



U.S. Diploma Information Night

January 11, 2024

Class of 2026

Agenda



- Diploma Program Overview
- Transcripts
- Abi/Diploma Comparison
- University Considerations
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Important Dates

Diploma Program



- JFKS is Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
- **The High School Diploma** is recognized by universities in the United States and Canada as well as American universities overseas.
- **The High School Diploma + AP exam scores** may allow students to enter universities around the world, including Germany, the Netherlands, and the U.K.



Diploma Graduation Requirements

English	4 Credits
Social Studies	4 Credits (1 credit required in U.S. History)
Science	4 Credits
Math	3 Credits (U.S. Colleges prefer 4 credits)
P.E./Sport	2 Credits (must take every semester at JFKS)
German	1 Credit for each year of attendance at JFKS (Many U.S. Colleges require 1-3 years of the same language)
Electives to Total	<u>26 Credits minimum</u>

28 class periods minimum per week required

Changes cannot be made from Diploma to Abi after 11th grade begins

Transcripts



- Lists **all** classes and grades since 9th grade
 - Grade 9 and 10 - ONE year-long grade
 - Grade 11 and 12 - TWO semester grades
- Grade Point Average (**GPA**) on a 4.0 scale
- **Decile Ranking** within the entire graduating class
- Does **not** include:
 - Attendance
 - Activities or community service
 - SAT, ACT or AP exam scores
 - Any diagnosis or accommodations

Some Comparisons



Diploma

Taught primarily in **English**

A university-preparatory diploma, when **combined with AP exams**, can access universities worldwide

Must meet credit requirements, but can choose from a variety of courses

Choose the rigor of schedule and how many AP classes/exams to take each year

Courses are **one year** in length

Abitur

Taught primarily in **German**

A university-preparatory diploma with access to universities worldwide

Must take a specific set of standardized classes, the same as other Abitur students

Must choose two Leistungskurse (LK's) and three additional exams

Written exams (2 LK's and 1 GK) cover **two years** of material



College & University Considerations

UK & Netherlands

UK: 3-5 passing AP Exams. Higher scores = more competitive.

Netherlands:
Unweighted 3.0 GPA
+ 3-4 passing AP Exams

United States

Grades are more important than AP exam scores.

Some schools may require SAT/ACT.

Extracurriculars are important

Germany

Unweighted 3.0 GPA+

4 passing AP Exams in specific combination (depending on course).

See [College Planning for Abitur and Diploma Students](#) on JFKS website for more information.

Quality over Quantity!



Advanced Placement (AP)

- Administered by the College Board
- **College-level courses**
- Globally recognized
 - **AP classes** on a transcript show rigor and ability to master college-level work.
 - **AP exams** - can give you college credit (USA) and are used in university admissions in Germany, Netherlands, UK, and many other countries

[Click Here for University Policies on Granting AP Credit](#)

JFKS AP Courses



- 2D Art & Design
- Art History (alternating years)
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Comparative Government & Politics
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- Drawing
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition
- European History
- French Language & Culture
- Seminar (Grade 10/2-year with Research)
- Spanish Language & Culture
- Statistics
- Music Theory
- Physics 1 and Physics 2 (2 exams)
- Physics C: Mechanics and Electricity & Magnetism (2 exams)
- Psychology
- Research (Grade 11/2-year with Seminar)
- U.S. History

[Link to Information about JFKS AP Classes](#)

Advanced Placement Classes & Mental Health

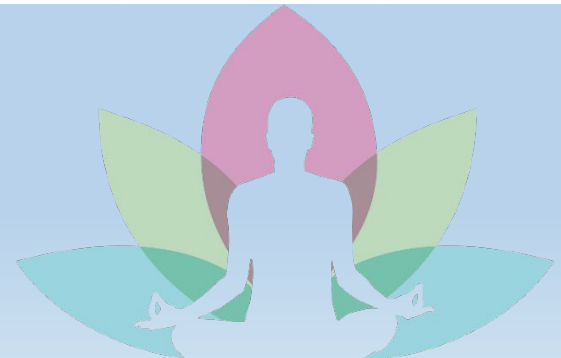
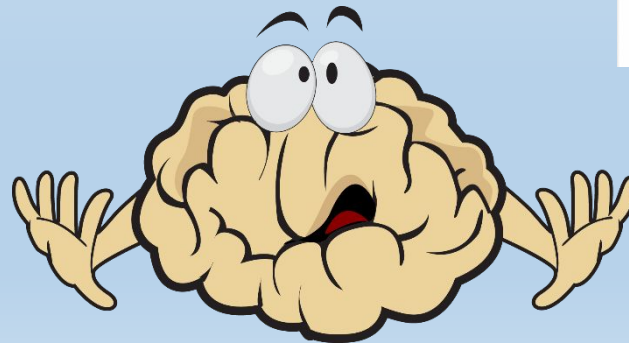
- How many should you take?
- What are your future goals?
- What are your other commitments?
- Don't overload yourself!

• **Mental Health**

• **Sleep**

• **Life**

• **BALANCE**



Course Selection Timeline



- *Schnupperwoche*: **January 16th - 22nd**
 - If undecided, explore both Abi and AP classes
- Register your diploma decision by **February 2**
- Diploma Course Selection Meeting: **February 14**
 - For parents and students (online)
- Individual course selection meetings start **February 15** for Diploma students

[Click Here to Register Diploma Decision](#)

Remember, deadline is February 2nd

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