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SCHLOSS-SCHULE KIRCHBERG

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International Programs
Schloss-Schule Kirchberg



Discover Germany One Subject at a Time

Quality education and linguistic immersion

Tradition Embraces Internationality

Nestled in the peaceful Jagst Valley, the Schloss-Schule Kirchberg is one of the premier private schools in Germany. Originally established in 1914 in the German reform pedagogical tradition, we have enjoyed educating students over the past decade from over 25 countries, including Great Britain, the USA, China, Russia, Mexico, India, Spain, and many more.

We warmly welcome talented students interested in short-term stays anywhere from multiple weeks to a full year, or for longer periods to complete the final "Abitur" exams (entrance qualification to German and other international universities).

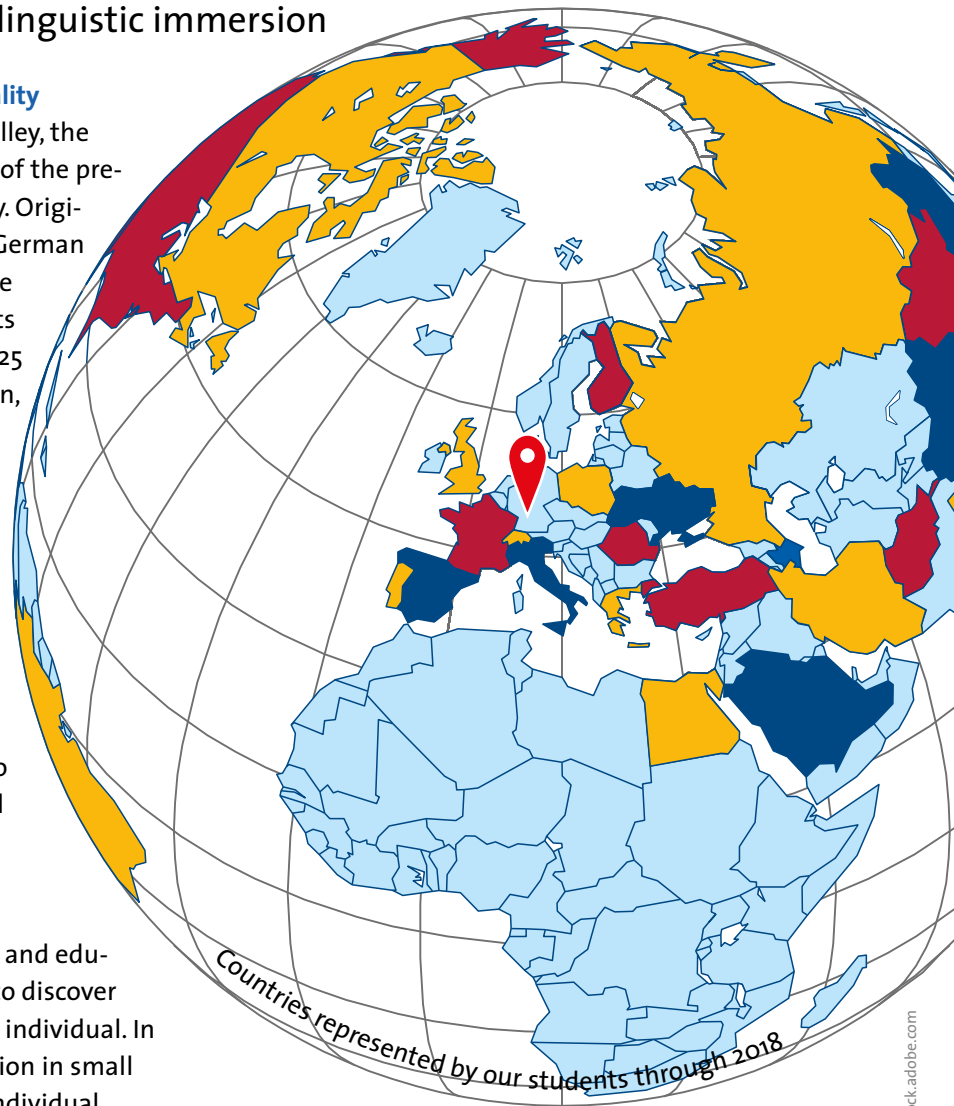
Individualized Instruction

Our dedicated team of teachers and educators work tirelessly together to discover the potential and needs of each individual. In addition to exceptional instruction in small classes, students benefit from individual tutoring or remedial group classes to ensure full understanding of course content.

International students bring their own unique needs, most importantly the language skills which are the key to success in every subject. In addition to complete linguistic immersion and living with native speakers, our German as a Foreign Language program features regular instruction from the Goethe Institut, intensive courses during school breaks, and additional instruction from in-house teachers to reinforce difficult concepts and methods taught in school.

