

Willy Brandt German School

Warsaw, Poland



Poland's only German Auslandsschule, pairing Abitur rigor with a namesake built on Cold War reconciliation

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	50/100
Academic outcomes	51/100
University placement	49/100
Prestige & heritage	49/100
Alumni network	48/100
Facilities	50/100
Transparency	38/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Willy Brandt German School occupies a niche no other school in Poland can match: it is the country’s only German Auslandsschule, in Warsaw, and that alone gives it a distinct market position. This is not a generic international school with a German option bolted on. It is a full German-school proposition for ages 3 to 18, built around the German Abitur and teaching in German and English. The namesake matters too. A school carrying Willy Brandt’s name signals a specific intellectual and political inheritance: post-war Europeanism, democratic seriousness and cross-border literacy. Parents looking for a *clear national system* rather than an all-purpose international blend will put this on the shortlist quickly.

The attraction is precision. Families who want the structure, sequencing and external credibility of the German system know what they are buying here. Founded in **2005**, non-religious, and accredited as an Excellent German School Abroad, it offers a defined academic route rather than a buffet of pathways. That matters in a market where many international schools sell flexibility but deliver curricular sprawl. Willy Brandt German School offers the opposite: a *disciplined*, *coherent* ladder from early years to university entrance. The average annual day fee is **31,922 PLN**, which places it in an *interesting value bracket* for a European-capital international school with a full-through 3-18 age range and overseas-system accreditation.

That same clarity also defines its limits. This is not the school for families who want broad curricular choice, heavy Anglo-American branding or a loose, lifestyle-first version of international education. The German Abitur has a reputation for rigour because it is rigorous, and a school organised around it suits students who are comfortable with structure, language demands and sustained academic expectations. Children with German-speaking backgrounds, German corporate or diplomatic families, and internationally mobile households planning a return to Germany sit in the obvious core market. So do ambitious local families who want a *more exacting* route than the standard international-school mix and who value German as more than an add-on language. For the right student, this is a *serious* school with a very specific promise: academic continuity, cultural fluency and a direct line into the German-speaking higher-education world.

STRENGTHS

- Follows the German state curriculum and prepares students for the German Abitur, a qualification recognised for university entry across the EU and in Germany specifically.
- Operates as part of the network of German Schools Abroad (Deutsche Auslandsschulen) accredited by Germany's Central Agency for Schools Abroad (ZfA), which sets common quality standards.
- Based in Warsaw, giving access to a major Central European capital with strong transport links back to Germany for expatriate families relocating frequently.
- Bilingual German-Polish teaching environment likely supports children transitioning between German-speaking postings and local integration in Poland.
- Day-school structure keeps students embedded in family life rather than requiring boarding, suiting shorter-term corporate or diplomatic postings.

TRADE - OFFS

- Narrow curriculum pathway centred on the German Abitur may be less suitable for families anticipating a move to a British, American or IB-curriculum system later.
- As a specialist German-medium school, non-German-speaking children face a steep early language adjustment compared to English-medium international schools in Warsaw.
- Editorial rank (1349) and candidate tier indicate this school has limited independent comparative data or recognition outside the German-schools-abroad network.
- Publicly available information on fees, class sizes, and recent inspection outcomes is limited, making it harder for prospective families to benchmark against rival Warsaw international schools.

ADMISSIONS

Admission typically follows the German school-year intake points, with places offered subject to space and, for non-native speakers, an assessment of German language readiness. As with most German Auslandsschulen, priority may be given to children of German or German-speaking families, including diplomatic and corporate postings, though local Polish families are also admitted. Families should contact the school directly via wbs.pl for current fee schedules, entrance requirements and waiting-list status, as these are not consistently published online.

WTS RATING 

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