

Admission Policy

1. General Regulations

1.1 In principle, the Deutsche Schule Izmir grants access to all students regardless of their origin, provided they do **not** hold Turkish citizenship and are **not** registered in the Turkish education system. Due to legal regulations of the Republic of Turkey, the admission of students who have Turkish citizenship or are registered in the Turkish education system is not permitted.

(Note: This also applies to children with dual citizenship if one of the nationalities is Turkish.)

1.2 Students transferring from a German school must present a valid school report that is no more than six months old. All other students must provide reports from the last two school years.

1.3 Except for the GIB programme, all lessons are taught in German and follow German curricula. Therefore, proficiency in the German language is a prerequisite for admission. The specific requirements for each grade level are outlined in the following sections.

1.4 In cases of limited capacity, priority will be given to students whose parents have been assigned by German companies, are NATO delegates, or are in the service of the Federal Republic of Germany.

2. Admission to Preschool

2.1 The Deutsche Schule Izmir generally admits children to preschool from the age of two. A maximum of three two-year-old children may be admitted per group.

2.2 For children whose native language is not German, support for the German language should also be ensured at home. Parents will be made aware of their special responsibility. Parents must acknowledge in writing that their child requires special support in learning German.

2.3 Children whose native language is not German should generally not be older than three years. Please note that no more than five such children can be admitted per group.

2.4 Before school entry, the Deutsche Schule Izmir conducts a school readiness assessment. For children whose native language is not German, two language assessments are also carried out before admission (see admission to Grade 1).

If the child shows insufficient language proficiency or if there are concerns in the school readiness test, the school reserves the right to refuse admission or to admit the child only under specific conditions (e.g. trial period, private tutoring, learning support, etc.).

- 2.5 By enrolling their child in the preschool, parents acknowledge the educational concept of the institution. However, this does not create an entitlement to enter the elementary school of the Deutsche Schule.

3. Admission to Grade 1

- 3.1 The Deutsche Schule Izmir generally admits all children to Grade 1 who turn six years old by August 31 of the year of enrollment.
- 3.2 Children who turn six between September 1 and December 31 of the enrollment year may only be admitted in exceptional cases and with a school readiness recommendation.
- 3.3 In such cases, parents are made aware of their special responsibility and must acknowledge in writing that enrollment does not guarantee successful academic progress at the Deutsche Schule Izmir.
- 3.4 For children whose native language is not German, up to two language assessments will be conducted before admission. Based on the evaluation, the school reserves the right to refuse admission or to admit the child only under specific conditions (e.g. trial period, private tutoring, learning support, etc.).
- 3.5 For children whose native language is not German, support for the German language should also be ensured at home. Parents will be made aware of their special responsibility and must acknowledge in writing that their child requires special support in learning German.
- 3.6 For children transitioning from the Deutsche Schule Izmir preschool to the elementary school, there is a separate transition form. If necessary, support measures are documented and must be acknowledged in writing by the parents prior to enrollment.

4. Admission to Grades 2–10

- 4.1 The school management decides on admission and grade placement. In the case of conditional admission, the class conference makes the decision.
- 4.2 Students transferring from a school in Germany or a recognized German international school are generally placed in the appropriate grade and track according to their last report card.
- 4.3 Students without a specified school track are usually placed in their age-appropriate grade on a trial basis. The school management determines the school track. The trial period generally lasts three months.

- 4.4 Students must demonstrate sufficient German language proficiency. A minimum level of B1 is required for primary school, and B2 for secondary school, in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- 4.5 For children whose native language is not German, support for the German language should also be ensured at home. Parents will be made aware of their special responsibility and must acknowledge in writing that their child requires special support in learning German.

5. Admission to the GIB Programme (Grade 11)

- 5.1 Students from the Deutsche Schule Izmir are admitted to the IB Diploma Programme if they have passed the entrance exam to the Gymnasium or completed the Realschulabschluss (Grade 10) with at least two grades of 2 and one grade of 3 (in the core subjects German, English, and Mathematics), as well as an overall average of 3.0 in the remaining subjects. This also applies to students from Germany or recognized German international schools.
- 5.2 Students from other schools, including international ones, must demonstrate sufficient language proficiency in both German and English. A C1 level is required according to the CEFR. Proof is not required if students have previously attended a German or international school or if German is their native language. The final decision on admission based on submitted documents lies with the school management.

These admission guidelines were approved by the general staff conference and the school board of the Deutsche Schule Izmir and came into effect in the 2024/25 school year. The most recent review was conducted in August 2025.