



VBS

Vienna Bilingual Schooling

Upper School at BRG 19

NOVI
NEUE OBERSTUFE

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THE UPPER SCHOOL AT BRG 19

- **„Realgymnasium“**
(academic secondary school with focus on science)
- 7th – 8th grade: choice between **„Descriptive Geometry“**
or **„Natural Sciences“** (in particular Biology and Physics)
- **VBS from 5B - 8B**
- **NOVI: 6th – 8th grade**

OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- 5th grade: Summer sports week
- 6th grade: elective module excursions (depending on type & size of class), e.g. language week in France, nautical biology field trip
- 7th grade: English language week (England / Ireland / Scotland)
- 8th grade: Culture Week (Hamburg / Florence / Berlin)
- Project work: Organisation of the school ball, the Matura celebration, school festivals, sports events, social projects, ...
- Learning social responsibility, e.g. with regards to compassion
- 18PLUS – career guidance

5TH - 8TH GRADE: OVERVIEW

5th grade:

- No change in structure of semester
- New foreign language: **French** or **Latin**
- Term report at the end of the winter semester
School report at the end of the summer semester
- In the school report:
2 NG (fails) ⇒ re-sit exams (content: school-year syllabus);
3 NG (fails) ⇒ repetition of 5th grade

6th – 8th grade:

- School report at the end of each semester
- Every NG (fail) can be amended by a semester exam
- A semester exam can be taken three times within 2 semesters
- Exam content: key learning requirements which were not largely met

Innovation at BRG 19: Pilot projects

- Since 2004/05: MOS Pilot project (“Module-based upper school“)
- Since 2017/18: Neue Oberstufe (“New Upper School“ in all types of secondary upper schools: AHS & BHS) by Austrian law
- At BRG 19: Submission of a Pilot Project for the “New Upper School“

NOVI =

Neue **O**berstufe mit **v**erstärkter **I**ndividualisierung

(New Upper School with increased individualisation)

- Continuation of Bilingual Upper School Pilot project

NOVI MEANS THAT...

- Legal requirements of the NOS must be fulfilled
(Regulations for progression and semester structure)
- Increased school autonomy possible:
elective module register, school timetable

Key goals of NOVI

- Guaranteed delivery of educational curricula of a modern academic secondary school
- Greater aptitude for higher education studies
- Encouragement of independent learning and self-responsibility
- Possibility of individual prioritisation
- Fostering of individual giftedness
- Acquisition of key qualifications
- Reduction in number of students repeating school year

General information

- No changes to the 5th grade (9th school level).
- The 6th – 8th grades (10th – 12th school levels) follow a semester module structure.
- A semester module is taught over 2 to 4 teaching hours per week.
- Core modules: from 08:15 to 13:50
Elective modules: from 14:40
- Key pre-requisite for Matura final examination:
ALL modules must be completed successfully!
- In the event a module is negatively assessed, a semester exam can be taken up to 3 times with the aim of successful completion
- A school year must be repeated by those pupils who have more than 2 NG (fails) or non-assessed modules in their semester school reports.
- „Get-out“ clause of progression with 3 NG (fails): only possible ONCE during the whole period from 6th to 8th grade.
- Any successful partial performances in certain modules retain their validity in any repeated year.

Modules

- **Core modules („Basismodule“):**
These are compulsory and contain the core contents of the syllabi adapted for the module-based upper school system.
- **Main Elective modules („Typenbildende Wahlmodule“):**
Choice between „Descriptive Geometry“ or supplementary tuition in Biology, Chemistry and Physics in the 7th and 8th grade.
- **Alternative Elective modules („Alternative Wahlmodule“):**
Choice between Music and Arts in the 7th and 8th grades.
- **Optional Elective modules (Freie Wahlmodule“):**
in-depth treatment of core subjects – inter-disciplinary – project-oriented – topic-centered – practical skills – key qualifications – listing in module register

Module overview (in German)

6. Klasse		7. Klasse		8. Klasse	
Basismodule					
REL (2)	REL (2)	REL (2)	REL (2)	REL (2)	REL (2)
D (3)	D (3)	D (3)	D (2)	D (3)	D (2)
E (3)	E (3)	E (3)	E (3)	E (2)	E (2)
L/F (3)	L/F (3)	L/F (3)	L/F (3)	L/F (2)	L/F (2)
H (3)		H (3)		H (3)	
GG (3)		GG (3)		GG (3)	
M (4)	M (3)	M (3)	M (3)	M (3)	M (2)
BI (3)		BI (2)	BI (2)	BI (3)	
CH (2)	CH (2)	CH (3)		CH (3)	
PH (2)	PH (2)	PH (3)		PH (3)	
		PE (2)	PE (2)	PE (2)	PE (2)
ME (2)					
BE (2)					
BSP (2)	BSP (2)	BSP (2)	BSP (2)	BSP (2)	BSP (2)
Alternative Wahlmodule					
		BE/ME (2)	BE/ME (2)	BE/ME (2)	BE/ME (2)
Typenbildende Wahlmodule					
		DG/PH (3)		DG/CH (3)	DG/BI (2)
Freie Wahlmodule					
(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(4)	(4)

