

SCHOOL RULES OF PLATANUS SCHULE BERLIN

As decided in the May, 19th 2014 Primary School Conference

The foundation of the school rules are 8 guiding principles, which express the ideology of our pedagogy, teaching and working in our school.

1. We are lifelong learners.
2. We are a German/English bilingual school. We speak multiple languages and incorporate different cultures into our school community and school life.
 - 2.1. All teaching staff employ the principles of immersion to support the language development of our students.
 - 2.2. Outside of class, we communicate in the language most comfortable to us (German or English). We support each other to ensure clear and efficient communication.
3. We explore the secrets of the world and embed them in our school and daily lives. We have a particular focus on the academic areas of mathematics and sciences.
4. We learn from each other and from experts in the field, both in and around the school. We support each other in the creation of learning opportunities and reinforce educational partnerships.
5. We foster and encourage independence, creativity, imagination, courage, optimism, openness, social-mindedness, innovation, entrepreneurship and the creation of long term goals.
6. We provide the opportunity for sports and play, as well as peace, quiet and reflection.
7. We look after each other at our school:
 - 7.1. We are friendly and courteous to each other.
 - 7.2. We take care and support each other.
 - 7.3. We respect all members of the school community.
 - 7.4. We tolerate the opinions of others.
 - 7.5. We listen to and do not interrupt others.
 - 7.6. We display advanced team working skills.
 - 7.7. We solve conflicts peacefully.
 - 7.8. We ensure that each of us becomes a member of our community, feeling safe and comfortable.
 - 7.9. We are honest with each other.
 - 7.10. We take responsibility for our actions and learn to be independent.
 - 7.11. We get involved in our community and the neighborhood.

8. We learn, play and work in a calm, safe, and orderly environment:
 - 8.1. We respect the classroom and other room rules.
 - 8.2. We keep the school yard, the storage facilities, communal areas, classrooms and the school halls neat and clean.
 - 8.3. We take care of the equipment and common property of the school. We do not vandalize or destroy anyone's property.
 - 8.4. We are mindful of all resources:
 - We turn off the lights and electronic equipment when no longer in use.
 - We conserve water.
 - We do not waste paper, food or other resources.
 - We reuse paper and recycle garbage in the appropriate paper, 'gelber Punkt' glass and waste bins provided.
 - We protect and preserve the plants and animals on our school yard and in the school.
 - 8.5. We close the doors and windows when we are leaving the room at the end of the day.
 - 8.6. We do not bring any weapons to school, including pocket knives, toy weapons, laser pointers or any items that could cause harm.
 - 8.7. We do not throw things at each other like balls, snowballs, paper or any other items. During ball games we consider the safety of others.
 - 8.8. We leave valuable possessions and large amounts of money at home. If for any reason we have to bring in a valuable item we turn it in or lock it away safely. The school is not responsible for missing items.
 - 8.9. Students will leave all electronic devices such as cell phones, mp3players, cameras, and gaming devices switched off during school and on fieldtrips. Teachers and educators may decide if there can be an exception.
 - 8.10. All faculty and staff at Platanus School use cell phones, phones, computers and other electronic devices for school purposes and emergencies only. They model proper use in front of the children.
 - 8.11. Students bring their personal toys into school only on specially designated days.
 - 8.12. We memorize the pin-code for the front door and do not write it down anywhere. When entering the pin-code we pay attention that no one else sees it.
 - 8.13. Parents, faculty and staff do not park in the entry way of the school yard (post office yard), unless they are loading or unloading deliveries for school.
 - 8.14. We promote good nutritional choices and healthy eating.

In all cases not mentioned here, we follow the instructions of the person on duty.