



GERMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ABU DHABI
WORLD CLASS GERMAN EDUCATION IN ABU DHABI

Welcome

Mission

The German International School in Abu Dhabi (GISAD) – world class German education in Abu Dhabi: we provide students with a challenging academic curriculum and a strong intercultural sense of awareness. Our aim is to educate our students to become global citizens who can easily adapt to a fast paced environment, possessing an exceptional skillset and steadfast principles.

GISAD is a school of choice for:

- German native speaking children at any age
- Children who are in command of a very high level of German language skills
- Children who do not speak German, but have a strong interest in the German language, German education, German culture and are 3 years of age



ERNST PETER FISCHER

German Ambassador to the
United Arab Emirates

As the United Arab Emirates and Germany both know, the key resource of the future is our people. This is why we invest all to give them the best education. It is the key to success in the international knowledge-based society.

Located in Al Zaab, the German International School in Abu Dhabi (GISAD) has been successfully teaching children since 1976. From kindergarten up to school-leaving age, GISAD is open to everyone wishing to have a top-quality "made in Germany" education for their children.

The school community is proud of its diversity of nationalities, cultures, and languages, which enables a place of respectful and effective inter-cultural dialogue. This reflects the spirit of Abu Dhabi.

The school follows a distinguished German curriculum that focuses on knowledge, independent thinking, and creativity. Indeed, it opens the door to a European experience that is the right place to prepare pupils for excellence and responsibility for our shared future.

Welcome to Abu Dhabi and to GISAD!



Dr. Christiane Schloderer

Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees

The German International School Abu Dhabi (GISAD) was founded in 1976 and is supported by the Federal Republic of Germany. We are proud of our established history in the UAE and endeavor to make our school a place of intercultural exchange. As part of the association of 140 German Schools Abroad, we maintain educational standards and a high teaching performance cultivated by the Central Agency of German Schools Abroad (ZFA).

At GISAD we thrive from a strong sense of community, which allows parents and students to come together from different nationalities to feel "at home" at GISAD. Our highly trained teachers, commissioned by the German government, have close knit relationships to our students, emboldening them to excel in their performance levels and ultimately graduate with the German degree, the Abitur.

The new Language Integration Program allows access into the German School system even at primary school age or later. Our goal is to make world class German education in Abu Dhabi even more accessible.



ANDREAS ROTHFRITZ

Head of School

Open-minded children with a global awareness of culture: We contribute to this because the children remain in the familiar German-speaking education system and we offer children of German-speaking expatriates not only the opportunity to acquire German school-leaving qualifications. The Abitur also guarantees in-depth English competence: bilingual instruction which takes up the children's linguistic advantage and deepens their intercultural competence. Thus, your children fulfil all the prerequisites for returning to the German education system, and the doors to the world are wide open at the same time.

With the Thuringian curricula, we follow one of the most successful German federal state curricula and thus secure the connection to Germany, Austria, and German-speaking Switzerland as well as to the worldwide network of 140 German schools abroad.

I look forward to welcoming you and your children to GISAD. My team and I will be happy to answer your questions!

About GISAD

The German International School in Abu Dhabi was founded in 1976. Since 1976 GISAD has established itself as a “excellent German School Abroad, regularly ranking “very good” among ADEK and categorized as part of the “German Schools Abroad” network. The network “German Schools Abroad” includes 140 schools.

Today, GISAD has 44 teachers as well as 17 assistants and currently about 380 students from kindergarten to high school.

We offer recognized German degrees at all levels: the Haupt- and Realschulabschluss with a main focus on the German International Abitur. The Abitur is a worldwide recognized university entry level degree. It enables our students to pursue their studies in Germany, as well as building the foundation of an international career.

At GISAD we follow the German “Thuringian” curriculum, which ensures a strict alignment with the standards of the German education system. Following these guidelines we guarantee an acclaimed education standard from the early learning stage up to our high school. Tailored education to meet your needs: “Made in Germany” education with an international extra.



2018/19 the German International School in Abu Dhabi Received the "Excellent German School Abroad" award from the federal state inspection for the 2nd time.

German School Abroad, that's more than just a name. 140 schools working along the same principles to ensure a standard education:

- High quality teaching
- International graduation profile
- Individual advancement
- Cultural awareness
- Multilingualism as of the stage of kindergarten

School Years

Secondary education grades 10-12

To prepare for Abitur, we teach German, English, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, History, Geography, Ethics / Islamic Religion, Arts and Physical Education. Apart from physical education, exams are written in all subjects. The subjects Art and Geography are taught in English and the subject Biology is taught bilingually (German and English).

Lower secondary education grades 5-9

The lessons take place at the gymnasium level. For students aiming to graduate with a Real or Hauptschul diploma, specific teaching material is offered. Grade 5 serves as an orientation for students, allowing them to follow a school career recommendation for either the Realschulabschluss, Hauptschulabschluss or Abitur. French is taught as a foreign language from grade 6 onwards.

Elementary school grades 1-4

A prime prerequisite for admission to elementary school is a good command of the German language. The lessons are mostly taught in German. In addition, from the first grade onwards, English and Arabic are taught – at different levels of proficiency. Certain language certificates can be obtained.

Non-German native speakers continue to be offered additional German lessons up to grade 4.

**German
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as ultimate
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**German
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language**
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**Afternoon
activities**
(optional)

School Years

Kindergarten and pre-school

In our Kindergarten, we provide children with a place where they feel comfortable, where they prepare for life and school. We want our children to be self-confident, independent, responsible and offer a holistic support in all areas of education, an early focus on languages, intercultural education and a high educational standard, supported by parents.

