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**THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

German International School New York (GISNY) is a private, non-profit, international school located in Westchester County, New York. Historically, most GISNY students are the children of German, Austrian, and Swiss executives and diplomats assigned to the New York area. Today, our increasingly diverse community includes families from all over the world. The school offers a distinctive bilingual, multicultural approach to teaching and learning for students from Pre-K through Grade 12. GISNY graduates earn the German International Abitur (DIA), Germany’s highest college preparatory diploma and the NY High School diploma. GISNY is the only school in the tri-state area that grants both degrees.

**ACCREDITATION**

GISNY is part of a network of 140 German international schools abroad and is recognized by the Permanent Conference of the Department of Education of the Federal Republic of Germany. GISNY is also recognized by the New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS) and the New York State Department of Education. GISNY has also received the award “Excellent German School Abroad” from the German Government in 2009, 2014, and 2022.

**THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

- Students earn both the DIA and NY State High School diploma which provides a holistic emphasis on languages and sciences.
- Unique focus on bilingualism and independent learning.
- Two-year qualification phase in Grades 11 and 12 ends with written and oral exams.
- Two Advanced Placement (AP) course are offered: English Language and Composition and German Language and Culture

**THE CORE CURRICULUM**

GISNY’s curriculum, while following in principle that of West German Secondary Schools, is a blend of the dominant features of German, Swiss and Austrian secondary schools, with their emphasis on a rigorous and comprehensive liberal studies education, and the requirements and stipulations for high schools in the State of New York. GISNY also follows the stipulations of the German International Abitur, requiring considerable depth and intensity in mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences, and foreign languages.

As a minimum, students have 12 classes and 35 periods per week. The average class size at GISNY is 20 students. This creates an ideal cooperative learning environment where students are encouraged to express themselves freely while working together toward shared goals.

Graduation Requirements	Years/Language of Instruction
German	4 years/German
English	4 years/English
French/Spanish	2-4 years/ French or Spanish
Mathematics	4 years/German
Chemistry	2-4 years/German
Biology	4 years/Bilingual
Physics	1-4 years/German

Graduation Requirements	Years/Language of Instruction
History	4 years/Bilingual
American History	2 years/English
Economics	4 years /Bilingual
Ethics	4 years/German
Geography	½ year/Bilingual
Physical Education	4 years/Bilingual
Art or Music	4 years/Bilingual

**GRADING SCALE**

GISNY does not calculate class rank, or GPA. In grades 11 and 12 exams are graded on a scale of 0-15 but our academic transcript transcribes German Grades to American Grades.

American Grades	A+		A		A-		B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D			F
German Grades	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0



## GISNY AT A GLANCE

**Affiliation:** Independent; non-sectarian

**Location:** Located in White Plains, NY, just 25 miles north of New York City

**Average Enrollment:** 420 from Pre-K through Grade 12; average number of seniors: 20

**Curriculum:** A rigorous core curriculum that encompasses the major disciplines of the arts and sciences, and meets both Germany's and New York State's official requirements. Courses approximate and in some cases exceed the level of American Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses

**Diplomas:** New York State High School Diploma and the German International Abitur, Germany's highest college preparatory diploma

**Faculty:** Over 50 members, 95% of whom hold advanced degrees (Master of Art or European equivalent)

## ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

GISNY caters to a wide range of talents and interests. After school activities and clubs give students the opportunity to try something new or explore an interest in more depth.

**ARTS & MUSIC:** Advanced Percussion, Choir, Marimba, Theater

**CULTURE:** Journalism, Yearbook

**ENVIRONMENTAL, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & MATH:** Green School, STEM Club

**SERVICE:** DEI Club, Model UN

**SPORTS:** Soccer, Basketball, Track & Field, Volleyball

## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Majority of GISNY students continue their education at German universities; however, colleges and universities in the US, Canada, Great Britain, and other European countries are becoming increasingly popular. Below is a partial list of acceptances from 2015-2023.

### UNITED STATES

Bard College  
 Boston University  
 Bowdoin College  
 Bucknell University  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Clemson University  
 Denison University  
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
 Fashion Institute of Technology  
 Fordham University  
 George Washington University  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Hofstra University  
 Louisiana State University  
 Loyola University New Orleans  
 Mercer University  
 New York University  
 North Carolina State University  
 Pace University  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Purdue University  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 SUNY Binghamton  
 SUNY Buffalo  
 SUNY Buffalo State  
 SUNY New Paltz  
 SUNY Oswego  
 SUNY Purchase  
 SUNY Stony Brook  
 SUNY Westchester  
 Syracuse University  
 The Julliard School  
 Tufts University  
 University of Arizona  
 University of Delaware  
 University of Georgia  
 University of Maryland  
 University of Mississippi  
 University of Pittsburgh (Greenburgh)  
 University of Southern California  
 University of Vermont  
 University of Virginia  
 Vassar College  
 Virginia Tech  
 Wesleyan University

### CANADA

McGill University

### FRANCE

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris

### UNITED KINGDOM

Durham University  
 Oxford University  
 University of Bristol  
 University of Edinburgh  
 University of St. Andrews  
 University of Sussex

### GERMANY, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND & THE NETHERLANDS

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg  
 École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne  
 Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich  
 Erasmus University Rotterdam  
 Freie Universität Berlin  
 Georg-August-Universität Göttingen  
 Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
 Karlsruhe Institute of Technology  
 Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München  
 Maastricht University  
 Technische Universität München  
 Universität Basel  
 Universität Bern  
 Universität Heidelberg  
 Universität de Lausanne  
 Universität Passau  
 Universität Wien  
 Universität Zurich