



Facts and Figures 2024/25

Schoolhouse built in
1923

First Ever Day
of School
August 23, 2010

41

spoken native languages
other than German and English
in the families of our
school community

5%
trilingual families

3%
other language/
other language
families

15%
English/
other
language
families

5%
German/
other language
families

26%
German/English
families

41%
both parents
German native speakers

Afrikaans, Arabic,
Bengali, Bulgarian, Chinese,
Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch,
Farsi, Finnish, French, Gujarati,
Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian,
Italian, Japanese, Kannada, Kazakh,
Kurdish, Lithuanian, Malayalam, Marathi,
Mongolian, Polish, Portuguese, Roma-
nian, Russian, Slovenian, Spanish,
Swedish, Tamil, Thai, Turkish,
Ukrainian, Urdu,
Vietnamese

5%
both parents
English native speakers

50:50

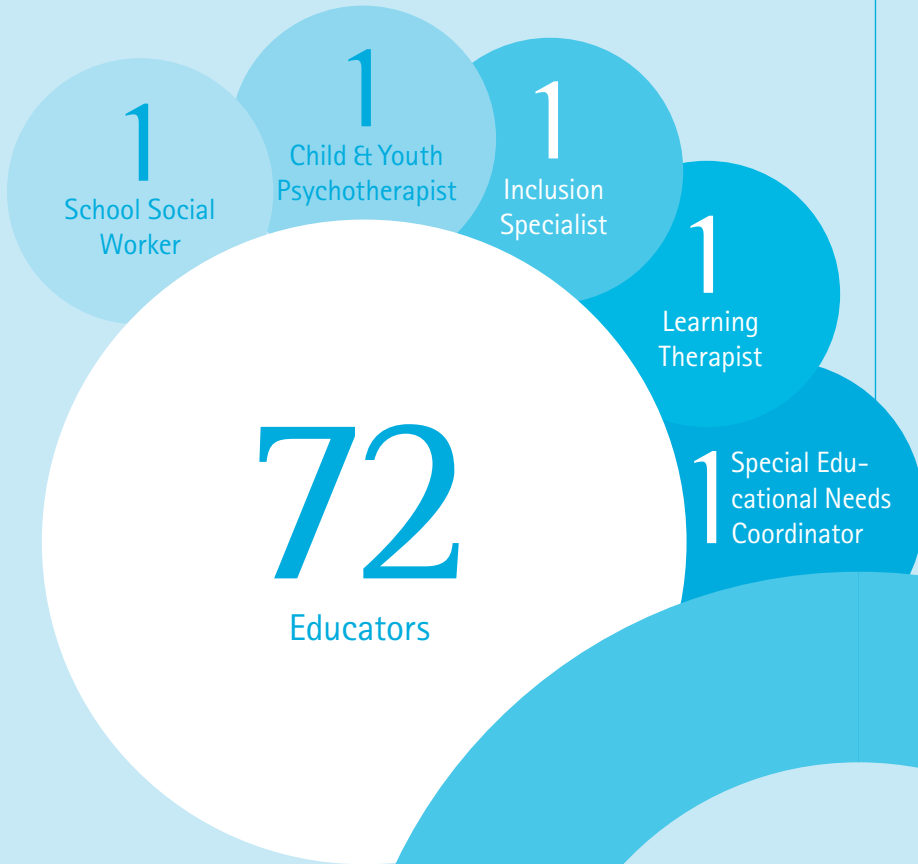
We learn in German
and English!

Years

1a to 10a
two lines
1b to 10b

11 Introduction of the *gymnasiale
Oberstufe* (High School Diploma)

Interesting Figures



Digital School since 2023

Environmental School in Europe and Greenpeace Pilot school since 2020

STEM-friendly since 2020

German Chess School since 2022

The Duke of Edinburgh Award since 2023

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Parents' Association
"Platanus & Friends e.V."

