



# Welcome Folder for New International Families



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## 1. Mission Statement and Principles

### Our Vision

#### Open the Gate to the World!

*Linz International School Auhof (LISA) is the first public school in Upper Austria which teaches a general education curriculum in English. Excellent education in English prepares your child for a globalised world. We value an international orientation, cosmopolitanism, tolerance, and respect.*



### Cosmopolitanism

Our school branch has a strong school community. Both Austrian and international students pursue the goal of personal growth through education.

Around a quarter of our students come from all over the world. Respectful interaction with other opinions and cultures is taught and also lived. Thanks to our international orientation, diversity and internationality, we convey a cosmopolitan outlook. The knowledge that one's language, culture or worldview is often just one of many promotes a cosmopolitan way of thinking.

Our students with a different mother tongue learn German as a foreign language in lessons that correspond to their language level.

### Bilingualism

We are an international English immersion school. An excellent education in English prepares your child for a globalised world. Elementary school students with German as their mother tongue do not need any previous knowledge of English, as Grades 5 and 6 (Years 1 and 2) are taught in English and German. Those who do not speak any German will receive a German course which is appropriate to their level.

### Personality Development

Education is more than just passing on knowledge. Our goal is to foster inquisitive, educated and empathic young people who work for a better world through international understanding and respect. Students should develop into strong and mature personalities. Personality development cannot simply be "taught". We have a supportive school culture and guide our students through this important development phase of their lives. Stage play (Drama) is offered from Grade 5 (Year 1) onwards. Even our youngest learn to present themselves on stage and thus strengthen their self-confidence. In addition, they expand their vocabulary and their expression.

### Quality Education

We respect students' views and interests. Students at LISA can learn up to four languages and opt for e.g., drama or choir starting Grade 9. For the last two years, as part of the IB Diploma Programme, students can choose elective subjects according to their interests. The CAS (Creativity Activity Service) programme enables students to gain new experiences and broaden their horizons.

### Strong School Community

At the LISA, we pride ourselves in creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere for our students. Our community is made up of pupils from all corners of the world, who speak over 30 different languages. We believe that mutual respect and tolerance, paired with a strong academic environment, are key to fostering a positive and supportive school community.





### Matura and the IB Diploma

Pupils with German as their mother tongue can complete the Austrian school leaving examination (Matura) and the IB Diploma. Our international students complete the LISA with the IB Diploma and can continue their studies in Austria or abroad.

## 2. Contact

### EUROPAGYMNASIUM AUHOF

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<p><b>EUROPAGYMNASIUM AUHOF</b> <b>eLLA – KEPLER – LISA</b></p> <p><b>Head of School Europagymnasium Auhof</b></p> <p>Andrea Obermayr <a href="mailto:om@europagym.at">om@europagym.at</a></p>	
<p><b>LISA School Branch Coordinator</b></p> <p>Nicole Herzog <a href="mailto:hg@europagym.at">hg@europagym.at</a></p> <p>Student admission, language choices, general information LISA</p>	
<p><b>IB Diploma Programme Coordinator</b></p> <p>Oliver Kim <a href="mailto:ko@europagym.at">ko@europagym.at</a></p> <p>IB Diploma-related questions, IB subject choice, Matura questions, PR, general information LISA</p>	
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## LISA Support Association

The LISA-Support Association offers all parents a platform to exchange views and promote cultural, sporting and social projects and offers. The LISA-Support Association also creates the financial framework for the excellent international education of LISA students. By paying your annual membership fee you are automatically a member of the LISA-Support Association.


All LISA parents are invited to participate with creativity and expertise in our activities. We are particularly close to our dynamic and lively school community.

You are always welcome to contact us with your questions, concerns or sorrows. We are particularly pleased if you participate in our meetings for which you will receive invitations.


The main officers of the LISA association are:

### Key members:

- Chairwoman: Karin Scheiblhofer
- 1st deputy chairwoman: Marina Schwarz
- 2nd deputy chairwoman: Angelika Handl-Heinzi
- Treasurer: Daniela Mittelman
- Deputy treasurer: Sigrid Ruhs
- Secretary: Azita Akbari
- Deputy secretary: Simone Baumgarthuber




<p><b>LISA Support Association Administration</b></p> <p>Brigitte Lenz  <a href="mailto:lisa@europagym.at">lisa@europagym.at</a>                  Tel 0732 245867 – 0, DW LISA – 23</p> <p>LISA membership fees, general school information</p>	
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## International Families Support Parents

<p><b>LISA Network Committee</b></p> <p>The Network Committee is a dedicated group of teachers and parents who supports the school through activities which benefit the entire LISA community. Every parent is welcome to participate in the activities. It is a good way to get to know other parents. Our doors are always open to you with the assurance we will be at your family’s side providing support and assistance to the very best of our abilities. So do not hesitate to contact the LISA Networking Committee at:  <a href="mailto:network.committee@europagym.at">network.committee@europagym.at</a>                  Simone Baumgarthuber                  Parent</p>	
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### International Students Guidance Teachers

Don't hesitate to reach out to our **dedicated team for international student guidance** if your child encounters challenges while acclimating to their new school environment. Whether you have inquiries regarding school-related matters such as timetables, grading, or any other concerns, we are readily available and committed to providing assistance and support. Your needs matter to us, and we're here to help every step of the way!



<p><b>Guidance international Students</b></p> <p>International students' guidance, support and counselling</p> <p>Ulrike DiCillo  <a href="mailto:di@europagym.at">di@europagym.at</a></p> <p>(Grades 5-8/Year 1-4)</p>	
<p>Ana Calo  <a href="mailto:ca@europagym.at">ca@europagym.at</a></p> <p>(Grades 9-10/Year 5-6)</p>	
<p>Nicole Herzog  <a href="mailto:hg@europagym.at">hg@europagym.at</a></p> <p>(Grades 11-12/Year 7-8)</p>	

### Teachers' Office Hours and Homeroom Teachers


If parents seek information about their child, they may talk to the respective teacher during his/her office hour, which is regularly held once a week. Office hour schedules are issued at the beginning of the academic year. Please schedule an appointment by email or by sending a note through your child. Parents of new LISA students are advised to contact the homeroom teacher (Klassenvorstand) after the first few weeks of school attendance. One **homeroom teacher** for each class is in charge of coordinating administrative and teaching matters. Please use the following link for the office hours of our teachers:

[https://www.europagym.at/wordpress/hp/scripts/sprechstunden/index\\_menu.php](https://www.europagym.at/wordpress/hp/scripts/sprechstunden/index_menu.php)


### International Career Guidance for international Universities

<p><b>Career Guidance for international universities</b></p> <p>Stephan Greenway <a href="mailto:gr@europagym.at">gr@europagym.at</a></p> <p>If you need help applying at international universities (especially USA) contact Mr. Greenway.</p>	
<p>Ruth Browne <a href="mailto:br@europagym.at">br@europagym.at</a></p> <p>If you need help applying to international universities (especially Great Britain) contact Ms Brown</p>	

### Language Learning at the LISA

<p><b>Mother Tongue Programme Languages Coordination Muttersprachenkoordination</b></p> <p>Ana Calo <a href="mailto:ca@europagym.at">ca@europagym.at</a></p> <p>For all questions concerning all first languages other than German and English.</p>	
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### IT Support

<p>Alexander Hartl <a href="mailto:hx@europagym.at">hx@europagym.at</a></p> <p>Peter Reisinger <a href="mailto:re@europagym.at">re@europagym.at</a></p> <p>For support regarding WebUntis: <a href="mailto:WebUntis.helpdesk@europagym.at">WebUntis.helpdesk@europagym.at</a></p> <p>School account issues and other general IT help relating to the school LAN, WebUntis, Login, etc. .</p>	
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### 3. Welcome Letter

#### **Welcome Letter LISA Team**

Welcome to the Linz International School Auhof (LISA)!