Idyllic Surroundings, Modern Facilities

The scenic rural landscape around Kirchberg ensures the quiet, healthy atmosphere needed to concentrate and succeed. Surrounded by low rolling hills and lush forests, visitors experience a world untouched by modern hand, still at peace with itself.



In stark contrast, however, students and staff live and work harmoniously on a campus graced with modern technology and furnishings. Mentors living on campus make certain that your son or daughter is best cared for at all hours. Furthermore, we also offer supervision for students on all weekends and most school holidays.



We hope you enjoy this first impression of our school and programs! Please don't hesitate to contact us and visit Kirchberg to find out more.

School Director
Helmut Liersch
Schloss-Schule Kirchberg:
State-accredited Gymnasium
and private boarding school



About Us

Quick Facts



Type of school (Gymnasium)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ State-accredited secondary boarding school ■ Grade 5 to 12
Qualifications offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Abitur (12th grade – university entrance qualification) ■ Fachhochschulreife (11th grade and mandatory internship – entrance qualification for university of applied sciences) ■ Mittlere Reife (10th grade – qualification for trade apprenticeship)
Date founded	1914
Language of Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ German
Academic emphasis	natural sciences, drama
Mission	reform pedagogical approach, placing value on recognition of individual potential and diversity
Academic support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ German as a foreign language program ■ supervised study hall ■ remedial and foundational courses ■ individual tutoring ■ cultural competencies
Number of students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 100 resident students ■ 200 day students
Average class size	18 students
Number of teachers	55
Total employees	80
Boarding accommodations	double rooms with modern furnishings
Extra-curricular activities	athletic, artistic, musical, technical and creative clubs and activities
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ high-speed wireless internet ■ private intranet ■ classroom tablets
Foreign languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ English ■ French ■ Latin ■ Academic recognition of native languages possible
Core subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ German, Mathematics, English, French, Latin, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, History, Geography, Social Studies, Art, Music, Religion, Ethics, Physical Education
Elective subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Computer Science, Psychology, Philosophy, Literature, Theater

The Schloss-Schule Kirchberg is located in the southern-German region of Hohenlohe in the northeastern corner of the federal state Baden-Württemberg.



View of historic Kirchberg

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Schloss-Schule Kirchberg

Despite its rural setting, Kirchberg remains well connected to major modern transportation routes and can be easily accessed by car, bus or train and is within driving distance to multiple major airports. Students generally travel to and from the airports in Frankfurt and Stuttgart; however, other airports are also nearby, including Memmingen and Nuremberg.

Airports: Frankfurt (approx. 200 km / 2 hours by car)
Stuttgart (approx. 120 km / 1 hour 15 minutes by car)



Train: Nearest train station is in Crailsheim (approx. 10 km)



Bus: Line 64 from Crailsheim to Kirchberg (*see website for timetables and other lines: <https://kreisverkehr-sha.de>*)



Car: Exit 45 off the Autobahn A6
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■ ■ ■ Academic Programs

Overview of programs for international students:

1. **Abitur**
2. **Long-Term Exchange**
3. **Short-Term Language Programs**

Abitur

Are you looking for a way to jumpstart your future and set yourself apart from your peers? Obtaining the internationally-recognized German Abitur is a smart investment to consider when planning this foundational phase of your future academic and professional career. The Schloss-Schule Kirchberg has welcomed international students for over 10 years with overwhelming success. While it is no easy task to overcome the many challenges one faces as a foreign student, we have developed an excellent program that offers students a thorough support network, and ultimately the best chances for success.

- **Why:**
 - Ideal preparation for attending German university
 - “Made in Germany” – quality university entrance qualification in Germany and abroad (Baden-Württemberg boasts one of the best school systems in Germany)
 - Safe and healthy place to live
 - Unique selling point for resume
- **When:**
 - Generally students enter the school in 9th or 10th grade or sooner with EU passport
- **How:**
 - Attain minimum German language proficiency of B2
 - Submit application materials
 - Interview in person or over Skype

Success through 10plus

International students face linguistic, cultural and academic hurdles to overcome before they can proudly cross the stage to receive their diploma at the end of grade 12.

For this reason, we have created an extra class for ‘lateral entry’ students, i.e. international and German students from other school systems, to tailor to these needs.

10plus at a glance

- Prepares students with varying academic backgrounds with the content and methods necessary for the final years of school
- Common goal of all is the completion of the final Abitur exams
- Academic content is rearranged into bundled easier-to-manage ‘eras’ without sacrificing academic standards
- Instructional methods revolve around students learning to take responsibility for their own academic success
- A final portfolio at the end of the school year helps to recap the most important elements and content of the school year in preparation for the 11th and 12th grade.

To find out more about 10plus, please visit the website of the Schloss-Schule Kirchberg or use the contact information in this brochure.

We are happy to help!





For those interested in visiting for shorter periods, anywhere from several weeks to a complete school year, the Schloss-Schule offers an array of interesting options. What better way to learn more about the German language and culture than through the classroom with full linguistic immersion?

