



Language Policy - Elverum VGS

We believe that the understanding of languages and the ability to communicate is essential in order to both participate and feel included in the society. We recognize that the understanding of different languages is the very foundation for students to become internationally-minded citizens.

At Elverum VGS most students have a background from the Norwegian school system where they study English from class 1. Many of our students begin studying a second foreign language from class 8 (Spanish, German, French, Italian, Russian being the most common languages). This means that the very majority of our students have a good understanding of at least one foreign language when enrolling the IB-programme.

To strengthen and develop languages, we are offering the following language options:

Norwegian Literature A (SL or HL)

English Language and Literature A (SL and HL)

Norwegian B (SL and HL)

Language A self-taught (SL)

Students with another mother tongue than Norwegian or English can choose to study Literature A self-taught. Students taking Literature A self-taught will participate in the English A or Norwegian A classes (depending on what language they know best) to be able to practice their skills and to understand the requirements of the course.

The school encourages students to aim for the bilingual diploma.

The school will provide booklists for students taking on Language A self-taught.

The school is also offering the following extracurricular language activities:

If students wish to study French, German or Norwegian, they can do so by following classes in the Norwegian programme that the school provides. They will achieve grades in these courses in accordance with the Norwegian grading system. The school will also support students who wish to take the Goete Zertifikat (German), Diplôme d'études en langue française, Delf (French) or Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera (Spanish).



How we act

As English is our common language platform at the IB-section, all subject teachers are also acting as language teachers, supporting students by assessing both written and spoken language and facilitating communication.

The working language at our IB-section is English why all information provided to students, teachers, and staff must be in English.

In order to further strengthen the use of English, the school library has set up an English section that provides both books and periodicals in English.

Information from the IB-department on the schools website is available in both English and Norwegian and information to parents is communicated in English and Norwegian.

In all classes, except from mother tongue classes, English is used as the language of instruction and students are expected to use English in all written and verbal communication. This is communicated to students by both teachers and staff to emphasize our mission of being an inclusive school where all students, teachers, and staff are welcome, regardless of origin.

Review of the school's language policy

This language policy document will be reviewed after each school year. the IB-coordinator is responsible for the reviewing process of the document. This document was last reviewed in June 2019