We would like to welcome you to our school on behalf of our entire school community. It is a great pleasure to introduce the LISA to you!

A caring, multicultural and multilingual environment characterises life at the LISA. Our pupils come from around the world and speak over 30 languages. Mutual respect and tolerance embedded in a high academic environment are the foundation of our excellent school community, to which also parents and alumni feel committed.

The LISA provides a stimulating, colourful and supportive educational experience for around 450 pupils aged 10 to 18. With English as the language of tuition and strong academic and interpersonal support, our pupils gain skills that will prepare them for an increasingly changing and global society. Our mission is to educate for life, establishing a global, open-minded, international, and academic outlook. We would like to open the gate to the world for our pupils!

The LISA was founded in 1992 and is one of the three branches of the Europagymnasium in Linz. Our school is a state-funded IB World school located in the northern part of the city, near Johannes Kepler University, next to the rolling green Austrian countryside. Through the Diploma Programme, which we have offered since 1997, we aim for our pupils to develop physically, intellectually, emotionally, and ethically. With the full IB Diploma, our pupils obtain a qualification highly recognised by universities worldwide. Most of our pupils also sit the standardised Austrian national final exams (Österreichische Reifeprüfung), allowing them to study at universities in and outside Austria. Small group sizes in the IB subject areas, experienced and highly motivated national and international teachers, and an encouraging learning environment have conducted an average pass rate of over 90% in the IB exams, which we are very proud of.

At the heart of our school and our success are the people that make it up. It is the energy, enthusiasm, and ingenuity of our staff that creates the experiences, opportunities, and unique atmosphere our pupils enjoy. Pupils, parents, and teachers constantly work together to improve and adapt to create a comfortable, safe, and rewarding academic environment.

Nicole Herzog  
LISA School Branch Coordinator



## School Information

Below you will find some relevant information about school life, including logistics, events and activities. We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact a teacher or the Networking Committee representative should you have any questions.

### 4. Our School Europagymnasium Auhof

On the **ground floor** you will find:

- Headmistress' office
- Europagymnasium Administration
- Europagymnasium Secretary's Office
- Europagymnasium Staffroom
- Library
- Sport Halls
- Cafeteria
- Auditorium (Festsaal)
- Lost and Found



On the **2<sup>nd</sup> floor**, you will find all special rooms for e.g. chemistry, physics, biology, visual arts and handy craft rooms.

The LISA classrooms are mainly located on the **3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Europagymnasium Auhof**. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor you will also find the **LISA School Branch Coordination Office**, the **LISA Administration** (= office of the LISA Support Association), the **LISA Staffroom**, the **school doctor** and the **LISA Library**.

#### Libraries

The central library is located on the ground floor. It offers books and magazines in different languages, computers with internet access and the opportunity to borrow books for home study. Opening hours and library rules are posted at the library door.

The LISA library is situated on the third floor of the school. It offers textbooks as well as a fiction section for children, adolescents and adults, mostly in English. A section with books in other languages (e.g. French, Spanish and Italian) is being established. Taking out books is free of charge. Opening hours include Monday to Friday, 10.30 to 10.45. Book donations are greatly appreciated

#### School Doctor

There is a school doctor on the grounds during certain times posted at the office door on the third floor. Students who need to leave the school due to not feeling well or need to be excused from gym classes are expected to see the doctor first.

## 5. How to get to school

### Free Transport for Schoolchildren, “Schülerfreifahrt”

The burden of parents whose children attend school is relieved because the Austrian government pays for most of the costs incurred for travel to school. Parents only have to pay a small contribution towards costs for the public transport season tickets.

Two requirements must be fulfilled for schoolchildren to use public transport nearly free of charge for the travel from their residence to school: **family allowance** must be received for the child, and the school must be state-run or have public status if it is a private school. Free use of public transport will be only granted for travel to domestic schools or schools close to the border. The family contributes a relatively small amount.

### What kind of documents are necessary to issue a Free School Transportation Card?

1. Family allowance must be obtained by the parents.
2. The letter with a code for the application will be handed out by the homeroom teacher at the beginning of the academic year.
3. You need to register at [www.shop.ooevv.at](http://www.shop.ooevv.at) and order either a Schüler-Ticket (only for travelling from home to school) or a Jugendticket-Netz (valid on all routes in Upper Austria). You need to upload proof of family allowance and a passport photo of the child.
4. After paying, you will receive a provisional ticket via e-mail. Please print it, and your child must carry it with him/her.
5. The finished ticket will be sent by post! The child must carry the school transportation card when using public transportation.

Children who are not eligible for the free transportation card only receive a “Freizeitausweis” and can buy a monthly pass (“Monatskarte”) provided by the regional transport board.

Further information: [www.ooevv.at](http://www.ooevv.at) (in German).

Finanzamt Linz, Bahnhofplatz 7, 4020 Linz, T: +43 (0)732 6998 528000, <https://bmf.gv.at>

## 6. Family Allowance and Tax Credit for Children in Austria

Parents who are Austrian citizens are entitled to **family allowance** for their children until they come of age, regardless of their income, if their main (permanent) residence is in Austria and the child is also a permanent resident of Austria. The additional requirement for non-Austrian parents is that the parent and child are lawful residents of Austria under Sec. 8 and 9 of the Austrian Settlement and Residence Act. **Please note:** In cross-border cases within the EU, special rules for family benefits apply under European law! Family allowance may be granted for children from the time they come of age until they turn 24 if they are training for an occupation, in some exceptional cases up to 25 years of age, as well as for children doing volunteer work with a non-private organisation up to the age of 24. There is no entitlement to family allowance during periods of military or civilian service and for children for whom (ex-)spouses are obliged to pay maintenance.

The family allowance varies according to the age of the child... The total number of children is taken into account via supplements (=sibling supplement scale).

The **tax credit for children (“Kinderabsetzbetrag”)**, which is transferred along with the family allowance, continues to be paid twelve times a year.

**The application for family allowance has to be filed with the Tax Office** in charge of the residential address of the family. The tax credit for children is transferred without requiring a separate application. It is not an allowance in the strict sense of the word but a fiscal measure that is paid out in cash to all parents entitled to family allowance as a kind of negative tax and is funded from the general budget.

## 7. Clothing

LISA has no dress code. The **students are obliged to wear house shoes** (slippers) in order to maintain cleanliness in the school building. This rule does not apply if the caretaker attaches the "green shoe" to the school entrance! Street shoes have to be deposited in the basement lockers. Lockers are allocated at the beginning of each school year. The students have to buy their own locks.