Long-Term Exchange

Duration:

- Generally from the beginning of each semester in September or February (other start dates are also possible)
- Possible for multiple months, entire semester or whole school year

Program:

- Official transcripts at end of stay, if desired
- Attendance of classroom instruction in appropriate grade level
- Extensive German language instruction and support
- Broad academic support network
- Variety of free-time activities during week and on weekends

Prerequisites:

- Minimum German proficiency level of B1 up to grade 9, B2 from grade 10 to 12
- Complete application materials and interview
- Check with home school to ensure that coursework can be accepted

Pricing:

Since the pricing is highly dependent upon multiple factors (e.g. length of stay, additional services required), we encourage you to contact us for individual planning and pricing.

Short-Term Language Programs

Duration:

- Fall Course, starting in September until Fall Break (approx. 6 weeks)
- Summer Course, starting beginning of July until end of school year (approx. 4 weeks)
- Other individual stays during school year are also possible

Program:

- Improve knowledge of language and culture
- Attendance of classroom instruction in appropriate grade level
- Additional German as a foreign language instruction
- Regional excursions
- Participation in free time and weekend activities

Prerequisites:

- Minimum German proficiency level of A2

Additional Services

At the Schloss-Schule Kirchberg, each student is viewed as a unique individual with his or her own needs. To make students feel truly at home and to help parents far away rest easy that their child is best taken care of, we offer an extensive list of academic and personal services, including:



School	Boarding House	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Quality instruction in a classroom of German students ■ Intensive German as a Foreign Language program ■ Remedial English instruction ■ Individualized tutoring in all subjects if necessary ■ Additional subject in grade 10plus, "Cultural Competencies" ■ Program for academically gifted students and "Early Study" cooperation with universities ■ Daily supervised homework period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Transfer to and from airport ■ Introduction Days for new students before beginning of school year ■ Double rooms, or single room in grade 12 if space allows ■ Supervision on all weekends during school year ■ Option to stay at school during Fall Break, Spring Break and Easter Break ■ Internet access for academic and personal uses ■ Healthy nutrition and accommodation to any religious or health related dietary needs ■ Exceptional offer of extra-curricular activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Excellent medical care directly in Kirchberg ■ Support with visa issues ■ Support with health insurance in Germany ■ Help with internships and applications ■ Professional university and career advising ■ Assistance during transition period from Abitur to university ■ Part of extensive alumni network

Five Pillars of International Concept

Our goal is not only to help students to achieve their academic goals, but also to encourage their personal development in becoming independent, responsible members of society. To accomplish this, we have developed a comprehensive strategy consisting of five main pillars that guides our work with international students.

1. **Regular Instruction** – integrated in classroom with German students
2. **Supplementary Academic Support** – language courses, individual tutoring, remedial instruction
3. **Didactics** – appropriate instructional methods and evaluation
4. **Pedagogy** – responsibility for oneself and community
5. **Social** – experience culture, clubs and activities, community service, etc.

Life Outside the Classroom

Student Care Through Interdisciplinary Team

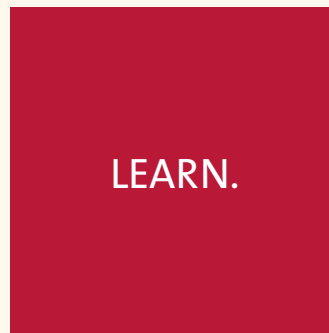
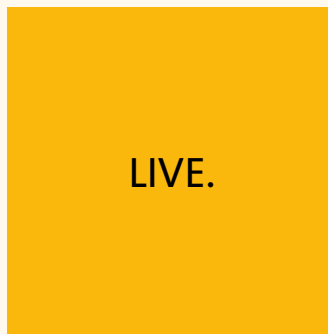
At the Schloss-Schule Kirchberg, a team of professionals with varying backgrounds and areas of expertise works together for the well-being of each child. Clearly defined responsibilities and a close collaboration amongst all in a very close-knit environment ensure the best possible care.

- **Tutors** – teachers responsible for academic success of their students
- **Mentors** – educators responsible for personal development outside of class and available around the clock for problems and concerns
- **International Team** – team consisting of various staff members responsible for the well-being and organization of all unique needs for international students

Students at the Schloss-Schule are expected not only to study hard, but also to learn for the life ahead of them. Our team strives to teach students to be open-minded, self-sufficient and to take responsibility for themselves and their community. Thus, students have the opportunity to actively participate in democratic processes in the boarding school through various committees, such as the elected student council that represents the interests of fellow students.

A set daily routine provides students with the necessary structure to fulfill their obligations, while still granting a healthy balance between work and free time.

An eclectic array of athletic, musical, artistic, technical, and creative clubs and activities offers students the ability to pursue current interests or to discover new passions.





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