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GERMAN AS FOREIGN/ SECOND LANGUAGE

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German as a Foreign Language – Deutsch als Fremdsprache (DaF)

DaF refers to the status of the German language for speakers or learners abroad with a mother tongue other than German. DaF is a course of study as well as a technical term for teaching German to foreigners. Many public and private educational institutions nationally and internationally offer DaF, including the German schools abroad and the schools with a German language diploma.

German as a Second Language – Deutsch als Zweitsprache (DaZ)

DaZ is to be distinguished from DaF. In both cases, people with a different native language learn German. DaZ usually has a different status for non-native speakers because they live in Germany or because one of their parents is a German speaker. Refugees and migrants in Germany are examples of people who learn German as a second language.

Gebühren

You can find the fees for our DaF/DaZ program in our current school fee schedule on our website.

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PROMOTION OF THE GERMAN LANGUAGE AT THE IDSB

At the iDSB, children with different mother tongues are welcome! If your child does not yet speak the German language in an age-appropriate manner, we offer individual, comprehensive support and learning assistance. We make the goal of qualified language acquisition for your child possible through the organized structure of our language support concept. Our common goal and aspiration for your child is to enable a successful career in the German school system.

Support concept

The support concept of the iDSB was developed based on findings of language acquisition research and language didactics, many years of experience from language support projects and the experience of the teachers with regard to the needs of the iDSB children. In doing so, we take into account the different acquisition conditions of each child in terms of

- age
- language level
- access to the German language
- requirements at school.

Bilingual Daycare and Preschool

Your child will be introduced to the German language in a playful and varied way through the communicative and usage-oriented approach. In the penultimate and last year of preschool we support your child

- in homogeneous small groups
- 4x per week
- 45 minutes each in the rooms of KiBi.

Elementary School

From the first grade on, we can provide your child a two-part support program. With our basic support, we offer your child at least two hours of German as a Second Language (DaZ). These take place

- in homogeneous small groups
- at least 2x per week
- 45 minutes sessions within the elementary school.



Your child's language acquisition process is helped in grades 1 and 2 with support materials from *Deutsch für den Schulstart* and in grades 3 and 4 with reading work. This support will make it easier for your child to start school with the high linguistic demands. If your child has a more extensive need for German as a foreign language, we can also offer you an intensive program for which a fee is charged. Depending on the child's needs, this can include 2 to 7 lessons of DaZ support. The support lessons are adapted to the individual needs of the child and are linked to the content of the standard lessons.

Support Material

The support material of „Deutsch für den Schulstart“ (www.deutsch-fuer-den-schulstart.de) focuses on the following areas for the elementary level:

1. vocabulary
2. grammar
3. text competence
4. phonological awareness

Secondary School

The academic and linguistic requirements for students who do not speak German as their native language after elementary school age are very complex and vary from individual to individual. Comprehensive diagnostics are first used to determine the language level and in which areas your child's need for support is particularly great. We create an individualized support plan for each child for the following areas of learning

1. (educational) vocabulary
2. text competence:
comprehension, production, transfer
3. grammar
4. spoken language

Our lessons take place in small groups in the rooms of the secondary school. In case of a high need for support, the number of individually required lessons will be determined by our DaF teacher. From grade 8 onwards, a German level of B1 (according to the Common European Framework of Reference) is required in order to ensure successful integration into the subject classes.

For grades 7-11 we offer a free weekly literature tutorial.