## 8. School Lunches

The cafeteria (Schulbuffet) on the ground floor (Mon-Fri, 7:30 am to 2 pm) offers a variety of sandwiches, salads, drinks and snacks. Hot lunches are available at 1 p.m. and can be ordered via the website <https://mica-catering.at/home/> "Schulbuffet BSZ Auhof". Microwaves are available for students at the "Schülercafe", on the first and third floor.

## 9. After School Care (TABE)

There is After School Care at the Europagymnasium Auhof, which offers supervision for the children during afternoons. This includes supervision during lunch, assistance with homework preparation and free time guidance. The enrolment is valid for the whole school year, and there is the possibility to choose either the whole week or any specific day or days of the week (Mon-Thu 12:30-17:00; Fri 12:30-15:15). After School Care starts the second week of school and ends the second to last week of each academic year.

Since After School Care is a school-regulated and supervised programme, students are not permitted to leave earlier without prior written permission from a parent. Registration forms are distributed at the beginning of the school year. The forms need to be submitted to the homeroom teacher by the second school day.

**Please Note:** Withdrawal from the programme is only possible at the end of the first term and requires a written request before January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Contact After School Care:  
Christoph Koppenberger: [kp@europagym.at](mailto:kp@europagym.at)

**Email TABE in case of illness or absences:** [fach\\_tabe@europagym.at](mailto:fach_tabe@europagym.at)

## 10. Digital Devices and IT lessons

All students of our lower classes will receive a digital device (tablet with pen). The equipment is procured centrally via Bundesbeschaffungs GmbH (BBG). It is important that the devices become the property of the students, but that the software is still maintained centrally by a company (MDM = Mobile Device Management). Parents or legal guardians have to bear a cost share of 25% of the device price. This device price will range between € 400 and € 600 with insurance and maintenance.

Parents in difficult financial income situations have the option of the cost share being waived. Information on this will follow at the beginning of school.

Students of the lower classes will attend IT lessons according to their timetable.

Please find further details on our website: [https://www.europagym.at/?page\\_id=30034](https://www.europagym.at/?page_id=30034)

## 11. School Rules

Please find at the end of this folder all our school rules. You can also find all the documents online:

Code of Conduct: [https://www.europagym.at/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Verhaltensvereinbarung\\_engl.pdf](https://www.europagym.at/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Verhaltensvereinbarung_engl.pdf)

Behaviour Agreement: [https://www.europagym.at/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Verhalten-in-der-Schule\\_engl.pdf](https://www.europagym.at/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Verhalten-in-der-Schule_engl.pdf)

Behavioural Grades: [https://www.europagym.at/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Verhaltensnoten\\_engl.pdf](https://www.europagym.at/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Verhaltensnoten_engl.pdf)

Use of Devices: [https://www.europagym.at/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Verhaltensvereinbarung-Geraete\\_engl.pdf](https://www.europagym.at/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Verhaltensvereinbarung-Geraete_engl.pdf)

## 12. Attendance and Absences

School attendance is compulsory. Absences have to be excused by the parent via our online system **WebUntis**.

### How to use WebUntis

Please visit our website for video tutorials and further information  
[https://www.europagym.at/?page\\_id=27333](https://www.europagym.at/?page_id=27333)

In case you would need help with WebUntis, please contact the homeroom teacher of your child or the WebUntis Helpdesk: [WebUntis.helpdesk@europagym.at](mailto:WebUntis.helpdesk@europagym.at)

Access WebUntis via the Europagymnasium website: [www.europagym.at](http://www.europagym.at)

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WebUntis



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In case of longer illnesses (more than 3 days), the homeroom teacher needs to be informed by phone or email, and a doctor's note must be submitted.

**In case any reasons other than illness lead to a longer absence than one day, please send an official request to the head of the school Ms Obermayr-Rauter.**

If a student in Grades 9 – 12 (Year 5 – 8) is unexcused for 7 consecutive days, he/she will be deregistered from school without warning.

Please find below the translation of Section 45 of the Austrian School Law

## School Absence

Section 45 summarized:

(1) You can only miss classes for the following reasons:

- a) Valid excuses (Paragraphs 2 and 3),
- b) Authorized absence (Paragraph 4),
- c) Exemption from specific subjects (Section 11, Paragraph 6).

(2) Valid excuses include:

student's illness; illness of household members that could spread to the student; temporary essential assistance required by parents or relatives; extraordinary life events; impassable routes or severe weather endangering health; maternity protection employment bans.

(3) Notify the homeroom teacher or head of school promptly of any excuse, verbally or in writing, with reasons. A written notification may be required upon request. Medical certificates may be requested for prolonged or frequent illness.

(4) Homeroom teachers can approve absences for up to **one day; and head of school** for longer periods with valid reasons. Student representation activities and temporary participation in other semester classes are valid reasons.

(5) Unjustified absence of more than a week, five non-consecutive days, or 30 hours, and failure to provide information upon request within a week, results in deregistration. Re-enrollment requires principal approval if the absence is justified and non-notification was for valid reasons.

(6) Compulsory education students follow § 9, § 22, Paragraph 3, and § 23 of the Compulsory Education Act 1985 instead.

(7) All-day school care component absence reasons:

- a) Valid excuses (Paragraphs 2 and 3),
- b) Authorized absence by the school principal or care component head,
- c) Upon legal guardians' request for peripheral leisure hours.

In effect since June 21, 2018. Last updated on July 1, 2022.

## Academic Information

### 13. Grade vs. Year and Class

Please note that we use the following terminology to refer to grades and years. At LISA we offer an academic programme for students Grade 5 – 12 which corresponds with Year and Class 1 – 8.

Comparison school system to find the equivalent stage of education for your child:

- \*Abbreviation: VS = Volksschule
- AHS = Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schule (grammar school)
- Matura = general qualification for university entrance

Grade / Year	Age	Austrian School System		Example British System	Many IB Schools
	5-6	Nursery Final Year		Primary Year 1	
Grade 1 - Year 1 VS	6-7	Year 1	VS Schulstufe 1	Primary Year 2	PYP 1
Grade 2 - Year 2 VS	7-8	Year 2	VS Schulstufe 2	Primary Year 3	PYP 2
Grade 3 - Year 3 VS	8-9	Year 3	VS Schulstufe 3	Primary Year 4	PYP 3
Grade 4 - Year 4 VS	9-10	Year 4	VS Schulstufe 4	Primary Year 5	PYP 4
		<b>Start LISA</b>		<b>Start LISA</b>	
Grade 5 - Year 1 AHS	10-11	Year 1 Middle School Unterstufe = Lower Class 1	AHS Schulstufe 5	Primary Year 6	PYP 5
Grade 6 - Year 2 AHS	11-12	Year 2 Middle School Unterstufe = Lower Class 2	AHS Schulstufe 6	Secondary Year 1	MYP 1
Grade 7 - Year 3 AHS	12-13	Year 3 Middle School Unterstufe = Lower Class 3	AHS Schulstufe 7	Secondary Year 2	MYP 2
Grade 8 - Year 4 AHS	13-14	Year 4 Middle School Unterstufe = Lower Class 4	AHS Schulstufe 8	Secondary Year 3	MYP 3
Grade 9 - Year 5 AHS	14-15	Year 5 High School Oberstufe = Upper Class 5	AHS Schulstufe 9	Secondary Year 4	MYP 4
Grade 10 - Year 6 AHS	15-16	Year 6 High School Oberstufe = Upper Class 6	AHS Schulstufe 10	Secondary Year 5	MYP 5
Grade 11 - Year 7 AHS	16-17	Year 7 High School Oberstufe = Upper Class 7 Matura IB Diploma Programme	AHS Schulstufe 11	A-Levels IB Diploma Programme	IB Diploma Programme
Grade 12 - Year 8 AHS	17-18	Year 8 High School Oberstufe = Upper Class 8 Matura IB Diploma Programme	AHS Schulstufe 12	A-Levels IB Diploma Programme	IB Diploma Programme

