

Metropolitan School Frankfurt

International Kindergarten



We offer a bilingual English-German programme for 3-6 year old children as a starting point of their academic journey at MSF.

History

Metropolitan School Frankfurt was founded in 2007 as a private not-for-profit international school serving international and local families.

Mission Statement

Metropolitan School Frankfurt is an IB World School with a clear international profile offering an outstanding, inspirational education.

Our students are inspired to become well-rounded, independent thinkers equipped with the skills, knowledge and understanding to master the challenges of the future.

This is achieved by our engaging and passionate teachers working in collaboration with parents and the wider school community in a safe, student-centred environment.

At MSF we believe that Early Years education should be play-based, and take place in an inspiring, internationally-minded, inclusive and collaborative learning environment.

“Every child is unique and should be given a voice and the chance to develop into an independent, confident and reflective individual.”

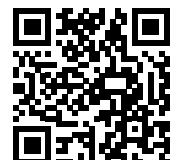
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Pedagogical Approach

Children are natural researchers and explorers. Through a holistic approach and our dedicated and caring team of teachers, we build quality relationships with children and parents, and provide a great variety of learning experiences adapted to children's individual needs, abilities and interests.

We strive to provide a balance of structured activities and play-based learning in a stimulating, inclusive setting. While children at MSF are immersed in the English and German languages, we encourage them to make connections to their mother tongue(s) and celebrate our diverse community of learners.

Teachers & Specialists

Each class is taught by fluent English and German-speaking teachers. They are supported by specialists, support staff and our student support team. Our experienced and engaged teaching team has as its goal to accompany, support and challenge each child's learning journey during their time as Early Years students.



Classes

- » 146 students in 7 classes
- » 4 Kindergarten classes for 3-5 year old students
- » 3 Transition classes for 5-6 year old students
- » Approximately 20-22 students per group
- » 2-4 teachers depending on the age and needs of the class
- » a balanced mix of English and German staff per class

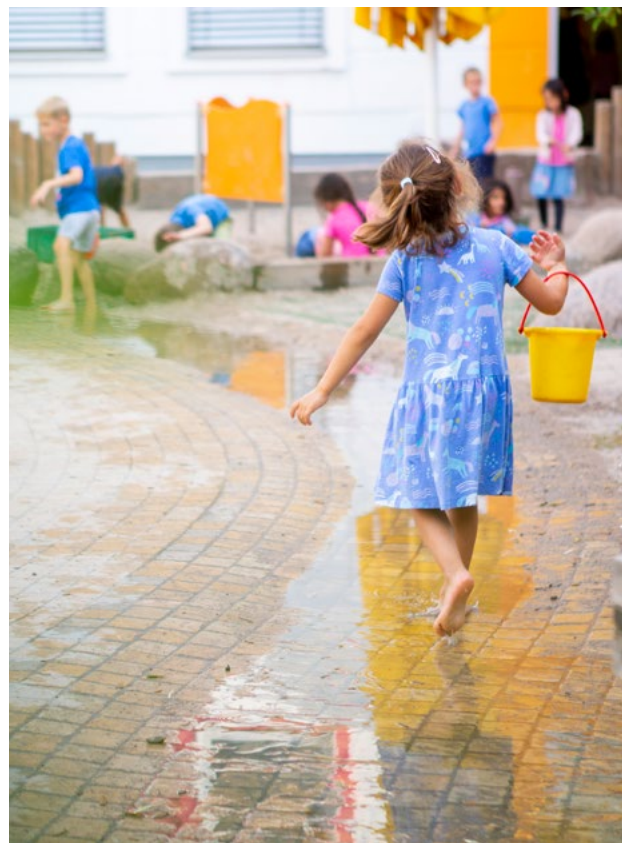


Learning Spaces

Our facilities

- » are welcoming, vibrant, flexible and responsive to the interests and abilities of each child, with a focus on natural materials and colours
- » reflect and enrich the lives and the identities of children and their families by inviting them to contribute ideas, interests and questions
- » include additional learning spaces such as our music & movement room, our library, our naproom as well as our school playground, the cafeteria and sports hall.

Our learning environments are not limited to the physical spaces; we also make regular use of the outdoors around the school. Throughout the year, students participate in various field trips.





Approaches to Language Learning

- **Immersion in German and English**
MSF recognises that an immersion in more than one language can bring substantial cognitive benefits. Our children are immersed in English and German throughout the day.
- **One person – one language**
In order to ensure an immersion in both languages simultaneously amongst our students, each teacher speaks one language to the children.
- **Supporting mother tongues**
While English and German are the main school languages, we foster connections to student's mother tongues.



Communication with Families

As the working language of the school is English, communication with parents is primarily in English. All members of staff are committed to an open dialogue between teachers and parents. We offer regular parent teacher meetings as well as ongoing learning updates through our online student portfolio. In addition to this, parents and staff can communicate and stay informed about upcoming events through our internal electronic attendance and communication system.

Curriculum

The MSF curriculum is international, whilst taking into account our local culture and state curriculum requirements in Germany. It is comprehensive and balanced, designed to meet the needs of the international student population at MSF. The Primary Years Programme (PYP) of the International Baccalaureate (IB) together with the Hesse curriculum for 0-10 year olds (Bildungs- und Erziehungsplan für 0-10 Jährige in Hessen, BEP) provide the curricular framework for Early Years.



Transportation

MSF is easily accessible by car and public transport. The school has onsite parking for parents and is well connected via local train and bus services, allowing families from all over the Rhein Main region to reach the school quickly and efficiently. MSF maintains relationships with a number of transportation companies who operate private transfers to and from school.



Extra - Curricular Programme

In addition to our pedagogical offers at MSF, Early Years families can select extracurricular activities during the morning or afternoon. These activities are optional and organised by external providers and thus charged separately.

Authorisations, Accreditations & Memberships



A day in Kindergarten*

08:00-09:00 Flexible drop off time & morning snack
09:00-10:00 Outdoor playtime
10:00-11:30 Inquiry time
11:30-12:00 Lunch
12:00-12:30 Teeth brushing / quiet time
12:30-13:30 Nap time / inquiry time if children do not nap
13:30-14:30 Inquiry time & afternoon snack
14:30-15:30 Outdoor playtime
15:30-17:30 Flexible pick up time

*This is an exemplary schedule. Times and activities may vary depending on the Grade and class of the child.

Lunch & Snacks

At MSF, we provide a balanced menu prepared by our inhouse chef. Families can choose a vegetarian or vegan menu besides the normal lunch option. We also accommodate widespread allergies, like gluten or lactose intolerance. Parents may enrol their children into the school lunch programme or choose home lunches. MSF provides children with fresh fruit and vegetables for every morning and afternoon snack break. The monthly snack calendar and weekly lunch menu are shared on our website.



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