

DLP - FAQ

Must my child be bilingual to succeed in the Dual Language Programme?

No, the main teaching language is German.

How much of a DLP lesson is held in English?

The amount of time depends entirely on the topic and the grade level. Usually, in the lower forms only part of a DLP lesson is devoted to English, but by the time the pupils are in the upper forms, they are capable of understanding and contributing to a lesson conducted entirely in English.

Do classes fall behind in the curriculum because they are losing time to English?

The teachers plan the lessons to avoid that problem. For example, the English portion of a lesson might be a deeper exploration of a topic already introduced in German, or the introduction to a new concept that will then be covered in depth in German, or a revision of material learned in German.

How is the DLP program organised in the Ödenburgerstrasse?

A native speaker accompanies the DLP classes in three lessons per week in three different subjects other than English. The lesson is held together with the subject teacher.

How is a DLP lesson conducted?

Since the lessons are taught in tandem, the subject teacher and the native speaker, the shape the lessons take are as varied and individual as the team dynamics themselves. In coordinating and planning a lesson the goals are always to meaningfully enhance the “regular” lesson with a foreign language and to teach English in context, with concepts so that the pupils are exposed to the language just as a native speaker would be.

How many DLP classes are there?

Eight, one at each grade level.

Will my child have more homework if she or he is in the DLP class? Every effort is made to ensure that the workload for the DLP classes is no more than that of other classes.

Are the DLP pupils expected to write subject tests and exams in English?

Tests, quizzes and *schriftliche Wiederholungen* may sometimes include questions in English but the major exams, the *Schularbeiten*, are in German.

Does my child have to take a test to be accepted into the DLP class?

Children wishing to join the DLP class participate in an orientation discussion which takes place about one month before the regular registration process. These talks are not a test of English proficiency, they are simply our school’s effort to assess how comfortable the child will be in a learning environment in which a foreign language is spoken.

Is the DLP class more difficult than other classes?

A pupil with five years of DLP behind him and three ahead was asked this question by the parent of a prospective pupil during an open house tour. “No,” he answered, “it is a gift.”