6 board members, 70 members and about EUR 13,000 per year for school projects

Teaching and Timetable Primary Level

In accordance with the specific profile of our school, we place the subject and pedagogical focus of our lessons on bilingual education in German and English as well as broadening mathematical and scientific topics, and their use in questions and areas relating to careers and everyday life.

We base our timetable on the standard Berliner Rahmenlehrplan (Berlin curriculum) and the Berliner Studentafel (Berlin timetable). We complement this timetable by placing emphasis on the following:

- English from Year 1
- Strengthened Science and Social Studies teaching
- Computer Skills in Years 5 and 6
- Swimming lessons in Year 3 (1 hour per week)
- Bicycle riding test in Year 4
- Elective courses in Year 5 and 6
- 8 to 10 project days per year in our school and outside of school
- In Year 5 "Fairplayer" program against bullying and for social competence

Subject teaching is spread across the six primary school levels and is taught equally in both English and in German. The ratio of teaching in German/English can vary between individual year levels.

Subject	Years	
	1 to 4	5 and 6
German	6	5
English – 1 st foreign language	5	5
Mathematics	5	5
Science and Social Studies	4	–
Natural Sciences	–	4
Social Sciences	–	3
Music	2	2
Art	2	2
Physical Education	3	3
Compulsory Courses	–	2
Weekly Hours	27	31

Teaching and Timetable Secondary Level 1



In accordance with the specific profile of our school, we place the subject and pedagogical focus of our lessons on bilingual education in German and English as well as broadening mathematical and scientific topics, and their use in questions and areas relating to careers and everyday life.

We base our timetable on the standard Berliner Rahmenlehrplan (Berlin curriculum) and the Berliner Studentafel (Berlin timetable). We complement this timetable by placing emphasis on the following:

- Years 7 to 10: an additional weekly English lesson
- Additional weekly Natural Sciences lessons (divided into the subjects Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
- We teach Spanish as our second foreign language
- Economy/Work/Technology – Basic education in these subject areas as well as active vocational and study orientation
- 8 to 10 project days per year in our school and outside of school
- In Year 8 "Medienhelden" program for prevention of cyberbullying, promotion of Internet skills and knowledge in dealing with "New media"

Subject teaching is spread across the four secondary school years and is taught equally in both English and in German. The ratio of teaching in German/English can vary between individual year levels.

Subject	Years	
	7 and 8	9 and 10
German	4	4
English – 1 st foreign language	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Spanish – 2 nd foreign language	4	4
Biology	2	2
Physics	2	2
Chemistry	2	2
History	1	2
Political Education	2	2
Geography	1	1
Ethics	2	2
Music	1	1
Art	1	1
Physical Education	3	3
Economics /Work / Technology (WAT)	2	1
<i>Company Internship</i>	–	2 weeks each
Weekly hours	35	

Timetable

Introductory Phase

Year 11

Subject	Year 11	
	Lessons per week	Mandatory Subject/ Elective Course
German	3	Mandatory
English – 1 st foreign language	4	Mandatory
Mathematics ^(DE)	3	Mandatory
Biology ^(EN)	2	Mandatory
Physics ^(EN)	2	Mandatory
Chemistry ^(EN)	2	Mandatory
History with Political Science ^(DE)	2	Mandatory
Geography with Political Science ^(DE)	2	Mandatory
Physical Education ^(EN)	2	Mandatory
Art ^(EN) and/or Music ^(EN)	2 per subject	Elective Course
Spanish – 2 nd foreign language – Continuation from Years 7 to 10 or French – 2 nd foreign language – Beginner Course new from Year 11	4	Elective Course
<i>Preparation Courses for 2ⁿ Advanced Course (1 to 2 possible):</i> German or Mathematics ^(DE) Biology ^(EN) or Art ^(EN)	2 per subject	Elective Course
<i>Further Elective Courses (0 to 3 possible):</i> Philosophy ^(DE) Economics ^(EN) Computer Science ^(EN)	2 per subject	Elective Course
Lessons per week	min. 29 to max. 34	

