Report on the baccalaureate session 2023

The report on the European Baccalaureate session 2023 was approved in December and released in January on the website of the European Schools <u>here</u>.

42 candidates sat the examinations at ESCPH, and all 42 candidates were awarded the EB diploma. With such a low number of candidates, the number of students at many exams was quite low, and this means that the performance of each individual student has a large impact on the overall average.

The average preliminary mark, exam mark and overall mark can be found in the table below.

	Average final mark	Average preliminary mark	Average written mark
Average for all ES schools	77.02	79.45	71.65
ESCPH	75.39	78.12	69.81

The results of the oral exams are not part of the report, so it is not possible to compare ESCPH with the other European Schools.

As is apparent from the table, the average from ESCPH was generally lower than the average from all European Schools. Due to the low number of candidates at our school, it is interesting to consider the distribution of final marks at ESCPH.

Grade boundary	Number of students at ESCPH	Percentage of students at ESCPH
50 – 59.9	4	9.5%
60 – 69.9	7	16.7%
70 – 79.9	17	40.5%
80 – 89.9	10	23.8%
90 – 99.9	4	9.5%

Thus, 9.5% of our students obtained a final mark of at least 90 points. As 90 points is converted into 10.6 on the Danish marking scale, 9.5% of the graduates obtained a mark in the Danish system of at least 10.6.

Specific exams

Not all subjects are treated in the report, but for those that are the average final mark of the subject across Europe as well as the average final mark at ESCPH can be found in the table below

	Average mark at all ES	ESCPH
Art	8.14	8.65
Biology 4p	7.65	7.73
Chemistry 4p	7.10	7.08
Physics 4p	7.10	7.22
Mathematics 3p	6.18	5,95
Mathematics 5p	7.05	6.64

Art at ESCPH had an average well above the average at other European Schools, while Physics, Biology and Chemistry all had around the average of the other European Schools.

The average mark in Math at ESPH is lower than the mark at all ES at especially 5p. To support our students in math even more, we have started a homework cafe that runs for two hours every Wednesday. We have also expanded the special "math and pizza" cafe leading up to the pre-bacs, so that there are two of them instead of one. Finally, teachers on math 3p (and math 4p in S5) have used the concept of "omlagt elevtid", so that students do hand-ins while the teacher is present to assist them.

Students with special arrangements

Students with special educational needs can request special arrangements such as extra time, use of computer, reading software etc.

The average for these students across all European schools was 70.25, while it was 76.55 at ESCPH. This is a huge difference. The important thing for us as a school, though, is that students at ESCPH with special arrangements achieved the same average mark as students with no special arrangements. As the point of the special arrangements is to provide students with special educational needs the same opportunities for performing at exams, the implementation of the special arrangements at ESCPH has had the desired effect.