



# The international state school offer in Luxembourg

*Whether it's due to the languages spoken at home, or because you're interested in a different educational path, you may wish to consider an international school for your child. There are several options within the Luxembourg state school system. They are all free.*

# European state schools

## Countrywide offer

The European education system is offered from the first year of nursery school (M1) up to the end of secondary school (S7). Nursery classes are offered by three schools: the *École internationale Edward Steichen*, the *École internationale de Junglinster* and the *École internationale Differdange et Esch-sur-Alzette*, in which you can enrol your child from nursery school age onwards.

Teaching is multilingual. There are three language sections: the French, German, and English sections.

“Preparatory” classes are offered in certain schools with a linguistic adaptation as compared to the national programme.

École internationale Differdange et Esch-sur-Alzette	<a href="http://www.eide.lu">www.eide.lu</a>
École internationale de Junglinster / Lënster Lycée International School	<a href="http://www.llis.lu">www.llis.lu</a>
École internationale Edward Steichen / Lycée Edward Steichen Clervaux	<a href="http://www.lesc.lu">www.lesc.lu</a>
École internationale de Mondorf-les-Bains	<a href="http://www.eimlb.lu">www.eimlb.lu</a>
École internationale Mersch Anne Beffort	<a href="http://www.eimab.lu">www.eimab.lu</a>
École internationale Gaston Thorn	<a href="http://www.eigt.lu">www.eigt.lu</a>

## Linguistic conditions

To enrol in the first year of secondary school (S1), your child will need to have mastery of either French, German, English or Portuguese (offered as a first language in five out of the six schools), as well as have knowledge of French, German or English as a second language corresponding to level A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

## Programme

The European state schools follow the same syllabuses as European schools, which lead to the European Baccalaureate. There is an emphasis on multilingualism and solid core subjects.

According to their dominant language, children will be assigned to one of the three sections: French (FR), English (EN) or German (DE). Portuguese can only be chosen as the first language (L1) in the schools that offer it. In this case, the second language (L2) will have to be the language of the corresponding section (FR, EN or DE). A second language (L2) is introduced from the first year of primary school (P1). This language, which differs from L1, can be chosen from French, German or English.

A third language will then be added to the first two, from the first year of secondary school (S1) onwards. It is possible to study a fourth language, as from the fourth year of secondary school (S4).

Your child will follow courses in Luxembourgish from the first year of primary up to the third year of secondary school.

## Diploma

The European Baccalaureate, which is recognised in Europe and internationally, is awarded at the end of the secondary school cycle. The network of European schools consists of 13 European schools intended primarily for children of staff of the European institutions, and 23 accredited European schools including our 6 state schools.

Find out more:



# The International Baccalaureate (IB)

## Programme offered in English and French

Depending on the school you choose, your child may be able to follow the International Baccalaureate in English or in French. The child attends so-called “preparatory” classes after primary school. These classes continue up to the actual International Baccalaureate diploma programme, intended for students between 16 and 19 years old.

Athénée de Luxembourg (IB in English)	<a href="http://www.eal.lu">www.eal.lu</a>
Lycée Mathias Adam (IB in French)	<a href="http://www.lyma.lu">www.lyma.lu</a>
Lycée technique du Centre (IB in French)	<a href="http://www.ltc.lu">www.ltc.lu</a>

## Linguistic conditions

Since teaching is delivered in French or in English, a good command of the language of instruction is required.

## Programme

In addition to the full range of core subjects, your child will choose their study topics from six subject groups: mathematics; sciences; language acquisition; studies in language and literature; individuals and societies; arts.

The conformity of the curricula taught is monitored regularly by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO).

## Diploma

The exam at the end of the secondary cycle leads to the International Baccalaureate, which is recognised in Europe and internationally. The network of IB schools consists of over 4,500 schools throughout the world.

Find out more:



# Cambridge Assessment International Education

## **An international, English-speaking (language of instruction) and multilingual (language courses) offer**

The Cambridge Assessment International Education is offered from the first year of primary school (Primary Stage 1) until the end of secondary school (1<sup>re</sup> IEC). The basic subjects are taught according to the Cambridge curriculum.

International School Michel Lucius

[www.lml.lu](http://www.lml.lu)

### **Linguistic conditions**

The language of instruction is English with compulsory, adapted and flexible language courses in French, German and Luxembourgish. This course of studies is adapted to students that have mastery of English at the time of enrolment, as well as to those who are still acquiring their language skills. English language learning is based on the principles of linguistic immersion, aiming for a mother-tongue level in English.

### **Programme**

During their secondary education, from class 4<sup>e</sup> IEC (equivalent to a 4<sup>e</sup> class in the Luxembourgish system), children will build their learning path from a range of options, with guidance from the teaching staff. Students choose the subjects they want to take in their exams according to their abilities and their ambitions. The conformity of the curricula taught is monitored regularly by Cambridge International. The international programme is based on an innovative and collaborative pedagogy, which encourages critical thinking in pupils.

### **Diplomas**

Find out more:



Exams are taken at two points along the educational pathway. The first ones regarding the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) are sat when students are between 14 and 16 years old. The second step, the Advanced Level, is completed over the two final years of the secondary school cycle. The Cambridge International network comprises over 10,000 schools in 160 countries.

# German-Luxembourgish education

## A unique offer

German-Luxembourgish education is offered by the Schengen-Lyzeum Perl from year 5 (*Klasse 5*) (equivalent to cycle 4.1 in a Luxembourg primary school) to year 12 (*Klasse 12*) (*Abitur* (baccalaureate)).