Course Plan in the Qualification Phase Years 12 and 13



Advanced Course (LK)	Standard Course (GK)			Sports Courses (EN/DE)	Additional Courses
	Subject field 1	Subject field 2	Subject field 3		
English (mandatory at our school)	German	History ^(DE)	Mathematics ^(DE)	Fitness	Digital Worlds ^(EN)
German	English	Political Science ^(DE)	Biology ^(EN)	Basketball	Cambridge Certificate ^(EN)
Mathematics ^(DE)	Art ^(EN)	Geography ^(DE)	Physics ^(EN)	Schwimming	
Biology ^(EN)	Spanish (Fortsetzung)	Philosophy ^(DE)	Chemistry ^(EN)	Badminton	
Art ^(EN)	French (Anfängerkurs)	Economics ^(EN)	Computer Science ^(EN)	Karate	
	Music ^(EN)			Athletics	
				Dance	
				Volleyball	

Subject field 1: linguistic-literary-artistic subjects, 2: social science subjects, 3: mathematics, science and technology /
Our students and their parents receive detailed information on the correct choice of courses in an individual counseling session with the school leadership team.

The Abitur examination consists of the following examination subjects (PF):		
1. PF	1 st Advanced Course (LK)	written examination
2. PF	2 nd Advanced Course (LK)	written examination
3. PF	Standard Course (GK)	written examination (not possible in Physics and Chemistry)
4. PF	Standard Course (GK)	oral examination before the school's examination board
5. PF	Basic Course (GK) as a subject to refer to; second subject, if applicable	presentation <u>or</u> 20-page subject essay plus examination discussion

We do not offer exams in music, economics, computer science, sports and additional courses!

Daily Schedule

Years 1 to 11

Time	Years 1 and 2	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
6 to 8.10 am	Care (optional)	Care (optional)	Care (optional)
8.10 to 8.50 am	TU* 1	TU 1	TU 1
8.50 to 9.30 am	Break	TU 2	TU 2
9.30 to 10.10 am	TU 2	Break	Break
10.10 to 10.50 am	TU 3	TU 3	TU 3
10.50 to 11.30 am	Break	TU 4	TU 4
11.30 to 12.10 pm	TU 4	TU 5	Break
12.10 to 12.50 pm	TU 5	Break	TU 5
12.50 to 1.30 pm	TU 6	TU 6	TU 6
1.30 to 2.10 pm	Break	TU 7	Break
2.10 to 2.50 pm	TU 7	Break	TU 7
2.50 to 3.30 pm	TU 8	TU 8	TU 8
	Care / Clubs (optional)	Care / Clubs (optional)	Care / Clubs (optional)
*TU – Teaching Unit			

Years 1 and 2: Earlier release time on Monday and Friday from 1.30 pm or after snack break from 2.10 pm possible.

Years 3 and 4: Earlier release time on Monday from 2.10 pm or after snack break from 2.50 pm possible.
Earlier dismissal time on Friday from 1.30 pm or after snack break from 2.10 pm possible.
Exception: Swimming lessons in Year 3 possible until 3.30 pm.

Years 5 and 6: Earlier release time on Friday from 1.30 pm or after snack break from 2.10 pm possible.



Time	Years 7 to 10	Time	Year 11
7.45 to 8.25 am	Support Lessons if required		
8 to 8.20 am	Consultations if required	8 to 9.30 am	90 min Sport, 9.30 bis 10.10 Uhr Break
8.30 to 9.10 am	TU 1	8.20 to 9.50 am	TU 1 + TU 2, 90 min
9.10 to 9.50 am	TU 2		TU 1, 45 min TU 2, 45 min
9.50 to 10.10 am	Break	9.50 to 10.10 am	Break
10.10 to 10.50 am	TU 3	10.10 to 11.40 am	TU 3 + TU 4, 90 min
10.50 to 11.30 am	TU 4		TU 3, 45 min TU 4, 45 min
11.30 to 12.10 pm	Break	11.40 to 12.20 pm	Break
12.10 to 12.50 pm	TU 5	12.20 to 1.50 pm	TU 5 + TU 6, 90 min
12.50 to 1.30 pm	TU 6		TU 5, 45 min TU 6, 45 min
1.30 to 1.50 pm	Break	1.50 to 2 pm	Break
1.50 to 2.30 pm	TU 7	2 to 3.30 pm	TU 7 + TU 8, 90 min
2.30 to 3.10 pm	TU 8		
3.10 to 3.30 pm	Consultations if required		
3.30 to 4.10 pm	Support Lessons if required		

