one foreign-language subject can be chosen.**

## VI. Qualification

The overall Abitur mark E is calculated by combining two different parts: Q and A (see next page). The following rules and regulations are mandatory to qualify for and obtain the Abitur.

What is in part Q:

- 36 semester grades → (36 grade marks : 36) x 40
- All grades of the Abitur exam subjects.
- German: all 4 semester grades are mandatory.
- Mathematics: all 4 semester grades are mandatory.
- English, French, Biology, Chemistry, Physics:
  - o At least 14 semester grades.
  - o Including at least 4 semester grades in one language.
  - o Including at least 4 in one sciences.
  - o No single semester grade can be added.
- History, Politics & Economics and Ethics:
  - o Combination of at least 4 semester grades.
  - o Must include at least 2 semester grades in History.
- Arts: at least 3 semester grades are mandatory.
- Sports: a maximum of 3 semester grades.
- A minimum of 200 points is mandatory.
- No more than seven failings (< 5 points).
- No grade can be 0 points.

What is in part A:

- Results of the five Abitur exams (quadruple weighting of the points).
- A minimum of 100 points is mandatory.
- At least 3 exams with 5 or more points (including one elevated-level subject).

## VII: Calculation of the Grade Average

Punkte	900-823	822-805	804-787	786-769	768-751	750-733	732-715	714-697	696-679	678-661
Note	1,0	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,6	1,7	1,8	1,9

Punkte	660-643	642-625	624-607	606-589	588-571	570-553	552-535	534-517	516-499	498-481
Note	2,0	2,1	2,2	2,3	2,4	2,5	2,6	2,7	2,8	2,9

Punkte	480-463	462-445	444-427	426-409	408-391	390-373	372-355	354-337	336-319	318-301
Note	3,0	3,1	3,2	3,3	3,4	3,5	3,6	3,7	3,8	3,9

Punkte	300
Note	4,0

### Example

	Subject	1.Se.	2. Se.	3. Se.	4. Se.	Calculated semester grades	
						Number	Total points
Arts and Languages	1. German	11	11	13	12	4	47
	2. English	12	12	13	13	4	50
	3. French	12	12	13	12	4	49
	4. Arts	(11)	11	13	13	3	37
Social Sciences	5. History	(10)	(10)	11	11	2	22
	6. Politics/Economics	12	12	13	13	4	50
	7. Moral Education	(09)	(10)	(09)	(10)	-	-
Mathematics and Sciences	8. Mathematics	13	13	13	13	4	52
	9. Physics	12	(09)	13	12	3	37
	10. Chemistry	14	12	11	13	4	50
	11. Biology	13	(10)	(11)	13	2	26
	12. Sports	(12)	(10)	12	13	2	25
						36	445

Exam subjects	Points (x4)	Total points
1. German	12	48
2. Mathematics	13	52
3. English	12	48
4. Politics/Economics	10	40
5. Chemistry	11	44
		<b>232</b>

<b>E:</b> $Q + A = (445:36) \times 40 + 232 = \mathbf{726}$
<b>Q:</b> (36 semester grades with single weighting divided by 36) x 40 494 of 600 points
<b>A:</b> Results of the Abitur exams with quadruple weighting: 232 of 300 points

**A total of 726 points is a Grade Average of 1,6.**