

**LANGUAGE POLICY OF THE IB PROGRAMME  
OF KARINTHY FRIGYES GIMNÁZIUM**

based on the

**LANGUAGE POLICY AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

- **The language of instruction is English** in all subjects except for language courses other than English.
- **IB documentation is provided in English** (see in the IB section of this document). **Internal regulations of school are available both in English and Hungarian** (see <http://www.karinty.hu/pages/ib/en/> and <http://www.karinty.hu/pages/ib/hu/> ).
- **Communication with parents** is done **in Hungarian or in English**.
- **Available language subjects:**
  - o *Hungarian A: Literature*, available at Higher Level (HL) and Standard Level (SL)
  - o *tutoring* is provided by the school for any Language A subject as SL self-taught in
    - *English,*
    - *Hungarian,*
    - *German or*
    - *Russian;*tutoring is offered as one 45-min. lesson per week
  - o *English A: Language and Literature* HL, SL
  - o *English B* HL
  - o *French B* HL, SL
  - o *German B* HL, SL, ab initio
  - o *Russian B* HL, SL
  - o *Spanish B* HL, SL
- **All students must study English** in the form and at the level that is most appropriate to their language skills and their interests.
- Students are encouraged to study **Language A in their best language**. Most of our students chose *Hungarian A*, but we have had *English A, German A, Russian A, Bulgarian A, Chinese A* and *Arabic A* self-taught students as well.
- Students are given the opportunity to continue studying a **second foreign language** in a Language B course.

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## RELATED PRACTICES of the IB

**1. The access language** in KFG in which the organization and the school provide selected services and documentation, mainly to support teachers, as specified in this policy are ***English and Hungarian***.

**2. The internal working languages** in KFG are ***Hungarian and English***, in which most operational and development activities take place, also the language of its governance, management and academic committees, in which all services and materials needed for the delivery and implementation of the programmes are offered.

The following is provided in these languages:

- Public web site – *English and Hungarian*
- All promotional material – *English and Hungarian*
- Material produced by communications – *English*, however, some specific documents targeted at authorities, universities, parents or funding organizations for example, could only be produced in *Hungarian*
- Handouts to students in lessons – *in the foreign language* which is the language of instruction of the particular lesson
- IB services are provided in the working language – *English and/or Hungarian*. They include the following **Programme documents**:
  - o - Programme descriptions – English and Hungarian (see <http://www.karinthy.hu/pages/ib/hu/> and <http://www.karinthy.hu/pages/ib/en/>)
  - o IB learner profile – English
  - o Guides to programme implementation – English (or relevant language in the case of languages)
  - o Subject guides and Teacher support material – English (or relevant language in the case of foreign languages)
  - o Specimen papers and markschemes – English (or relevant language in the case of languages)
  - o General Regulations – English
  - o Standards and practices – English
  - o Handbook of procedures for the DP – English

**3. Code switching between *English and Hungarian*** can occur whenever the teacher finds it required for the students' better understanding of the task, only if each student in the class speaks Hungarian.