



Abitur Certificate of the German International Schools in South Africa – Basic Facts

Legal basis	Agreement between the governments of the Republic of South Africa and the Federal Republic of Germany concerning the introduction of a South African German bilingual secondary school qualification (Abitur / National Senior Certificate) at the German schools in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Pretoria
Examination boards and subjects	Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany for the subjects: German Mother Tongue Mathematics Physics Chemistry Biology History French as 1 st additional language South African Department of Education through its accredited assessment bodies (IEB) for the subjects: English Home Language Life Orientation plus Sport and Gemeinschaftskunde Afrikaans 1 st additional language Music Appreciation Visual Arts Appreciation
Subject Choices	9 subjects - 41 lessons per week in grade 10 - 12 choices: 2 out of 3 natural sciences (Physics, Chemistry, Biology) French or Afrikaans Music Appreciation or Visual Arts Appreciation
Certification	Double certification (Abitur and NSC) Calculation of average mark over 2 years (grade 11 and 12) Final examination 3 written examinations (German, English obligatory) 2 oral examinations 20min colloquium 20min project presentation including colloquium No average subject marks Overall average mark: 75% half year marks + 25% final examination marks
Curricula	Outcome-based, integrate co-operative learning environments Problem-oriented tasks preferred over small-step questions Require and promote the ability to work independently, think critically and take responsibility Content of German subjects according to German regulations goes further in certain areas than equivalent content in NSC