## 14. Subjects

Subjects are compulsory and vary from grade to grade. Religious education is a compulsory subject, provided the student's denomination offers religious education at school. Students can opt out of religious education classes within the first week of the new school year. A form has to be signed by the parent/guardian. In the upper Grades 9 - 12 (Years 5 through 8), ethics is offered as an alternative subject to religious education. It is compulsory for all students who do not attend religious education class.

The school also offers non-compulsory subjects (Unverbindliche Übungen like soccer, basketball, typing, climbing, ...), which the students can choose at the beginning of the school year. Once chosen, attendance is compulsory. The report card will indicate that the student attended, but no grade is awarded.

You can find an overview of all non-compulsory subjects on the website of the Europagymnasium Auhof:  
[https://www.europagym.at/?page\\_id=322](https://www.europagym.at/?page_id=322)



## 15. The Austrian Matura and the IB Diploma

LISA is a university-preparatory general education school and we therefore offer the Austrian Matura (official term: AHS Reifeprüfung) to those students who speak German as a mother tongue, and who have taken a German mother tongue language course.

The Matura includes oral and written exams and a written report (Vorwissenschaftliche Arbeit, VWA).

Most LISA students complete both the Matura as well as the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB DP). Both IB DP as well as the Matura enable students to continue their studies at universities and universities of applied sciences (Fachhochschulen, FHS).

The IB Diploma Programme is taught in the last two Years 7 and 8 (Grade 11 and 12). The IBDP is internationally recognized for university admission, including Austria. The IB Diploma (IBDP) is offered at the LISA in addition to the Matura.

### Final Exams for the IB Diploma Programme

In case of a retake IB exam, the IB examination fees have to be paid again as they are prescribed by the IB Organisation.

### LISA Academy Programme

The LISA Academy Programme is offered in the last two years of the school career. It is a programme for students who cannot complete the Austrian Matura due to German language skills. To cover the costs of this programme, a higher school membership fee is imposed. It is a two-year programme, and therefore it is not possible to enter the programme after the first IB year has started.

Find out more about the IB Diploma Programme: [https://lisa.europagym.at/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ibdp\\_en.pdf](https://lisa.europagym.at/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ibdp_en.pdf)

## 16. Timetable / Substitutions

### Timetables

Your child will get his or her current timetable from the respective homeroom teacher. If a teacher is ill or attending a course, the lesson will usually be substituted (Grades 5 – 8/Years 1 – 4). Your child needs to check the timetable regularly on the school homepage or the screens situated on the ground and third floor.

### Substitutions

Please follow these steps to access information concerning scheduling/cancellations:

[www.europagym.at](http://www.europagym.at) - top column, click on intern, Webuntis (Supplierplan)

Benutzername: schueler

Passwort: suppl

Click on Stundenplan (schedule) - Click on Klassen (classes), choose your child's class

Choose the date in the calendar on the left side.

The following schedule is displayed on the screens at school:

### Abbreviations:

Klasse(n)	Stunde	Vertreter	Fach	Raum	(Lehrer)	(Le.) nach	Art	Vertretungs-Text
1a	5	BI		R1A	DU		Vertretung	
1b	1	HZ	BE	RBE1	WH		Vertretung	
1b	2	LI	RK	RBE1	WH		Vertretung	
1d	6	SO	D	R1D	DU		Vertretung	
1m	4	SA	GW	RBU1	KO		Vertretung	
2a	3	LG	RK	R2A	KG		Vertretung	
2c	5	WL	RK	RIN3	WL		Raum-Vtr.	Raumänderung
2a	?	BA	TW	R2G	DU		Vertretung	

BE (Arts)

BESP (Physical Education)

BSP (Drama)

BU (Biology)

CH (Chemistry)

D (German)

DLFS (German as a foreign language)

E (English)

Ecls (Economics)

ETH (Ethics)

F (French)

GW (Geography and Economics)

H (History)

INF (Computer Sciences)

IT (Italian)

L (Latin)

M (Mathematics)

ME (Music)

PH (Physics)

PUP (Psychology and Philosophy)

RE (Religion, protestant)

RK (Religion, catholic)

SP (Spanish)

TG (Textile Design)

TW (Technical Design)



## 17. Non-regular and Regular Students, Grades and Report Cards

International students enter LISA as non-regular students. The status of a non-regular student is granted to students from abroad who can for some reason not fulfil the requirements in compulsory subjects. The school offers special courses ('crash courses') in order to allow these students to catch up. They are given a certain time to catch up with the rest of the class, and as soon as they have reached the level stated in the curriculum of the grade in question, their status will be transferred to that of a regular student. Non-regular students will receive a "Schulbesuchsbestätigung" = school enrolment confirmation with grades. This document is similar to a "Jahreszeugnis" = report card and has the same significance with regard to passing the school year.

Regular students are required to attend all mandatory subjects outlined in the Austrian curriculum and obtain passing grades in each of these subjects. If a student receives a failing grade in one or two of these subjects, they are given the opportunity to participate in make-up examinations (known as "Wiederholungsprüfungen") at the start of the first school week in September of the subsequent school year.

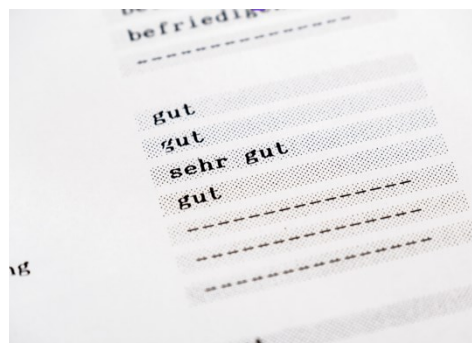
Upon the conclusion of the school year, there is a class-teacher conference that determines whether a student can progress to the next grade. This decision is based on the annual "Schulbesuchsbestätigung" (attendance certificate) or report card. If the report card displays a single failing mark ("Nicht genügend"), the student can usually advance to the next grade if they have performed well in all other subjects except the one where the failing mark was received. However, if the class conference does not grant permission for advancement with a single failing mark, the student is required to take an exam (Wiederholungsprüfung) specifically in the subject they did not pass (as mentioned earlier).

In case of **more than two negative marks**, the class has to be repeated, i.e. the student is not allowed to advance to the next higher class.

