



IB Diploma Programme Language Policy

Origlio Rudolf Steiner School is a private school, open to everyone, irrespective of their origins, ethnicities or religions. The main pedagogic guideline is Rudolf Steiner anthroposophy and its pedagogy, with the aim of helping develop free-thinkers, self-conscious, authentic individuals, enthusiastic life-learners with social skills able to understand how to use own talents and values to contribute to the society.

Language Portfolio

Being located in Switzerland, a country with three main national languages (German, French and Italian), the students are exposed since the very early years to a range of languages to be able to access all possibilities offered in all cantons. On top of these, also English is soon introduced, as International language.

Italian

Italian is the official language at the school. In the IB DP classes (classes 12 and 13).

Italian Literature (language A) is taught in Italian.

Communication between the school, students and parents is in Italian. All IB relevant documents will be provided also in English.

Students with mother tongue other than Italian may be allowed to bring language A (Self Taught Language A SL, or if available online, HL) in their own language.

The IB team will try to find the best individual solution given the resources available and having considered the level of the student in the other subjects.

In case the knowledge of Italian is at least B1, support classes of Italian language may be organized, if the student wants to still bring Italian as language A.

English

English is taught from class 5 onwards. It is the language of education in the IB years in the following subjects: English (language B), History, Biology, Physics, Theory of Knowledge, Creativity Activity and Service, and Mathematics.

It is also the language of communication between the IBO and the school and the language used in the examination papers.

The school organizes an exchange for all year 11 students with an English-speaking Waldorf School. Other exchanges are also possible during the previous year. English native-speakers can absolve an alternative programme (suited to their individual situation or wishes – exchange with a German school, a social work stage or similar).

For the students who want to join our IBDP programme and are below B2 in English, school will offer in the Summer before start of 12 class regular lessons to reach the desired level (at least B2).



In case of late admissions, students that at the beginning of 12^{ve} grade (first IBDP year) don't show a level of English that is at least B2, will be invited to reach it through specific afternoon intensive classes that will be organized on purpose and behind payment. In this case, after one month of these classes, a further evaluation of admission will be assessed.

French

French is taught from class 1 up to class 9. In classes 10 and 11 it is optional (students may choose German instead).

As one of the options of replacement subject for field 6 «The Arts», we offer also French B, taught in French.

German

German is taught from class 1 up to class 9. In classes 10 and 11 it is optional (students may choose French instead). It is currently not part of the IB years.