In Kindergarten, we work specifically with the principle of “**Learning through Play.**”

We accommodate German-speaking children between 3-5 years and non-German-speaking children from 3 years.

German-speaking children can, in addition to the special promotion of German as a mother tongue, also participate in optional English activities. For non German speaking children we intensively support the development of German language skills by means of teaching German as a foreign language (DaF) and implementing a systematic language immersion. Pre-school children receive an adequate program to prepare for entry into primary school.

There is a separate group room for each group as well as several functional rooms (creative room, exercise room, children's library). Further our kindergarteners can participate in our afternoon Kindergarten Uni, offering activities ranging from sports to computers, design, architecture, theatre and much more.

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GISAD offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities: STEAM sessions, sports, robotics, computer or music. Students participate in regular class trips (Abu Dhabi, the UAE and abroad).

Career

Students participate in competitions (languages, informatics, mathematics and more) and also attend an internship in grade 10. GISAD also organizes career nights and information sessions to facilitate their entry into university and to gain insight of different careers.

Equipment

GISAD is equipped with a Mediothek, carrying a wide range of media, an art and music room, various science labs and a large sports and event facility. It also has a cafeteria offering healthy food options.

Events

Throughout the year, GISAD regularly organizes events to promote German and international culture: Christmas Bazar, Lantern Fest, International Day and other events. The GISAD community joins together to celebrate the various accomplishments of students such as sports day and the Abitur.



Highlights

English language classes
from the stage of Kindergarten

ECA: STEAM, Music, PASS

German classes for non-
German native speakers

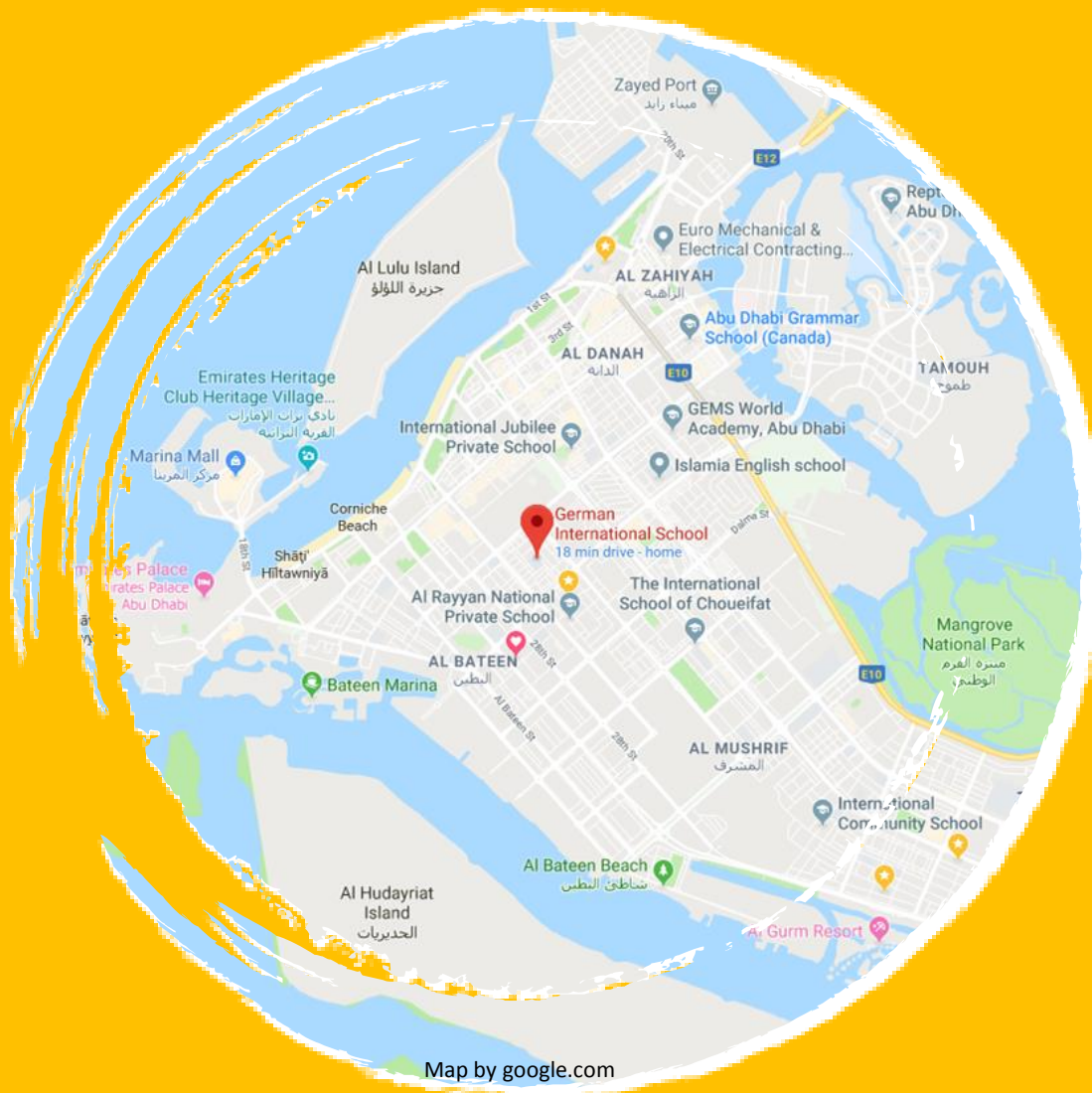
German Abitur as stepping
stone to study in Germany

Language certificates

Enrollment

For enrolment, please fill
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