

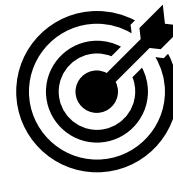
Language Concept

Kindergarten to Primary School



The language concept of the DSP

- serves to explain the implementation of language support and support measures in the subject German offered by the school.
- explains all the methods the DSP uses in the subject German from Kindergarten to the end of Primary School, as well as their continuation in the Secondary School.
- supports the subject German:
 - German as a Mother Tongue (DaM) in the German-speaking classes
 - German as a Foreign Language (DaF) in the English-speaking classes



Goals of the DSP

- to put focus on the German language
- to immerse learners into the German language
- to achieve a conscious effort towards German language proficiency
- to offer a entirely German-speaking Kindergarten from 2025
- to create good surrounding and a good foundation for learners to follow lessons in the German speaking classes and successfully complete the Abitur or NSC with the German Language Diploma

Pre-School

The class allocations for Grade R are based on:

- the observations of the Kindergarten teachers
- the results of the language evaluations (language screening) of the respective year group (in Kindergarten)
- the results of pedagogical sensory perception assessments
- the individual child's active command of the language (ability to speak in German)
- on the understanding of the German language (ability to understand German)
- interviews (for children who did not attend our Kindergarten)

We offer:



a German-speaking preparation class: Pre-School a

All children who already have passive vocabulary but do not yet have sufficient active language skills (speaking).

a German-speaking class: Pre-School b

All children who are monolingual, or who speak German reliably with at least one parent or who are at an appropriate level of language development.

an English medium class: Pre-School e

All children who wish to attend the English medium class or who have not attended a German-speaking Kindergarten.

The German preparation class (a) works on the same content in all subjects as the German-speaking class (b), but differentiates based on the level of language ability (qualitatively and quantitatively).

At the end of Grade R, parent discussions take place, which provide recommendations based on the results of the language screenings, pedagogical sensory perception assessments and classroom observations.

The decision made regarding the class allocation is made by the school.

Primary School, Grade 1 to 4

From Grade 1 onwards, the children are taught in heterogeneous and mixed language groups.

Additional support measures from Pre-School to Grade 4

German support (Fördern Deutsch- FD)

- German support and enrichment classes
- compulsory for all learners with a set time on the timetable
- The number of weekly support/enrichment lessons varies depending on the Grade.
- differentiated in two groups (support and enrichment groups)
- based on the competences required by the curriculum to be achieved
- possible learning deficits are further reduced.

Extra German (ED) is offered outside of regular lessons for:

- new learners at the DSP : learners with no knowledge of German who did not attend a German-speaking Kindergarten. This gives children with no prior knowledge of German the opportunity to learn basic vocabulary in a small group and thus adjust easier to their new environment.
- learners from German-speaking classes who are making slow progress and require additional support.
- learners who would like to move from the English-speaking to the German-speaking class (in individual cases and if recommended by the school)

Reading and spelling difficulties (LRS)

From the end of Grade 1 (up to Grade 6), learners can be assessed for reading and spelling difficulties (LRS) if there is a reason to do so. LRS training, carried out by qualified teachers, takes place outside of regular lessons.

Integration of German and English-speaking classes

- certain subjects such as Sport and subject of choice are language integrated subjects. Classes are mixed within a grade for this purpose.
- Excursions, projects and sports competitions take place together.