Deutsch-Luxemburgisches Schengen-Lyzeum Perl

[www.schengenlyzeum.eu](http://www.schengenlyzeum.eu)

## Linguistic conditions

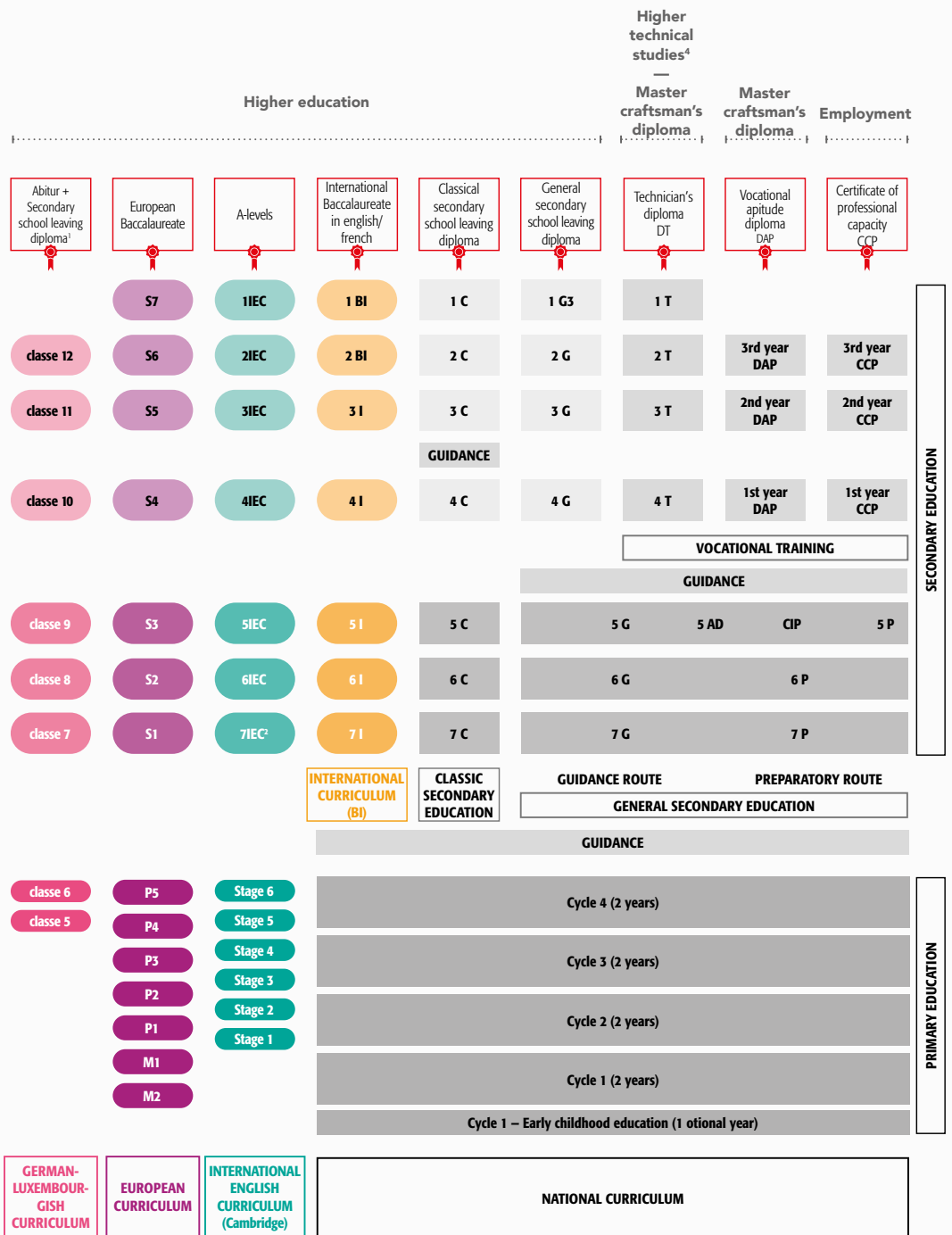
Your child must have very good mastery of German, the language of instruction in most disciplines.

## Programme

This German-Luxembourgish education combines elements from the school systems of both countries. Although German is the language of instruction, French, English and Luxembourgish are also compulsory subjects. At the end of the lower cycle (*Sekundarstufe I*), students can either rejoin the *Gymnasiale Oberstufe* (GOS), equivalent to the classical secondary education, or the *Business-/Wirtschaftszweig* equivalent to the general secondary education – administrative and commercial division.

## Diplomas

After year 12 (12<sup>e</sup> class), students can either take the binational *Abitur* (*Allgemeine Hochschulreife*), equivalent to the classical secondary school leaving diploma, or the *Abitur im luxemburgischen Business*, equivalent to the general secondary school leaving diploma – administrative and commercial division. The recognition of the diplomas is guaranteed by both countries.



<sup>1</sup> Classical secondary school leaving diploma and general secondary school leaving diploma.

<sup>2</sup> International English Classes.

<sup>3</sup> Also a "ISGED" class added to the subject area educator.

<sup>4</sup> Via preparatory modules.

Luxembourg schools also offer adults the possibility to take the DAES (*Diplôme d'accès aux études supérieures*), which is equivalent to the Luxembourgish secondary school leaving diploma (*Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires*) and gives access to higher education.



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