

Understanding Year & Grade Equivalents

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Recommended Age	Grade At ISS 2025/26 School Year	Germany	India	Japan	UK	US/Canada
01 Oct. 2021 - 30 Sept. 2022	Early Years 3	Kindergarten/Kita	Nursery	Kindergarten 1	Reception	Pre-school
01 Oct. 2020 - 30 Sept. 2021	Early Years 4	Kindergarten	Kindergarten 1	Kindergarten 2	Reception	Pre-school
01 Oct. 2019 - 30 Sept. 2020	Early Years 5	Kindergarten	Kindergarten 2	Kindergarten 3	Year 1	Kindergarten
01 Oct. 2018 - 30 Sept. 2019	Grade 1	1. Klasse (Grundschule)	Standard 1	Elementary Grade 1	Year 2	Grade 1
01 Oct. 2017 - 30 Sept. 2018	Grade 2	2. Klasse (Grundschule)	Standard 2	Elementary Grade 2	Year 3	Grade 2
01 Oct. 2016 - 30 Sept. 2017	Grade 3	3. Klasse (Grundschule)	Standard 3	Elementary Grade 3	Year 4	Grade 3
01 Oct. 2015 - 30 Sept. 2016	Grade 4	4. Klasse (Grundschule)	Standard 4	Elementary Grade 4	Year 5	Grade 4
01 Oct. 2014 - 30 Sept. 2015	Grade 5	5. Klasse (Sek I)	Standard 5	Elementary Grade 5	Year 6	Grade 5
01 Oct. 2013 - 30 Sept. 2014	Grade 6 (MYP 1)	6. Klasse (Sek I)	Standard 6	Elementary Grade 6	Year 7	Grade 6
01 Oct. 2012 - 30 Sept. 2013	Grade 7 (MYP 2)	7. Klasse (Sek I)	Standard 7	Middle School Grade 1	Year 8	Grade 7
01 Oct. 2011 - 30 Sept. 2012	Grade 8 (MYP 3)	8. Klasse (Sek I)	Standard 8	Middle School Grade 2	Year 9	Grade 8
01 Oct. 2010 - 30 Sept. 2011	Grade 9 (MYP 4)	9. Klasse (Sek I)	Standard 9	Middle School Grade 3	Year 10	Grade 9
01 Oct. 2009 - 30 Sept. 2010	Grade 10 (MYP 5)	10. Klasse (Sek I)	Standard 10	High School Grade 1	Year 11	Grade 10
01 Oct. 2008 - 30 Sept. 2009	Grade 11 (DP 1)	11. Klasse (Sek II)	Higher Secondary 1	High School Grade 2	Year 12	Grade 11
01 Oct. 2007 - 30 Sept. 2008	Grade 12 (DP 2)	12. Klasse (Sek II G8) Abitur	Higher Secondary 2	High School Grade 3	Year 13	Grade 12
N/A	N/A	13. Klasse (Sek II G9) Abitur	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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01 Oct. 2017 - 30 Sept. 2018	Grade 3	3. Klasse (Grundschule)	Standard 3	Elementary Grade 3	Year 4	Grade 3
01 Oct. 2016 - 30 Sept. 2017	Grade 4	4. Klasse (Grundschule)	Standard 4	Elementary Grade 4	Year 5	Grade 4
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