**Students who fail to attend classes regularly cannot be assessed at all. According to Austrian regulations, the student can apply for examinations (Nachtragsprüfungen) to compensate for absences.**

### Grades

- 1 = sehr gut (excellent)
- 2 = gut (good)
- 3 = befriedigend (satisfactory)
- 4 = genügend (sufficient)
- 5 = ungenügend (insufficient = not pass)



The annual school report (Jahreszeugnis or Schulbesuchsbestätigung) is handed out at the end of every academic year. It is relevant for the advancement to the next higher class. At the end of the winter term, a 'semester' report (**Schulnachricht**) is issued in order to inform the parents of the achievement level of each student.

## 18. First Academic Language and “Mother Tongue”

At LISA every student is registered with a first academic language or “Mother Tongue”. This is the **strongest academic language** of a student. Usually, the mother tongue language is also the strongest academic language. At LISA, when we speak of the “mother tongue” this is the first academic language of a student.

Example First Academic Language vs. Mother Tongue:

It could be that a student speaks e.g. Spanish as a mother tongue at home but has always been attending international school with English as an academic language. The student speaks Spanish but has little writing skills. In this case, we would consider English the first academic language and the student is registered with English as a “Mother Tongue” at LISA.

### IB Information concerning language choice

All students who want to obtain the Austrian Matura are required to pass these subjects during Grades 9-12 (Years 5 – 8):

- German as a mother tongue
- English as a first foreign language
- Mathematics

**The Ministry of Austria does not offer the Matura examination (to students with mother tongues other than German.**

Students who have English or a different mother tongue (other than German) are able and allowed to complete the IB Diploma Programme. Attending both German and English mother tongue lessons at the same time is not possible as they take place at the same time.

All students with a mother tongue other than German are required to attend German as a foreign language course. This course also does not prepare them for the Austrian Matura exams.

Students who have a mother tongue other than German or English have two possibilities:

- They complete the mother tongue language programme at LISA. These students are also allowed to complete a “self-taught” language in the IB programme. While guidance is provided by the school for this IB course, it is recommended that the student obtain support from native teachers of their language. Please find more information about the mother tongue programme on our website: <https://lisa.europagym.at/learning-languages/>  
In this case, students have the right to drop one of the additional language courses (F, Sp, L, It).
- They declare the better of the two languages (German or English) as their mother tongue and are then required to pass this course.

In any case, all international students with a different first academic language than German are required to attend German as a foreign language.

## 19. LISA Languages and LISA Economics The Academy Programme

### Lower Classes

#### LISA Languages or LISA Economics?

The students of Grade 6 (Year 2) will choose their courses in their area of interest at the end of the first semester of Grade 6 (Year 2). Then they will decide whether they will follow the Economics or Languages curriculum starting in Grade 7 (Year 3). The classes will only be split for the elective subjects. Thus the social structure of the classes will remain intact at least to the end of Grade 8 (Year 4).

**LISA Languages:** Austrian 8-year grammar school programme with French starting in Year 3 and Italian, Latin or Spanish in Year 5 (approximately conforms to a language grammar school (= neusprachliches Gymnasium), Drama starting in Year 1).

**LISA Economics:** Austrian 8-year grammar school programme with IT and Chemistry starting in Grade 7 (Year 3) and French, Italian, Latin or Spanish as well as Economics from Grade 9 (Year 5) (equivalent to a wirtschaftskundliches Realgymnasium), Drama starting in Grade 5 (Year 1).

Please visit our website for the full curriculum (overview of subjects and amount of lessons per week) of LISA Languages and LISA Economics: <https://lisa.europagym.at/lessons/>

### Upper Classes

#### LISA Languages, LISA Economics or the Academy Programme?

Only candidates with German as a mother tongue are able to sit the Matura exams. Thus, a separation is necessary:

Students with German as a first academic language	à	Matura & IB Diploma Programme Classes: LISA Languages & LISA Economics
Students with a different first academic language than German	à	IB Diploma Programme Classes: The Academy Programme

Pupils in the LISA Languages and LISA Economics branches will be prepared to sit both the Austrian Matura Exams and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme final exams (IB DP exams).

Pupils in the Academy Programme branch are only being prepared for the IB Diploma exams.

Non-native German-speaking pupils starting at our school before Grade 11 (Year 7) will automatically be placed in the LISA Economics programme. Once they have been assigned to a class, they will be expected to take all subjects (until the end of Grade 10 (Year 6)).

Students entering the school in the upper grades (Grades 9 – 11) will be placed in the LISA Academy Programme starting in Grade 11 (Year 7) because they are not qualified to sit the Austrian Matura exams. **These pupils have to decide before entering Grade 11 (Year 7) which subjects they will choose for the IB Diploma Programme.**

## LISA Academy Programme

The LISA Academy Programme is for international pupils with a mother tongue other than German. Being able to master the English language in spoken and written form is necessary in order for the pupils to participate fully in the courses. Thus, pupils are able to prepare for higher education. They will have regular or non-regular student status and will receive either an official report card at the end of Grade 12/Year 8 (regular) or a certificate of attendance with grades in subjects taken (non-regular) and will graduate from the LISA with the IB Diploma.

In addition to the six subjects chosen for the IB Diploma, Academy Programme pupils have to attend the following classes: Physical Education, German as a Foreign Language, English as a mother tongue/Self Taught (IBO mother tongue programme) and assigned study hours. Their weekly school hours are approximately similar to those in the LISA Economics classes. Individual overbooking of courses is possible in accordance with the IB coordinator when choosing IB subjects in Grade 10 (Year 6). Due to administrative restrictions, changes will not be possible thereafter.

In order to apply to the LISA Academy Programme, placement tests and a placement interview are necessary. Depending on the results, you will be informed whether you have been accepted into the programme. Not being able to master German on a very high level (mother tongue) results in the inability to sit the Austrian National Exam (Matura). Being able to master English as a first or second language is necessary in order to follow courses.

### Academic Achievements of international students and Academy-Students (Grades 11 and 12/Years 7 and 8)

- In order to successfully complete the school year, Academy students will have to attend all lessons in all chosen subjects. Absences not excused have to be compensated. More than 30 unexcused lessons will result in deregistration from school. Absences due to illness excused by a doctor's note will be accepted.
- International students (Grades 5-11/Year 1-7) have to achieve positive results in all subjects. Academy students (Grade 11 and 12/Year 7 and 8) choose at least 6 IB Subjects, TOK and need to attend Sports, German as a foreign language and social studies/study hours. In case of a negative mark in one or two subjects, students have the opportunity to take make-up examinations (*Wiederholungsprüfungen*) at the beginning of the first school week in September of the following school year.
- Academy students of Grade 12/Year 8 will receive a "Schulbesuchsbestätigung" = enrolment certificate with grades or report card.
- Students who break the school rules will not be entitled to receive reference letters, or they will receive reference letters that reflect their performance. Those students are not entitled to any help concerning their application for university, e.g. how to write a motivation letter, university advice, etc.



## School Fees

### 20. Financial Matters

Unlike other international schools, the LISA is publicly funded. In order to finance services that exceed the budget provided by the federal government of Austria, the LISA Support Association administers the annual membership fee.

The annual membership fee per school year:

- 600 € per student
- 500 € reduced rate for siblings

The annual membership fee for the Academy Programme per school year:

- 2400 € for the Grade 11/Year 7 Academy Programme
- 2400 € for the Grade 12/Year 8 Academy Programme

The Academy Programme fee includes items such as the basic subject IB and self-taught language exam fees, as well as the costs for a science study trip.

