



**IV Liceum Ogólnokształcące z Oddziałami Dwujęzycznymi
im. Stanisława Staszica w Sosnowcu
IB World School No. 061902**

Language Policy

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1. IV LO z Oddziałami Dwujęzycznymi im. S. Staszica comprises national curriculum classes led according to the Polish Ministry of Education outlines. The school's educational offer also includes the international section which aims at preparing students for final examinations within International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.
2. The arrangements concerning languages are presented in the Statutes, the document regulating the organisation of school life. The mission statement of the school is to initiate situations when internationally minded students work eagerly to acquire knowledge, develop their passions, talents and interests, respect each other and cooperate in diverse creative ways. The school mission statement aligns with the IB mission completely (The Statutes §7, §8).
3. Since language is central to learning, all teachers are responsible for facilitating communication. Language is a primary means of communicating and learning in all subject areas. The acquisition of language is a life-long process and a central component of intellectual and personal growth.
4. Polish is the main language of instruction in the teaching-learning process in the national curriculum classes since Polish is the mother tongue of Staszic School students. Bilingual classes are performed both in English and Polish and foreign language lessons are conducted in a foreign language and Polish.
5. All Staszic School students are able to communicate in English because they are required to learn the language already in primary school. Students improve their English language skills attending obligatory English language classes. The number of classes depends on the class profile and course level.
6. All students are obliged to study English (starting at least from B1 level), as well as another foreign language: German/French/Russian/Spanish/Italian depending on their choice (The Statutes §22). The principal rationale for learning foreign languages is to further intercultural awareness and international-mindedness through the acquisition of the language of a culture, and the possibilities to reflect upon and explore cultural perspectives.
7. Each student is obliged to take the final national Matura Exam in Polish and in a foreign language (SL) of their choice. Learning Polish is the compulsory part of the curriculum in order to let the students continue their language skills acquisition, develop the knowledge of Polish and world literature, learn to produce various types of text.
8. English is the language of delivery in IB DP classes, apart from language A classes and language B classes (if not English).

9. Teaching in international classes may be conducted in a foreign language, with the exception of classes for students who are Polish citizens; classes in question comprise Polish language classes, history and geography of Poland.
10. IB DP students are required to attend Polish literature course (language A).
11. Candidates for the IB DP class, who, on previous educational stages, were not required to attend Polish language classes, can choose to study another language A subject as the self-taught option.
12. IB DP students are required to attend English B classes; other language B courses are also available (French, German, Spanish, Italian).
13. If a student is identified with additional learning needs including language difficulties or gifted and talented abilities, teachers' support is provided. It may be formalised through an in-class support plan or an individual education plan and may involve short and long term interventions.
14. The school library and reading room provide access to literature in Polish and foreign languages.
15. Students are invited to take part in competitions involving foreign language skills usage e.g. Oxford Debates British Parliamentary Debates and Schools Debating.
16. Events promoting Polish and foreign languages are organised at school e.g. Foreign Languages Festival or Native Language Day.
17. Polish is the only language used within the school administration.

References:

1. Guidelines for developing a school language policy, 2008, IBO
2. The School Statutes (available from the school website)