

DIFFERENCES VBS AND DLP

Working Language

VBS: German and English are equally important classroom and working languages

DLP: German is the main classroom and working language and English is taught through the CLIL- method (Content and Language Integrated Learning) in single subjects

Native Teacher

VBS: There is Native Teacher Input in most of the subjects

DLP: There is Native Teacher Input in 2-3 (changing) subjects per year

Forms

VBS: In our school VBS is offered in the lower forms (one class per year), as well as in the upper forms (two classes per year)

DLP: In our school DLP is only offered in the lower forms (one class per year)

Aim of VBS/DLP

VBS: The aim of the VBS is that our students achieve mother tongue language proficiency in German and English before the school leaving examinations (“Matura”)

DLP: The aim of the DLP is that our students have the realistic chance - after the lower forms and a successful Orientation Exam- to change into our VBS- upper forms system

Admittance

VBS: A VBS- Orientation Talk (lower form) and a VBS-Orientation Exam (upper form, written and oral) for VBS Beginners are compulsory and simultaneously main criteria for admittance

DLP: A DLP- Orientation Talk is compulsory and simultaneously the main criterion for admittance

ORIENTATION TALK

Apart from the legal admission prerequisites for a general secondary school, it is necessary that students, who would like to attend our VBS- or DLP-branch, take part in our admissions procedures. These regulations shall apply to both, students with German or English as a mother tongue.

If you want your child to attend our first VBS- or DLP- form, then it is compulsory that you register it for an orientation talk, either online or with the respective printed forms until the beginning of January.

If your child's mother tongue is German, then it only has to do an orientation talk in English. If your child's mother tongue is any other than German, then it additionally has to do an orientation talk in German.

You are only allowed to sign up your child for an orientation talk for the VBS- branch or the DLP-branch. It is not possible to sign up your child for both these talks simultaneously.

You will get a letter with the final details (place and time) of the orientation talk until Friday in the second week after the Christmas holidays.

The orientation talks for the first VBS- form will take place at the First Vienna Bilingual Middle School- Wendtstattgasse 3 in 1100 Vienna at the end of January.

The orientation talks for the first DLP- form will take place at the GRG 23/VBS Draschestraße also at the end of January.

You will receive a letter in the first week of February in which you will be informed about the result of the orientation talk.

A positive VBS-orientation talk enables your child to attend our VBS-form. In the case of a negative orientation talk, you can still sign up your child for one of our regular forms.

A positive DLP- orientation talk enables your child to attend our DLP-form. In the case of a negative orientation talk, you can still sign up your child for one of our regular forms.

Even with a positive VBS / DLP orientation talk you still need to officially enrol your child in our school (for respective dates see School admission).

The VBS / DLP orientation talks for the first form consist of two parts:

1) in the warm-up phase the students are supposed to talk about everyday topics (e.g.: family, hobbies, pets...) as coherently and fluently as possible. In 2) the talk as such the students should – together in pairs – describe some pictures and reveal certain communicative strategies and their active vocabulary. The students are evaluated in terms of task achievement, fluency, clarity of speech and grammar. The maximum per category is 5 points. The overall points the students can achieve at the oral part are therefore 20.

The orientation talks are carried out by an experienced team of teachers and your child's individual score is the main criterion for a possible admission.

INTRODUCTION

Our world is getting smaller. With two languages your child has double chances. Open your child the door to the world with our two English programmes, **Vienna Bilingual Schooling (VBS)** and **Dual Language Programme (DLP)**.

The aim of both these programmes is to impart students from different cultures a bilingual general education in German and English. Our students should get the language abilities and the common knowledge that is necessary in order to be able to succeed in the international working world. Furthermore, they should acquire a tolerance and an understanding for cultural diversity and thus for other human beings and their various ways of life.

TARGET GROUP

With our VBS and DLP Programme we would primarily like to address children with German / English as their mother tongue / lingua franca (VBS), respectively with a special interest in the English language (DLP) and an adequate amount of ambition. In this context a bilingual primary school or a GEPS – primary school (Global Education Primary School) are a proper foundation but no absolute necessity.

Basically the same parameters are valid for our VBS-branch in the upper forms.

VBS- AND DLP-LESSONS

In our VBS / DLP branch we impart knowledge in both languages with the support of progressive teaching methods on the basis of the Austrian syllabus for upper secondary education. Through the permanent making use of both languages in and outside school we achieve a considerable intensification of the respective foreign language skills. Additionally, the focus on intercultural learning should guide our students to open-mindedness and tolerance.

An essential aspect of our VBS / DLP concept is the principle of team teaching. Many subjects are taught bilingually by a team. These teams consist of an Austrian teacher and an English native teacher. Both enjoy equal rights.

In the VBS classes the most subjects are garnished with native teacher input and in the DLP ones still two or three per year have this special bonus. Consequently, in the DLP- branch there is more English than in a regular class, but less than in the VBS-branch.

ORGANISATION AND ADMITTANCE

Students who are interested in our VBS/ DLP programme are invited to do a VBS or DLP orientation talk (only oral -before the entry into the lower forms), or a VBS orientation exam (written and oral- before the entry into the upper forms) at the end of January.

The concrete registration can either be done online on our webpage or with the respective printed forms until the beginning of January.

After this you will get a letter with the final details (place and time) of the orientation talk / orientation exam in mid- January.

After the orientation talk / orientation exam you will get informed about the results of your child as soon as possible. Consequently, there is still enough time to sign up in our school or another one of your choice.

Your child can only register for one orientation talk at a VBS / DLP school.

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