#### FAQ

- When and how do I have to pay? You will receive a payment request including bank transfer instructions, in October. The payment deadline is usually mid of November.
- Can I pay the annual membership fee in instalments? Yes. However, payment plans are only available upon individual request.
- What are the payment options for the Academy Programme fee? Full payment is either due in September/October or two instalments that can be made in September/October and Feb. Or, eight monthly instalments can be made Sept. through April (standing order via bank institute).

For further questions regarding the membership fee, please contact [lisa@europagym.at](mailto:lisa@europagym.at)

#### Overview LISA:

	LISA Languages	LISA Economics	LISA Academy Programme
<b>Entrance</b>	anytime	anytime	starting in Grade 11 (Year 7)
<b>Fee</b>	600€ per year	600€ per year	2400€ per year
<b>Final Exams</b>	Austrian National Exams (Matura) and/or IB Diploma	Austrian National Exams (Matura) and/or IB Diploma	IB Diploma
<b>Official report card of class 8</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes for regular students. Non-regular students: (Schulbesuchsbestätigung; certificate with grades in subjects taken)
<b>Ability to study in Austria</b>	Very good, also in subjects without the Matura; especially with the Matura and IB Diploma	Very good, also in subjects without the Matura; especially with the Matura and IB Diploma	Good, but depending on chosen IB subjects, otherwise application restrictions (e.g. FH)
<b>Ability to study abroad</b>	Very good, especially with 2 diplomas (e.g. GB – both additive)	Very good, especially with 2 diplomas (e.g. GB – both additive)	Good, especially with high IB DP Diploma scores
<b>Careers in local/federal government</b>	With the Matura= B-wertig* IB Diploma only partially recognized	With the Matura= B-wertig* IB Diploma only partially recognized	IB Diploma only partially recognized

\* Matura is a prerequisite

## Important Events

### 21. Yearly Events

**Walkathon:** This annual event in Autumn is a fundraiser for a good cause and helps the students to develop social skills.



**Drama Performances:**

During the school year, LISA classes and their Drama teachers put interesting performances on stage. All the LISA families are cordially invited to attend. The school homepage and posters at the school inform about dates and times.

**Parent Teacher Conference:** A few weeks before Christmas, a Parent Teacher Conference provides the possibility for parents to meet the teachers for one afternoon. However, it is then only possible to make appointments for 5-10 minutes, for which you have to register online. If you have an issue you want to talk about in detail, it is recommended to meet the respective teacher during his or her office hours to be found on the school website: Kontakt => Lehrer-Sprechstunden

**Spring Gala:** For this event, students from all grades write, rehearse and perform plays and provide musical entertainment as well as a rich buffet.



**LISA Summer Event:** This takes place at the end of every school year, usually on the Friday one week before the end of term. The location changes from year to year. The students, teachers and parents take part in organising the event.

**IB Ceremony/Graduation Ceremony:** The Graduation Ceremony takes place in the first week of July.



## 22. Important Student Events

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade/Year 1:** Getting-to-know days: Each class goes away with their homeroom teacher to get to know each other for three days.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade/Year 2:** 3 days winter sport trip
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade/Year 3:** Project week with outdoor and teambuilding activities
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade/Year 4:** Language week together with their homeroom teacher.  
In February, students have to decide which additional language they will study starting in Grade 9.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade/Year 5:** The students can take part in an exchange programme with a school from another country. Where they go depends on the availability of partner schools. In the past years, LISA students have travelled e.g. to Japan.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade/Year 6:** IB courses are introduced and have to be selected by the end of January in Grade 10 (Year 6). The courses start in Grade 11 (Year 7), but to allow enough time to organise students and teachers, the decision needs to be made this early. The students will take part in an exchange programme with a school from another country. Where they go depends on the availability of partner schools. In the past years, LISA classes have travelled to South Africa and Spain.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade/Year 7:** The IB-standard level courses start. The LISA-Language students travel to France for one week, where they stay with French families and attend French lessons in a language school.  
The LISA-Economics classes spend a week abroad or in another country learning about special economic issues.  
At the end of the school year, there is a two days science excursion to, e.g. Munich.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade/Year 8:** In January, May and June, the Matura and IB exams take place.

## Life in Linz

Below you will find information regarding living in Linz. We are confident that once your family has settled in and all logistical matters are taken care of, you will be eager to explore the city of Linz. Therefore, we have included a list of popular attractions and helpful information for your daily life.

### 23. Emergency Numbers and Local Hospitals



Below you will find pertinent information regarding emergency numbers, local hospitals, shopping, and other helpful hints to have at your fingertips. We are confident that once your family has settled in and all logistical matters are taken care of, you will be eager to explore the city of Linz! Therefore, we have included a list of popular attractions and leisure activities for families in the city.

#### Emergency phone numbers in Austria

In case of an emergency call:

**Fire:** 122

**Police:** 133

**Ambulance:** 144

In a medical emergency always call 144 or 141 (Ärztendienst)

**Emergency service hotline for poisoning:** +43 (0)1/406 43 43

#### Local Hospitals

**Please note:** First you have to find out, which hospital has „admission day“:

<https://www.kepleruniklinikum.at/patienten-angehoerige/krank-was-tun/aufnahmekalender/>

(in German)

#### Local Hospitals

Krankenhaus Barmherzige Brüder, Seilerstätte 2, +43 (0) 732 / 7897-0

Krankenhaus Barmherzige Schwestern, Seilerstätte 4. +43 (0) 732 / 7677-0

Kepler Universitätsklinikum Med Campus III, Krankenhausstraße 9, +43 (0) 5 768083-0

Diakonissen-Krankenhaus, Weißenwolfstraße 15, +43 (0) 732 / 7675-0

Krankenhaus der Elisabethinen, Fadingerstraße 1, +43 (0) 732 / 7676-0

Kepler Universitätsklinikum Med Campus IV, Krankenhausstraße 26-30, +43 (0) 5 768084-0

Kepler Universitätsklinikum Neuromed Campus, Wagner-Jauregg-Weg 15, +43 (0) 5 768087-0

Unfallkrankenhaus der AUVA (UKH), Garnisonstraße 7, +43 (0) 9393-42000

Further information about Health and Hospitals:

[https://www.linz.at/serviceguide/viewchapter.php?chapter\\_id=121384](https://www.linz.at/serviceguide/viewchapter.php?chapter_id=121384) (German language)

<https://www.linz.at/english/life/health.php> (English language)

In Austria, all medications can only be purchased in pharmacies (Apotheken)





## 24. Shopping in Linz

**School Supplies:** TABAK opposite of school, Libro, Thalia

**Common stores** are Billa, Spar (InterSpar, EuroSpar, Penny, Hofer (Aldi), Lidl, Merkur, Unimarkt, Maximarkt (open times Monday – Saturday mornings to evenings)

**Local Green/Farmer's Markets:** Südbahnhofmarkt, Farmers Market Main Square (Hauptplatz), Green Market Urfahr

**Shopping Malls in and around Linz:**

Plus City – <https://www.pluscity.at> – in Pasching, parking free

Lentia City – <https://www.lentiacity.at> – Linz Urfahr, parking free for 2 hours

