

LabelFrancÉducation

France distinguishes GIBS



In December 2018 as the first and until now only gymnasium in Styria, GIBS was distinguished along with four schools in Vienna by the French Ambassador for Austria **SE François SAINT PAUL** with the **LabelFrancÉducation** for the quality and special engagement of the school for the French language on the part of its teachers and students.

Initiated in 2012, the **LabelFrancÉducation** has meanwhile been awarded by the French Department of Exterior to 158 institutions which have fulfilled the necessary qualifications in 35 countries worldwide.

At GIBS, French is taught from Year 3 onwards (the 6-year “long form”) and from Year 5 onwards (the 4-year “short form”). French is also the working language in year 7 **History** as well as in numerous projects (UNESCO). In addition, students can complete the Higher Level program in French within the **International Baccalaureate** framework.

Project work, meetings with young French authors during the literature project “Prix des Lycéens”, exchange programs with France, Tunisia and French Switzerland, participation in the Austrian short film project “Karambolage” for the ARTE channel which has in the past three years been honored twice with 1st prize and once with 2nd prize, foreign language competitions, DELF certificate B2, IB French Higher Level: all of these activities are offered within the framework of the French language education in their respective years by the French department.

For many students, the choice of language is decisive, also for their future professional prospects.

French continues to be recognized as a world language, is the second-most studied and taught language in Austria following English; France is Austria’s fifth-most important trading partner.

The French Ambassador in Austria, **SE François Saint Paul**, emphasized during his recent visit to GIBS: “**Learning French – that is an investment.**”