



Montessori- primary school (grade 1-4)

Wiesbaden – Bierstadter Straße 15

and school buildings nos. 13, 14 und 18

Primary school with special Montessori education,

State approved since 1973

The Europa – Schule Dr. Obermayr primary school is state-approved and licensed `school with special Montessori education` by the Ministry of Education of the State of Hesse. In accordance with the Hesse school regulations for primary educational standards and content, the primary school works according to the Montessori principles.

The concept

The special education practiced at our school is based on the educational findings of the Italian physician and psychologist Dr. Maria Montessori. It is put into action as follows:

The classrooms consist of learning and work areas with a variety of Montessori educational material, the so-called „intelligent material“. The teachers function as *helping educators*, who support and assist the child when using the materials.

The environment is designed as a learning-conducive area, which motivates the children to work. The material illustrates the teaching material and stimulates the intrinsic activity of the child. The child is offered different possibilities to understand facts and issues and learns how to concentrate and check his or her own results. The classes can make use of our own big gym, as well as especially designed and equipped rooms for Arts and Crafts, Music, Media and Computer as well as Science.

The classes consist of approximately 18-24 pupils, thereby allowing differentiated teaching and individual tutoring. In addition to cognitive learning, a further focus is on the mediation of social skills, through for example group work, and an early start in linguistic and cultural areas.

The timetable ensures an effective learning organisation. The 25 - 27 lessons à 45 minutes per week are from Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:35 p.m. including in-depth free-choice learning. Through increased deployment of teachers, the school also offers – from 2nd grade onwards - weekly two-hour morning tutorials in smaller groups for differentiated

teaching – for German, mathematics and other subjects. 3rd and 4th graders may choose to participate in a dance workshop once a week before 1.30 p.m. .Supplementary lessons to the new core curriculum in Hesse for the primary educational standards and content areas are used for artistic subjects, English (starting from grade 1), in depth free choice learning, French or Spanish (starting from grade 3). Highly skilled children are specifically stipulated during these lessons.

The children are taught by qualified teachers who are familiar with the principles of Montessori pedagogy. They are highly educated and experienced in the field of didactics and social skills to support and motivate the children at all times.

School begins at 8:00h and obligatory lessons end at 13:25 p.m.

Grade 3 pupils are taught 26 lessons à 45 minutes plus elective course Dance until 1:20 p.m. twice a week.

Grade 4 pupils are taught 27 Lessons à 45 minutes plus elective course Dance until 1:20 p.m. twice a week.

In grade 4 lessons are organized as follows:

4 days 8:00 a.m. until 12.35 p.m. / 1:30 p.m. (Dance class)

1 day 4 lessons in the morning plus 3 lessons in the afternoon until 03.00 p.m. .That day lunch is obligatory for all kids and can either be purchased at our school cafeteria or be brought by the children in a lunchbox.

Subjects and content

The teaching is based on the new core curriculum in Hesse for the primary educational standards and content areas - supplemented by additional hours.

In order to encourage the children to develop an awareness of different languages, cultures and the general diversity of the world, the children start learning English from grade 1 onwards. Mathematics as well as German are taught on a daily basis. Moreover the children receive lessons in Social Studies and Science, Arts and Crafts, Neat Writing, Religion, Music and PE/ Sports.

In grade 3 pupils have 2 lessons of Swimming per week as well as Handicrafts. A special offer of our school is the opportunity to start a third language (French or Spanish) one lesson per week.

The artistic sector plays an important role in school life and is complemented by recorder and Orff's instrumental lessons, dancing, choir and a drama group from 2nd and 3rd grades.

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Prerequisites of admission

Children who fulfill the prerequisites of primary school admission are invited for a personal interview and admission test as well as an informational talk together with their parents.

Provided that the test has had a positive result, the children may thereafter be admitted into first grade. The decision regarding admission lies with the headmaster. Admission into second, third or fourth grade is possible at any time after consultation with the headmaster and provided capacity allows it.

Timetables

From **7.30 a.m.** all school buildings are opened and the children are under teacher`s surveillance. Lessons start at **8:00 a.m.** and end at 12:35 p.m., respectively 1.20 p.m.. There are two major breaks at 30 and 15 minutes duration. (supplement offer for 4th grade see above) Your children may attend our primary school as well as our day care / after school activities (Hort). The all-day school provides for a daily routine appropriate for children, consisting of school lessons, joint lunch, homework support and leisure time activities. Working parents therefore get the necessary free space.

After the school lessons are finished, all children eat a freshly cooked lunch together at our in-house cafeteria. Afterwards the classes return to their classrooms for homework time. This is supervised by familiar teachers as well as qualified social education workers. They instruct the children and help them find their own approach.

Starting from 3 p.m. our school offers after school activities (Hort). We offer a diversified program with games, arts and crafts, sports, swimming class , cooking, music, field trips, free play, computer and theater workshops. Depending on the participation and staff, some of the activities are held in English, Spanish or French. Hort ends at 5:00 p.m. .If a further surveillance of the children is necessary due to the parent`s job, we have set up an emergency group to take care of all children until 7:50 p.m.(please see additional contract). Our facilities close at 6 p. m. .

Private musical instrument lessons

Within our **music school** the children have the possibility to receive private and individual musical instrument lessons in piano, violin or recorder. After forenoon lessons are finished. the children are taught in our school rooms.

We also offer differentiated classes in ballet and dance which take place in our own ballet rooms.

The private musical instrument lessons within our music school are liable to pay costs and are not included in the normal school fees. Please see our leaflet *MUSIKUS-MUSIKSCHULE* for particular fees as well as further information (available at our office)

Place of tuition

The school building is located in the Bierstadter Straße 15 (main building) as well as 13, 14 and 18, 65189 Wiesbaden,

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Legal status

The primary school is a fully accredited private school with special educational character (Montessori).

Fees

Please see our up-to-date tariff list for information on tuition fees.

Registration fee: 260,-- € (a one-off payment for all school sectors and levels)

Fees for learning materials are additional. The materials remain the pupil's property. A charge is made for art, handicrafts, special topics and photocopies.

The school fees marked with * are tax deductible **as extra expenses (30 percent of the amount to a maximum of 5000 euros per year)**. This maximum amount will be credited once for each child and the parents. Therefore, the maximum amount per child which parents can deduct from their taxes is 5000 euros a year.

The fee for the after-school care (Hort**) is tax deductible for children who have not reached the age of 14 years. The maximum amount is two-thirds of the expenses, not exceeding 4000 euros per child and per calendar year.

Information, registration and advice

You can register at our office **Europa-Schule Dr. Obermayr
Bierstadter Straße 15, 65189 Wiesbaden**

Contract forms are available upon request at our office.

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For further information please feel free to contact our administration staff.

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