



Support Policy

1 Basic principle

The Christian belief in personal human dignity forms the basis of every pedagogical practice applied at Stiftsschule Engelberg, where we believe that every human being is not only a free and responsible individual, but also a member of a larger community. This concept particularly applies to people with special personal, social and educational needs.

2 Learners with special needs

Learners require extra support especially when special needs have been determined due to a disability, a learning disorder (e.g. dyslexia, dyscalculia), an attention deficit (with or without hyperactivity) or a diagnosis on the autism spectrum.

Appropriate individualized support should be available to such learners. Additionally, measures are taken to ensure that learners with special needs are properly accommodated, and any disadvantage is alleviated and/or compensated.

Stiftsschule Engelberg adheres in practice to the compensatory guidelines set by Canton Obwalden (Implementation guidelines for compensation in cases of students with special needs at Kantonsschule Obwalden, see appendix). These rules are also applied in the regulation and administration of the Matura exams.

For the IB examinations, the provisions of the IB apply to the regulation of compensation for special needs. These can be found in the IB document «Candidates with assessment access requirements» and in the relevant chapters of «Diploma Programme Assessment Procedures».

3 Determination of support measures

The school management, based on the recommendations from teachers, prefects, parents, former schools, or specialists, will determine special support measures. The teachers and educators at Stiftsschule Engelberg make every effort within their capability to accommodate the individual student's needs and, if necessary, involve external counselling centers and specialists.

The canton of Obwalden provides free cantonal advisory services, in particular those dealing with vocational and further education counselling, youth counselling, family counselling and addiction counselling.

Students from the canton of Obwalden pursuing their obligatory education also have free access to the school psychological services.

All involved parties will be informed by the school management about an individual's situation and the resulting support measures. Confidentiality is obligatory. The determined support measures will be evaluated at reasonable intervals.

4 Specific support measures

For personal/social support

Personal advice, counseling and support regarding personal life questions, conflicts and crises (school pastoral, Canton Obwalden school psychology services, Canton Obwalden youth, family and addiction counseling)

For academic support

Supervised study halls (Boarding School), learning support (tutoring services, professional learning support/coaching)

For future career choices

Career counseling and academic advising (Canton Obwalden Career and Continuing Education Advising), networking and support from alumni (Alt-Engelberger-Verein, Alt-Engelomontana)

The above regulations go into effect as of 1 February 2023, replacing all former versions.

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