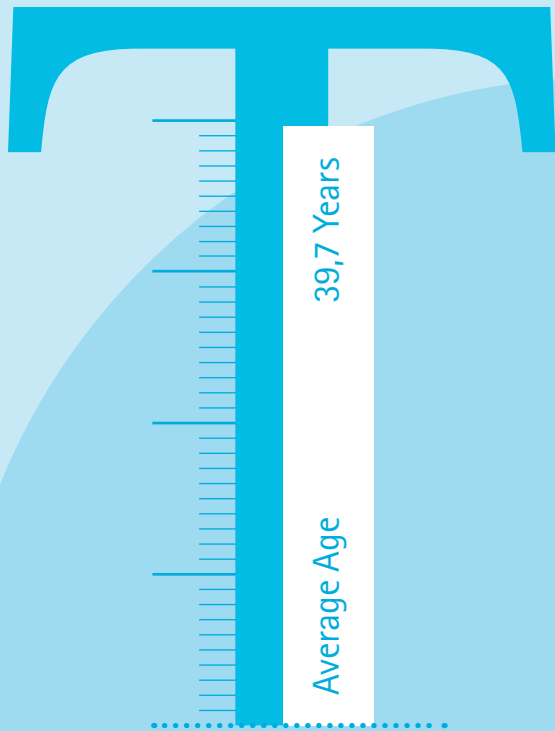
Years 1 to 10: EAL (English as an Additional Language), DaZ (German as a second language) and German/Maths/English support lessons, if required – possible before and after lessons.
Year 11: Timetable varies depending on choice of courses

Work & Travel Program

Years	Work	Travel
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excursions to introduce interesting professions in Berlin and the surrounding area in groups of max. 12 students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 to 5 day experiential education class trip with the focus on nature and the environment, sport movement and group processes
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job Fair – Companies, cooperation partners or parents present occupational profiles in the school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 week joint class trip of the two 6th grades as preparation for the class mix in the secondary level
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 day <i>Komm-auf-Tour</i> for career orientation Job Shadowing – Student observes an employed person at work and writes a report about it (1 day approx. 4h) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 to 5 day experiential education class trip with the focus on nature and the environment, sport movement and group processes
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job Shadowing – Student observes an employed person at work and writes a report about it (1 day approx. 4h) Visit to a company 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 week career-oriented trip with focus on agriculture, environment, biodiversity, resources, climate change and sustainability
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two-week internship in a company or institution Attendance at the vocational and internship fair "vocatium" or similar events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After successful application 2 weeks exchange with our partner school near Madrid (alternating 1 week each, "homestay" in the families)
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two-week internship in a company or institution Attendance at the vocational and internship fair "vocatium" or similar events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 to 5 day class trip with a focus on Europe
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active and individual career and study guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 to 5-day school trip to Great Britain or Germany with a focus on the environment and culture

