



SCHOOL PROFILE

Dębinka Bilingual Secondary School, Poznań, Poland

1. School Overview

Dębinka Bilingual Secondary School is a semi-private, four-year general secondary school located in Poznań, Poland. The school is operated by the Poznań Educational Association (Poznańskie Stowarzyszenie Oświatowe), a non-profit educational organization established in 1990.

The school follows the Polish National Curriculum while offering an extensive bilingual education program that develops students' academic English proficiency alongside with subject knowledge.

The High School was established in 2023 as the successor to Dębinka Lower Secondary School, following the reform of the Polish education system that phased out lower secondary schools.

Year established: 2023

Enrollment: 104 students

Faculty: 28 teachers

Average class size: 5–10 students

2. School History

Dębinka Bilingual Secondary School (DBSS) was founded in 2023 by the Poznań Educational Association. Together with Dębinka Primary School, it forms the Educational College of the Poznań Educational Association.

The school was established to provide academically ambitious students with an educational environment that combines high academic expectations with individualized instruction. Since its foundation, DBSS has focused on creating a learning community built upon cooperation among students, teachers and parents while maintaining strong international perspectives.

3. Mission and Educational Philosophy

The mission of Dębinka Bilingual Secondary School is to prepare young people for responsible citizenship and higher education by developing academic excellence, intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, independence, language proficiency and civic responsibility.

The school promotes mutual respect, openness, dialogue, social responsibility and appreciation of cultural diversity.

A fundamental element of the school's educational philosophy is bilingual education delivered through the CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) methodology.

The school also develops original curriculum in selected subjects, including Biology, Geography and History, in close cooperation with Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań (Departments of History, Polish Studies, Geography, Biology and Chemistry) and Poznań University of Economics and Business, particularly within the Mathematics–Geography–Economics academic pathway.

4. Academic Program

Students complete the Polish National Curriculum required for all general secondary schools.

Additionally, each student selects one of four academic pathways:

- Polish Language and History
- Mathematics, Geography and Economics
- Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science
- Biology and Chemistry

Within the bilingual program, selected subjects are taught partially in English using CLIL methodology.

Subjects currently offered bilingually include:

- History
- Biology
- Geography
- Computer Science

Students are encouraged to obtain internationally recognized English language certificates at CEFR levels C1 and C2 and are prepared for the Polish bilingual Matura examination in English.

5. Assessment and Grading

Final grades are awarded on the national six-point grading scale required by Polish educational law.

Grade	Description
6	Excellent (Outstanding Achievement)
5	Very Good
4	Good
3	Satisfactory

2	Passing
1	Failing

Final grades are determined in accordance with the school's Statute and Polish educational regulations.

For ongoing assessment, the school applies a point-based and percentage-based grading system. Each assessment is assigned with a specific point value that is converted into a percentage reflecting the student's mastery of the required knowledge and skills. This system provides transparent and objective information about student achievement throughout the academic year.

6. National Matura Examination

Graduates take the Polish National Matura Examination administered by the Central Examination Board (Centralna Komisja Egzaminacyjna).

The Matura examination is the national university entrance qualification required for admission to higher education institutions in Poland.

The first graduating class of Dębinka Bilingual Secondary School will take the examination in May 2027.

Although the school has not yet produced graduating classes, its predecessor, Dębinka Lower Secondary School, consistently ranked among the highest-performing schools in Poznań and Poland, achieving a 100% pass rate in national external examinations with average student performance ranging between 80% and 95%.

Comparable academic outcomes continue to be achieved by Dębinka Primary School, which belongs to the same Educational College.

7. Student Development

The school offers a broad range of educational projects, academic competitions, Olympiads, community service opportunities and extracurricular activities.

Students are encouraged to develop leadership, communication, teamwork and organizational skills while actively participating in school life and community initiatives.

8. International Cooperation

The school participates in international educational partnerships with educational institutions in Ireland and Spain.

These collaborations provide students with opportunities to develop intercultural competence, strengthen their English language skills and gain international educational experience.

9. University Preparation

The school actively supports students in planning their academic futures, both in Poland and abroad.

Guidance includes academic advising, university and career counseling, portfolio development and assistance with university application procedures.

10. The Polish Education System

General secondary education (Liceum Ogólnokształcące) is a four-year upper secondary school leading to the National Matura Examination.

Successful completion of the Matura is the primary qualification for admission to higher education institutions in Poland.

Curriculum requirements, grading policies and examination standards are established by the Polish Ministry of Education and implemented nationwide.

11. Graduate Profile

Graduates of Dębinka Bilingual Secondary School are prepared for university study in both Polish and international academic environments.

They demonstrate strong academic foundations, advanced English language proficiency, critical thinking, independent learning skills and the ability to collaborate effectively in multicultural settings.

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