Haid Center – <https://www.haidcenter.at> – Ansfelden, parking free

**Clothes:** You will find in all malls and in Linz City, Landstraße

**Sport Stores:** Intersport, Sports Direct, Sport Outlet Pasching, Sport 2000

**Furniture:** Ansfelden IKEA, KIKA, Mömax, Linz KIKA

**Electronic:** Media Markt, Conrad (Leonding), e-Tec

## 25. Restaurants and traditional Austrian Food

**Restaurants with traditional Austrian food:** Stiegl Klosterhof, Stadtliebe, Josef, Rauchkuchl, Jack the Ripperl, Promenadenhof

**Many international restaurants:** like Chinese, Italian, Asian, American

## 26. Local opening Times

**Shops:** Generally 09:00 - 18:00/19:00 (Mon to Sat)

**Banks:** Generally Mon to Fri 08:00 - 12:30 and 13:30 to 15:00 (Thursday until 17:30)

**Restaurants:** Generally between 11:00 - 15:00 and 18:00 – midnight.

Many restaurants in Linz are closed on Sundays.

**City administration:** <https://www.linz.at/english/life/343.php>

**Please note:** All banks and most shops/supermarkets are closed on Sundays and National Holidays. (Spar Hauptbahnhof (main train station) is open daily from 5 am to 11 pm!)

## 27. Highlights of Linz

**Ars Electronica Center:** The interactive experience. Exciting exhibitions of digital technology are at home here in the building with its brightly lit animated façade.

**Botanical Garden Linz:** It is among the most beautiful gardens in Europe. Over an area of 43.000m<sup>2</sup> are more than 10.000 various types of plants to admire.

**Voestalpine Stahlwelt:** An interactive, multi-media experience based on the world of steel. A walk-in work of art where technology and people meet.

**Castle Museum Linz:** The largest universal museum in Austria accommodates permanent exhibitions of nature and technology as well as current special exhibitions.

**Landstraße:** The central shopping district. Aside from Vienna's Mariahilfer Straße the most important shopping promenade in Austria.

**Lentos Kunstmuseum:** The museum of contemporary and modern art.

**New Cathedral (Mariendom):** Austria's largest cathedral. The neo-Gothic church impresses with its tower, which is only a foot lower than the St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna.

**Linzer Torte:** The sweet ambassador. The first recipe originated in 1653, making it the oldest cake recipe in the world.

**Main Square:** The main square (Hauptplatz) in Linz is not only the largest urban square in Europe but with its baroque façades and the impressive Trinity Column, a highlight of the city and the perfect starting point for a scenic day excursion.

**Pöstlingberg:** One of the town's landmarks. The distinctive Wallfahrtsbasilika (parish church) stands picturesquely above Linz. The "Grottenbahn" and splendid panoramic view of the provincial capital await you.

Further information listed separately: Museums and Exhibition, Theater and Stages, Events, Activities, Gastronomy: <https://www.linztourismus.at/en/leisure/discover-linz> and <https://www.linz.at/english/index.php>

LISA school is located in the North of Linz, also called "Mühlviertel Area". In the hilly county side with many farmers located. You will find many nice places to visit:

<https://www.muehlviertel.at/themen/das-ganze-jahr/ausflugstipps/ausflugsziele.html>

## 28. Sports Associations and Clubs

Some information can be obtained from the LISA Administration Mo-Fr 8.00-10.00 via F:

+43 (0)732/24 58 67 – 23 or mail: [LISA@europagym.at](mailto:LISA@europagym.at)

Brigitte Lenz at the LISA administration office has more information on sports clubs in Linz (Mon-Fri, 8:00 am to 10:00 am)

<https://www.linz.at/english/life/7407.php>

<http://portal.linz.gv.at/Serviceguide/viewChapter.html?chapterid=121390> (in German)

## 29. Useful Documents for Families

### Aktivpass

For people who are not working, Linz offers the Aktivpass. With it, you get discounts on Volkshochschule-classes, the library, museums, and Linz AG passes. To be eligible, one must earn less than 1000 EUR per month and be registered as a Linz citizen. With a passport, a passport photo, and proof of Linz residency, one can apply at the city library, the Bürgerservice centre, and elsewhere.

Further information: <http://portal.linz.gv.at/Serviceguide/viewChapter.html?chapterid=121421> (in German).

### Familienkarte

Offers good discounts on museums, events, and ÖBB train tickets. The application is at [www.Familienkarte.at](http://www.Familienkarte.at)

## 30. Education System in Austria

There are **nine years of compulsory education** in Austria, beginning at the age of six, children attend primary schools. Children of school age who are not ready for school are enrolled in the preparatory pre-school programme of primary schools. After four years of primary school education, for the first time, the system branches out to three types of general education schools, i.e.

- the new secondary school (Neue Mittelschule) and
- academic secondary school (Allgemein Bildende Höhere Schule (“Gymnasium”), e.g. **LISA**).

Upon completion of **secondary level I** (years 5-8), young people move on to **secondary level II** (years 9-12). They may choose between a total of four education pathways: level II academic secondary schools, secondary technical and vocational colleges (BHS), secondary technical and vocational schools (BMS), as well as a pre-vocational year (one-year course).

Young people who graduate from upper-level secondary courses providing general or vocational education and training may enrol in universities, universities of applied sciences, academies, and post-secondary colleges. Standard matriculation examinations (Reifeprüfung=Matura), entrance examinations (Studienberechtigungsprüfung) or vocational matriculation examinations (Berufsreifeprüfung) provide access to **tertiary-level education**. Those having completed vocational training may attend a school for master craftsmen/craftswomen or foremen/forewomen.

Previous diploma courses have been gradually replaced by bachelor courses (six to eight semesters) followed by master courses (another two to four semesters). The formally highest post-graduate qualification is a PhD. In the field of education, law-making and law enforcement powers are shared by the Federal Government and the Länder (federal states). The Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture (BMUKK) is the supreme supervisory authority for primary and secondary education, while the Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMWF) is responsible for tertiary education.

The institutional framework and formal structure of the Austrian education system are illustrated on the next page.

