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Some Facts

- Comprehensive secondary school from year 5 to year 10 (age groups 10-16).
- 24 classes, 4 in each year, 26 students in one class, about 620 students.
- School provides all German secondary school-leaving certificates.
- 2 class teachers for years 5-7, one accompanying the class up to year 10.
- All classes form one social unit from grade 5 to 10.
- 4 classes on each grade level form one unit and are taught by a small team of 6-8 teachers.
- Each class has one permanent classroom; the teachers of each year have their own small staff room next to their classes.
- Each team of teachers meets for team conferences every Monday from 14.00-16.00 o'clock.
- School opens at 7.30. Classes from 8.10 until 13.15; extracurricular activities from 14.00 until 15.30 o'clock.
Three 90-minutes periods per day.
- Lunch is provided from Monday to Thursday.

Pedagogical principles

- Teachers challenge and support each and every student individually, encourage and guide them
- Different talents and abilities in multilevel classes are considered a chance to view each student as an individual.
- Teachers and classes stay together for 6 years to establish enduring relationships as basis for learning.
- Counselling, learning dialogs and individual support from the very beginning.
- Autonomous and task-based learning is continually taking up more space and time.
- Students learn to take responsibility for themselves and others (independent and self-organized learning, self-monitoring and self-assessment, class-meetings, cleaning their own classrooms, etc.).
- School strives for respectful relationship of all school members.
- Project learning is a basic pedagogical aspect (12-18 weeks per year).
- Extensive culture of presentation and feed-back in classes.
- Drama classes, drama projects and optional drama groups offered from grade 6-10.
- Film-making project in grade 9.
- IT-training in years 5 and 6 provided by students of years 9 and 10.
- Three phases of working experiences in years 7,8,10 of 2-3 weeks each.

Language teaching

- English compulsory from grade 5-10.

- French, Spanish or Latin from grade 7-10 or 9-10 optional.
- Various exchange activities in the spring of year 9.
- Exchange contacts with the USA, Finland, Norway, Latvia and France; member of the European School Network.

Partnerships/Networks

- Sponsoring partnership with a rural area in Nepal – support of about 20 primary schools (payment of teachers, school material and school uniforms).
- Unesco Project School Network.
- Club of Rome Schools Network.
- Model Schools in the state of Hesse Network.
- Peer-Evaluation Network ("Blick über den Zaun").
- German School Prize Academy Member.
- Federal Network of Teaching English in Comprehensive Schools (BAG).
- German Network of Comprehensive Schools (GGG).
- Regional School Networks.