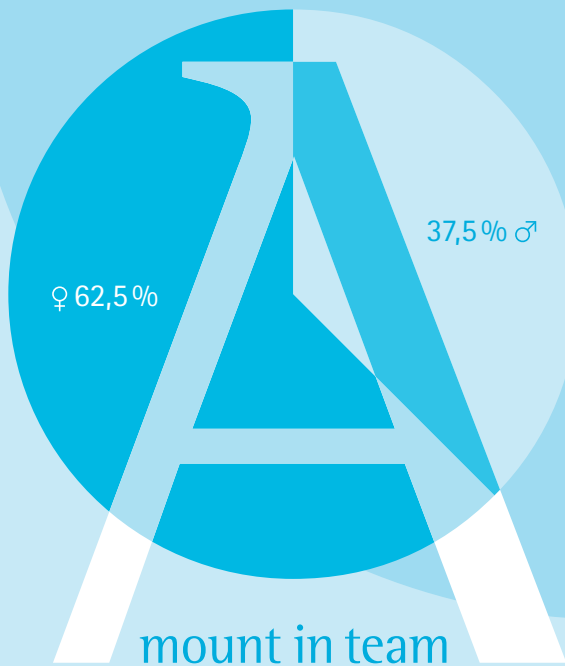
The preparation and follow-up of all "Work" activities from grade 7 onwards take place in the Economics/Work/Technology lessons.

Interesting Figures



29 speak English with our students as a native speaker or at a native-speaker level, 30 speak

German with our students as a native speaker or at a native level, 11 are bilingual.



The Tuition Fee/s

School fees

We collect income-dependent school fees in order to allow many children to attend our school.

The annual gross income is deemed to be the sum of the incomes from the previous calendar year (e.g. 2023 for the 2024/25 school year) of both parents or guardians or both contractual partners to the school contract. On the income tax assessment, this is listed under "Total Incomes" (Gesamtbetrag der Einkünfte in German). For more information, see the school fees regulation.

The income tax assessment for the last calendar year or – if this is not yet available – another preliminary form of evidence (for example, the earnings tax year certificate) can be used as evidence of this. Where a gross annual income of EUR 150,000 or above is involved, there is no need to present proof of income. For more information, see the school fees regulation.

The school fees are an annual contribution paid in 12 monthly instalments, which always become due for the first time at the official beginning of the school year on 3rd August and for the last time on 3rd July in the following year.

The school fees table applies as a reference point for the cost progression of the income-related monthly school fees. The school fees calculator works the monthly school fees out exactly according to income in 1-EUR steps. The school fees calculator can be found at: www.platanus-schule.de/en/kosten

In accordance with § 2.5 of the school fees regulation, applications for a reduction of, or an exemption from, school fees in justified cases of hardship (e.g. in the case of gross annual incomes below EUR 30,000) can be made to the management of Platanus Bildungs gGmbH.

Annual gross income	Community school (Years 1 to 13) monthly school fees in EUR
up to EUR 30,000	EUR 100
EUR 45,000	EUR 236
EUR 60,000	EUR 295
EUR 75,000	EUR 353
EUR 90,000	EUR 412
EUR 120,000	EUR 471
more than EUR 150,000	EUR 530

Valid since 1st of August 2023. The school fees will increase successively by 2% per year until the school year 2028/29.



School fees – Loyalty discount

After 4 years of a child's affiliation to lara.KITA or Platanus, in the kindergarten and/or in the school, parents receive a loyalty discount off the school fees of EUR 50 from the 5th year. In the event of the deduction of a loyalty discount, the monthly school fees will still amount to a minimum of EUR 100 per child.

The loyalty discount applies to the oldest child or an only child at Platanus Schule Berlin.

School fees – Sibling discount

For the eldest child at Platanus Schule Berlin, the full monthly tuition is payable or the loyalty discount is granted.

For the second oldest and each additional child at Platanus Schule Berlin, the monthly tuition is 50% of the income-based tuition without the loyalty discount for the oldest child.

So there is either the loyalty discount or the sibling discount for one child, but not both discounts at the same time.

All-day care in the primary level from Years 1 to 6 (in addition to the school fees)

We offer all-day care from 6 am to 6 pm with a rhythmic daily routine and a comprehensive offering from our Erzieher*innen. For this reason, an additional full-time contract is concluded alongside the school contract. You can apply for the so-called voucher for before-and-after-school care (eFöB-Gutschein) through the competent youth welfare office (Jugendamt) of the respective residential district (for the first time for grades 1 and 2, then again for grades 3 and 4 and a third time for grades 5 and 6).

