

Cambridge IGCSE

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- Provisional overview 2024 – 2026
- IGCSE subjects and how they are assessed
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What is IGCSE?

- International General Certificate of Secondary Education
- English language curriculum
- Preparation for International Baccalaureate (IB)

Examinations at SISS Secondary

Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12
Lower Secondary				IGCSE courses		IB DP courses	

Checkpoint Exams

IGCSE Exams

IB Exams



Provisional overview 2024 - 2026

Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025
	Year 9				
Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025
Report card 1 st semester	Work experience				Report card 2 nd semester
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	Year 10				Mock exams
Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May/June 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026
Report card 1 st semester	Oral exams	IGCSE exams	IGCSE exams	Report card 2 nd semester	IGCSE result



Compulsory Subjects Year 9 & 10

- International Mathematics
- Co-ordinated Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- English First Language
- German (First Language or Foreign language)
- French or Spanish (Foreign language)
- History
- Geography
- Politics
- Music or Art & Design or Drama
- Sports



IGCSE Exam Subjects

Main subjects

- International Mathematics 0607
- Co-ordinated Sciences 0654
- English First Language 0500
- German (First Language 0505 or Foreign language 0525) or French 0520 or Spanish 0530
- History 0470 or/and Geography 0460

Optional subjects

- Music 0410 or Art & Design 0400 or Drama 0411
- Another language (from above)

How are IGCSE subjects assessed?

- Usually around 1 - 4 exams per subject
- Written examination: all subjects
- Oral examination: German, French, Spanish
- Listening examination: German, French, Spanish
- Practical examination: Art & Design
- Coursework: Art & Design, Drama and Music

IGCSE vs German Grading System

IGCSE	German	Explanation
A*	1	Outstanding
A	2	Good
B	3	Satisfactory
C	4	Sufficient
D	5	Fail: Work below expectations
≤ E	6	Fail: Does not meet requirements

IB entrance requirements at SISS

IGCSE finals: min. grade C in all five main subjects

and

Final report card of year 10

- average grade max. 3.0 in main subjects:
Mathematics, one Science, English and German
- average grade max. 3.0 in all other subjects together

The Importance of the report card

- IB entrance requirement
- Receiving an adequate German qualification
- Applying to a different school in Germany
- Applying for an apprenticeship

Adequate German Qualifications

Realschulabschluss

- Min. grade C in all IGCSE main subjects
- [Year 10 report card](#)

Hauptschulabschluss

- Min. grade G in all IGCSE main subjects
- [Year 9 report card](#)

Source: administrative regulations of the State of Hesse

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