

GISW Admissions Requirements



Thank you for your interest in the **German International School Washington D.C.** Provided below is a checklist of the items needed for your child's application to be considered for admission.

Middle School (Grades 5-9) and High School (Grades 10-11) Admissions Checklist

Admissions for the Middle and High school are competitive, and the application process includes a comprehensive review of the applicant's academic performance and potential. **Please follow the steps below via our Blackbaud Applicant Portal** to complete the admissions process:

1. **Application Form (required for all applicants)**
 - ☐ Complete the application for Grades 5-11 by creating an account via the Blackbaud Applicant Portal. (coming soon)
 - ☐ Pay non-refundable \$150 application fee via the Blackbaud Applicant Portal.
2. **Birth Certificate (required for all applicants) & Visa (if applicable, due before first day of school)**
 - ☐ Upload a copy of the student's birth certificate for age verification.
 - ☐ Upload a copy of a valid visa (for international students) via the Blackbaud Applicant Portal
3. **Health Form for Application (required for all Applicants)**
 - ☐ Submit the Parent Health Form (no doctor's appointment required) with application, available as download via the Blackbaud Applicant Portal.
4. **Emergency Contact & Medical Forms (required for all applicants, due before the first day of school)**
 - ☐ Complete medical and emergency contact information forms after acceptance to GISW via **Magnus Health**. You will receive an invitation to join Magnus, our health portal for medical documents, from service@magnushealthportal.com.
 - ☐ Provide up-to-date immunization records after acceptance to GISW via **Magnus Health**.
 - ☐ Submit physical examination records (typically within the last 12 months) after acceptance to GISW via **Magnus Health**.
5. **Student Transcript/Report Cards (required for all Applicants)**
 - ☐ Provide and download transcripts or report cards for the **last 4 years (Grades 5-9)** or **last 5 years (Grades 10-11)** via the Blackbaud Applicant Portal. Please note: **Grade 12 enrollment is not possible.**
6. **Teacher/School Recommendations (required for all Applicants)**
 - ☐ Request and submit **1-2 Recommendation Form(s)** from current teachers or school administrators who can speak to your student's academic performance and character via the Blackbaud Applicant Portal. At least one recommendation should be from a core academic subject teacher. Request and submit English and Math Recommendation Forms via the Blackbaud Applicant Portal from your child's current subject teachers.
7. **Student (Language) Assessment for FastTrack or Non-German-Speaking Parent (if applicable)**
 - ☐ GISW requires students to take an **English and Math entrance exam** (either in person or virtually) if applying for the [FastTrack program](#) (only Grade 5), and/or a language assessment (Grades 5-9) when at least one parent is non-German-speaking. You will receive an invitation from the Admissions Office.
8. **Parent/Student Interview & Tour (optional)**
 - ☐ Meet with the Admissions Office to discuss the child's needs, family's educational philosophy, and overall school fit. Book the meeting via the Blackbaud Applicant Portal.
 - ☐ Book a campus tour via the Blackbaud Applicant Portal.
9. **Check Application Status**
 - ☐ Parents may check their child's admissions status online by visiting the Blackbaud Applicant Portal. If you have questions about the admission application process, please contact us at admissions@giswashington.org.
10. **Tuition Assistance Program (Financial Aid) (if applicable)**
 - ☐ If applying for financial aid, submit the **Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST)** form by February 15. You may find more information on [the tuition page](#) on the GISW website.
11. **Non-Refundable Enrollment Fee (required for all students) & Contract Deposit (if applicable)**
 - ☐ GISW charges a \$2000 non-refundable enrollment fee upon acceptance.
 - ☐ Families will receive a contract with a \$1000 deposit fee. The Tuition will be prorated for families who join after the start of the year.