REGISTRATION FOR ELECTIVE MODULES

- Elective module register published before Christmas
- January 2019: Selection of Elective modules for 2019/20 (= 6th grade)
- Counselling by form teacher
- Booking

Assessment of performance: 6th – 8th grade

- Every module is graded individually.
- The semester school report at the end of every semester documents the assessments of a pupil's performance in all completed modules.
- In the event of unsuccessful completion of a module, the pupil is entitled to take a semester exam up to 3 times (within 2 semesters) to make up for inadequate performance.
- In the event of a pupil failing a semester exam in the 6th – 7th grade three times, the pupil is entitled to a 4th exam attempt in the first semester of the 8th grade for a maximum of three (different) modules.
- The regulations of the Austrian Ministry of Education regarding early warning notes of inadequate performance and assessment test standards are followed every semester.

ILB – Individual learning support („individuelle Lernbegleitung“)

- ILB is offered as soon as an early warning note (of inadequate performance) is issued
- **Voluntary** support measures
- Learning support offered by qualified teachers at the school (max. 8 weeks)
- Learning guidance
- Examination advice
- Consultations with all parties involved

CO-OPERATIONS

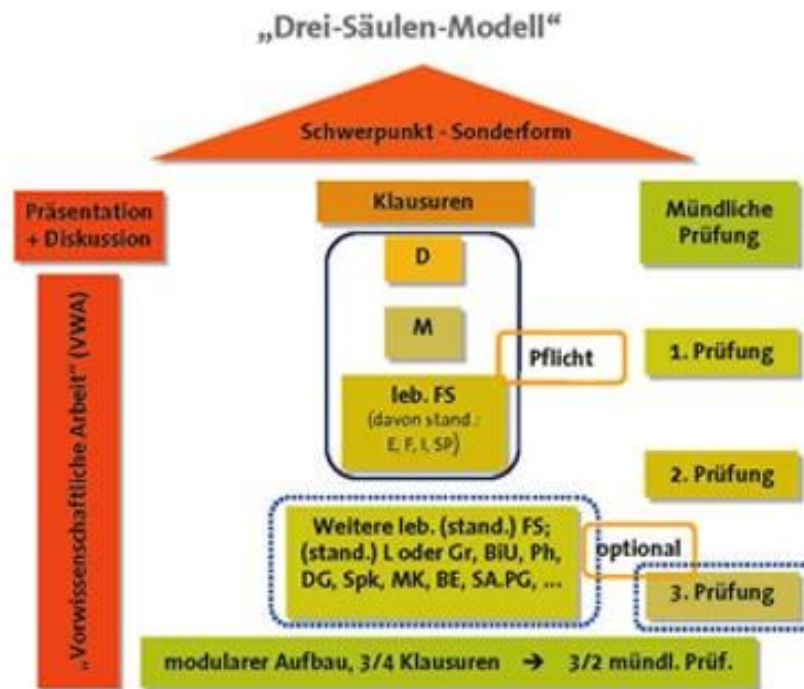
- We work to prevent pupils from prematurely discontinuing their education together with the **Jugendcoaching** (Young Education Support Team) of the Ministry of Social Affairs (NEBA – „Netzwerk für berufliche Assistenz“: Network for Vocational Support)
- We are **Partner schools of**
 - the University of Applied Science „Technikum Wien“
 - the University of Vienna
 - the Institute of Science and Technology Austria
- We participate in the „**Sparkling Science**“ research programme offered by the Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs.

WHY CHOOSE THE UPPER SCHOOL AT BRG 19?

- Benefits of the module-based system (substantially greater individualisation than in the traditional Austrian school system)
- Better co-ordination of extra-curricular and private activities with school obligations (Elective module register)
- More freedom → more self-responsibility
- Free access to IT labs
- Study room

WITH A VIEW TO THE MATURA

(FINAL SCHOOL-LEAVING EXAMINATION) : THE 3-PILLAR MODEL



MATURA IN THE NOVI SYSTEM

- Option of clustering elective modules
(only possible in the NOVI system)
- Taking Matura exams in „new“ subjects
(Sport Education, Film Education)
- Taking the Matura in clusters means specialising
in areas of personal interest!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

