



The iKM^{PLUS} at secondary level I

Dear parents and legal guardians,

The **individual competence assessment PLUS (iKM^{PLUS})** for the 7th school year will begin in autumn 2022. It ascertains the learning level of students in the subjects of *German, Mathematics and English*. It shows how your child is performing now and where they can further improve. The results provide teachers with additional information about their students. **These help to individually encourage your child and support their learning.**

The results also help teachers to reflect on and develop their teaching. Schools can use the information to continue developing the quality of schooling. **The results do not count towards grades. They do not serve as a basis for admission to a secondary school.**

How does the iKM^{PLUS} work?

As part of the iKM^{PLUS}, your child solves tasks in *German, Mathematics and English*. The tasks are completed ONLINE and last approximately one one-hour lesson per subject.

The iKM^{PLUS} will take place at all secondary schools and higher general education schools between 21 November and 20 December 2022. The exact dates will be determined by the teachers and school management. You will receive the dates directly from the responsible teacher or school management. The iKM^{PLUS} takes place in advance at a few selected schools. This is carried out by specially trained persons and serves as a quality assurance measure.

Will I receive my child's results?

Every child who participates in the iKM^{PLUS} will receive a so-called **confirmation code** from one of the responsible teachers. You can use this code to retrieve your child's results online. The code will be issued to the students as soon as the results are available.

All collected data is processed with great care in compliance with all legal requirements. Only the responsible teacher and school management can associate the results with the name of the respective child. Furthermore, no one can view your child's results. The results also may not be passed on to other schools.

Further information on data protection can be found at <https://www.iqs.gv.at/datenschutz-ikmplus-schueler>.

What happens next with the results?

You and your child will learn more about the results in a joint discussion and agree on further learning objectives and specific steps for your child together with a responsible teacher. You will also receive an invitation to the discussion from one of the responsible teachers or school management in due time.

Where can I find further information?

You can find continuously updated information on the IQS website (Federal Institute for Quality Assurance of the Austrian School System) and the BMBWF website (Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research): <https://www.iqs.gv.at/ikmplus>

<https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/schule/bef/ikmplus.html>

You can also find parent information regarding the iKM^{PLUS} at secondary level I translated into other languages here:

https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/schule/schulrecht/erlaesse/ikmplus2022_sst7.html

If you have any questions regarding the processing of data and the legal bases, you can also contact the IQS data protection officer:

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