Information concerning IB in LISA: Mr. Kim (KO@europagym.at)

## 31. Education in Linz

### English Language Kindergarten and Schools in Linz

- Anton Bruckner International School, Aubrunnerweg 43, 4040 Linz, [www.antonbruckner-is.at](http://www.antonbruckner-is.at)
- LISA Linz International School Auhof, Aubrunnerweg 4, 4040 Linz, [www.europagym.at/lisa](http://www.europagym.at/lisa)
- Englische Spielschule Linz (English kindergarten), Spittelwiese 15, 4020 Linz, [www.playschool.at/](http://www.playschool.at/)

### Several institutions in Linz offer German language learning courses (“Deutsch”-classes) for non-German speakers as well as courses to learn other languages:

- Volkshochschule Linz Wissensturm, Kärntnerstraße 26, 4020 Linz, T: +43 (0)732-7070-0, [vhskurs.linz.gv.at/index.php?kathaupt=1&katid=63&katvaterid=57](http://vhskurs.linz.gv.at/index.php?kathaupt=1&katid=63&katvaterid=57)
- WIFI Oberösterreich, Wiener Straße Nr. 150, 4021 Linz, T: +43 (0)5-7000-77, <https://www.wifi-ooe.at/>
- Berufsförderungsinstitut OÖ, Raimundstr. 3, 4021 Linz, T: +43 (0)732 6922-0, [www.bfi-ooe.at](http://www.bfi-ooe.at)
- Arcobaleno, Verein Begegnungen, Friedhofstraße 6, 4020 Linz, +43 (0)732 605897, [www.arcobaleno.info](http://www.arcobaleno.info)
- **Music lessons for schoolchildren:** Musikschule Linz, Fabrikstraße 10, 4020 Linz, T: +43 (0)732/7070-0, <http://www.linz.at/musikschule/> (in German)

## 32. Universities and Colleges

- **Johannes Kepler Universität Linz**, Altenbergerstr. 69, 4040 Linz, [www.jku.at](http://www.jku.at), (a short walk from LISA, nice recreation area, too).
- **Universität für künstlerische und industrielle Gestaltung** (University of Art and Industrial Design), Hauptplatz 8, 4010 Linz, [www.ufg.ac.at](http://www.ufg.ac.at)
- **Anton Bruckner Privatuniversität** (Private Musical University), Hagenstraße 57, 4040 Linz, [www.bruckneruni.at](http://www.bruckneruni.at)
- **Katholisch-Theologische Privatuniversität Linz** (Private Catholic Theological University), Bethlehemstr. 20, 4020 Linz, [www.ku-linz.at/universitaet/](http://www.ku-linz.at/universitaet/)

### Upper Austrian Colleges / Universities of Applied Science

- **FH OÖ Management GmbH**, Franz-Fritsch-Str. 11/Top 3, 4600 Wels, [www.fh-ooe.at](http://www.fh-ooe.at)
- **FH OÖ Studienbetriebs GmbH, Campus Hagenberg**, Softwarepark 11, 4232 Hagenberg, [www.fh-ooe.at/campus-hagenberg](http://www.fh-ooe.at/campus-hagenberg)
- **FH OÖ Studienbetriebs GmbH, Campus Linz**, Garnisonstr. 21, 4020 Linz, [www.fh-ooe.at/campus-linz](http://www.fh-ooe.at/campus-linz)
- **FH Studienbetriebs GmbH, Campus Wels**, Stelzhamerstr. 23, 4600 Wels, [www.fh-ooe.at/campus-wels](http://www.fh-ooe.at/campus-wels)

Further information: <https://www.linz.at/english/life/education.php>

### 33. Additional helpful Organisations

Organisation	Offers
<p><b>BFI</b> (Berufsförderungsinstitut Upper Austria)                      6 different offices,                      Main office at Bulgariplatz                      Tel: +43 (0)732/692245  <a href="http://www.bfi-ooe.at">www.bfi-ooe.at</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integration and empowerment</li> <li>• German courses and diplomas for migrants and refugees</li> <li>• Hauptschulabschluss (general education certificate)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Migrare</b>                      (center for migrants in Upper Austria)                      Main office at Humboldtstraße 49/6                      Contact: Tel: +43 (0)732/667363  <a href="http://www.migration.at">www.migration.at</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counselling services (employment, legal and social issues, health, educational, etc.)</li> <li>• Interpretation and Translation (German, Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Turkish, Albanian, English, Ibo, Pashto, Dari)</li> <li>• Strength-oriented assessment of students and employees</li> <li>• Triangulum: youth training project</li> </ul>
<p><b>Arcobaleno</b> (International center)                      Friedhofstraße 6 (in the courtyard)                      Tel: +43 (0)732/605897  <a href="http://www.arcobaleno.info">www.arcobaleno.info</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• German courses for children, teens</li> <li>• Tutoring (Maths, English, German,...)</li> <li>• Social contacts</li> </ul>
<p><b>Maiz</b> (only for women 16 and older!)                      Scharitzerstraße 6-8                      Tel. +43 (0)732/ 776070  <a href="http://www.maiz.at">www.maiz.at</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• German courses for women</li> <li>• Preparation for general education certificate (Hauptschulabschluss)</li> <li>• “Picks up youths where they are”</li> </ul>

## 34. Helpful Websites

<b>Welcome2 Upper Austria</b>	<a href="https://www.welcome2upperaustria.com">https://www.welcome2upperaustria.com</a>
<b>Expats in Linz and Austria</b>	<a href="https://www.internations.org/linz-expats">https://www.internations.org/linz-expats</a>
<b>Governmental Benefits for Schoolchildren</b>	<a href="https://www.help.gv.at/Portal.Node/hlpd/public/en">https://www.help.gv.at/Portal.Node/hlpd/public/en</a> (Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth. Contents: e.g. Family & Childcare Benefits, such as Family Allowance or Public Transportation to School...)
<b>General Tourist Information</b>	<a href="http://www.linz.at/english/tourism/209.asp">http://www.linz.at/english/tourism/209.asp</a> Contact: Linz City Tourist Board, Hauptplatz 1, 4020 Linz, Tel. +43 (0)732 7070 2009, E-Mail: <a href="mailto:tourist.info@linz.at">tourist.info@linz.at</a>
<b>Healthy in Linz</b>	<a href="http://www.linz.at/english/life/health.asp">www.linz.at/english/life/health.asp</a> (Contents: Hospital Admission Days, List of Doctors who speak English and other languages...)
<b>Information for Expatriates in Upper Austria</b>	<a href="http://www.migration.gv.at/en/">http://www.migration.gv.at/en/</a>
<b>Just Landed</b>	<a href="http://www.justlanded.com/english/Austria/">http://www.justlanded.com/english/Austria/</a> (Contents: Visas and Permits, Housing and Rentals, Language, Education, Culture, Jobs...)
<b>Linz City Experience</b>	<a href="https://www.linz.at/english/life/culture.php">https://www.linz.at/english/life/culture.php</a>
<b>English Speaking Clubs</b>	Austro-American Society (Upper Austria): <a href="http://www.aas-ooe.at/">http://www.aas-ooe.at/</a>
<b>Recreation Areas Around Linz</b>	<a href="https://www.linztourismus.at/en/leisure/discover-linz/activities/nature/parks/">https://www.linztourismus.at/en/leisure/discover-linz/activities/nature/parks/</a>
<b>Restaurants in Linz</b>	Hotspots in Linz: <a href="https://www.hotspots-linz.at/">https://www.hotspots-linz.at/</a> (in German) Falstaff Restaurant Guide: <a href="https://www.falstaff.at/f/restaurants/#;default;entity:restaurant;region.country:%C3%96sterreich;region.state:Ober%C3%B6sterreich;region.city:Linz">https://www.falstaff.at/f/restaurants/#;default;entity:restaurant;region.country:%C3%96sterreich;region.state:Ober%C3%B6sterreich;region.city:Linz</a> (in German) Linz genießen: <a href="https://www.linztourismus.at/freizeit/reise-planen/naechtigen/packages/deinestadt/kulinarik-geniessen/">https://www.linztourismus.at/freizeit/reise-planen/naechtigen/packages/deinestadt/kulinarik-geniessen/</a>