The statutorily regulated cost-sharing by the parents for the Supplementary Support and Care (eFöB) is not included in the school fees and is determined by the cost decision of District Office/Youth Welfare Office of the respective residential district in Berlin.

Since school year 2019/20, the cost-sharing for Years 1 and 2 are omitted. The amount of cost sharing from Year 4 is dependent on the scope of support (from 1.30 pm to 4 pm is the obligatory full-day operation for all; additionally possible from 6 am until 7.30 am and/or 4 pm to 6 pm). It is based on income and the number of siblings.

The cost tables for before-and-after-school-care (eFöB) can be found online. Parents' share for one child in the family and care from 1.30 pm to 6 pm currently ranges between EUR 16 and EUR 194. You can always contact our school office for further information.

Catering (in addition to the school fees)

All students in Years 1 to 6 are obliged to take part in the lunch. This is optional for students in Years 7 to 13. You can see parent's monthly contribution to catering in adjoining table.

The meals consist of a warm lunch including salad bar and fresh fruits. A water dispenser is available throughout the day.

Primary Level (Years 1 to 6) – mandatory	
Lunch	No costs, due to a regulation of the Berlin Senate pertaining to free lunches
Secondary Level (Years 7 to 13) – optional	
Lunch	EUR 81.10 per month

Other costs (in addition to the school fees)

The previously listed contributions (school fees, full-day care for the primary school, catering, etc.), are supplemented by the following other costs:

What for?	Costs per school year – Years 1 to 13
Collective fund ¹ "Sammelkasse" for teaching and learning materials in lessons and co-curricular activities, work materials, entrance fees, class funds and solidarity contribution	EUR 285 ²
BVG public transport tickets	Free of charge due to a regulation of the Berlin Senate pertaining to BVG tickets
Locker hire from Year 3	Cost free as of the 2019/20 school year
Class trips	Depending on duration and yeargroup
Special extra-curricular activities of co-operation partners (e.g. climbing, swimming, coding, individual instrumental lessons)	

¹ The collective fund "Sammelkasse" contains the following flat-rate costs:

1) Teaching and learning materials include textbooks for multiple loan, workbooks, class readings, SWOP licences as well as all other teaching and learning materials for subject lessons and co-curricular activities;

2) Work equipment (binders, exercise books, pads, folders, file folders, calculators, book covers, copy paper and copies, office materials for lessons and co-curricular activities, school web licence or similar);

3) Entrance fees, participation fees (excursions/trips, competitions);

4) Class fund (decorations for the classroom, material for making presents for parents or birthday children, sun cream, deodorant, handkerchiefs, wet wipes or similar in the classroom);

5) Solidarity contribution (this money is used to pay the collection fund for so called BuT students or, if applicable, in the case of hardship regulation "Härtefallregelung");

² The costs for the collective fund „Sammelkasse“ are usually due on 01.08. of the respective school year, but can be paid in 10 monthly installments upon request.

Tax deductibility

Up to 30% of parents' contribution for general education schools such as a Gemeinschaftsschule – Primary and Secondary School – are tax deductible as school fees under special expenses ("Sonderausgaben") in your tax return. Excluded from this are charges for accommodation, meals and care of the child. Since 2008, a tax effective maximum amount of EUR 5,000 per child, parents and year (= 30% of EUR 16,667) applies.

The costs of the before-and-after-school care can, if necessary, be considered to be income-related child care costs within the context of the income tax return if the child lives in the household and is not yet 15 years of age. If a single parent or both parents is/are in employment, the care expenses in the amount of two-thirds of the expenses, however up to a maximum of EUR 4,000 per child per year, can be taken into account in the calculation of income as operating or professional expenses.

We do not accept any liability for this information pertaining to tax deductibility. Please check with your tax advisor with regard to your individual circumstances.

What other reductions are possible?

- Assumption of costs for class trips by social authorities for recipients of transfer payments (parents of our school community can find the application in SWOP)
- Waiver of the collective fund for students with a so called BuT pass and, if applicable, in the case of hardship regulations "Härtefallregelung"



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