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INFORMATION AND SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF KÄTHE-KOLLWITZ-GYMNASIUM

GENERELL INFORMATION

Käthe-Kollwitz-Gymnasium Berlin (KKG) is a secondary school (grades 5 – 12) with a special focus on mathematics, information technology, natural sciences and technology (MINT). Our students have a wide range of talents, not only in the MINT area. The transition to our school is possible in both grades 5 and 7 each school year. Completing Abitur is possible through both pathways.

SCHOOL PROFILE – *forward-looking, creative and interactive*

Käthe-Kollwitz-Gymnasium is one out of the five mathematics and science schools in the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin-network. In-depth mathematics lessons, advanced courses in computer science, natural sciences as a core subject up to grade 7, chess lessons in grades 5, 6 and 12, additional courses in robotics and scientific innovation, successful participation in competitions at the national level as well as a variety of additional offers in the MINT area are just some examples of what we offer to our students. Accordingly, we have already been certified several times as a MINT Excellence Center School and as a German Chess School. In the area of gifted and talented students, we work closely with the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU), Technische Universität Berlin (TU), Freie Universität Berlin (FU), the Internationales Centrum für Begabungsförderung (icbf), and many other cooperation partners.

However, MINT also requires creativity and team spirit. Instrumental and ensemble lessons in grades 5 and 6, weekly rehearsals of the big band, orchestra and choir, and concerts therefore determine our school life just as much as theater performances and art projects. We cooperate with the Bela Bartok Music School, the Käthe Kollwitz Museum and the Pankow Youth Art School.

Paying special attention to outstandingly gifted students and catering for their specific needs and individual potential is also part of our profile. To strengthen the team spirit of our students, the weekly class council and the social engagement of our students are extremely important to us. Our goal is a strong school community.

LESSONS

- Foreign languages
1st English, 2nd Spanish or French, 3rd Latin (elective subject)
- Elective courses in grades 9 and 10
Our students are required to choose two, or – voluntarily – three courses from the following subjects: all MINT subjects, Latin, Drama, Geography, Political Science, Arts and English.

KEY OFFERINGS – *diverse, challenging and supportive*

- Participation in a wide range of competitions - not only in the MINT field (for example “Mathematik-Olympiade”, “RoboCup”, “ChemKids”, “Jugend forscht” and more)
- Diverse Kollwitz-workshops in the afternoon program (for example Soldering, Photography, Circus, Bees, Robotics, Astronomy, Soccer and more)
- Open offers in the afternoon program such as school club and library
- Talent camp in the holidays
- Special offers for girls in the MINT area: Girls do MINT, Participation in the Girls’Day Academy, Chess tournament for girls
- Project weeks such as “The Artist Käthe Kollwitz” and “Sustainability Week”
- Student exchange and language travels to Spain or France, to Switzerland and the USA
- Follow-up support in different subjects
- Class coaching and individual learning coaching by certified learning coaches
- Additional support offered by a team of school social pedagogues, school psychologists, media pedagogues and special pedagogues

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Our motto in the partially bound all-day program is "Rethinking Education – Shaping our School". The distinctive structuring of our school day in blocks of 80 minutes makes it possible to anchor social and self-determined learning in our timetable. The promotion of the personal competencies of our learners is very important to us.
- All students must choose two of their exam subjects for the Abitur from the MINT subjects (Maths, Computer Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics). One of these subjects must be taken as an advanced course.
- The learners have the possibility to obtain the MINTec-certificate and/or the social certificate with the Abitur.
- Students have the option of taking a 3rd advanced course or the Mathematics Advanced Course Plus, both of which are offered to support gifted students.
- We shape the transitions into the MINT sector with support programs for elementary school students and comprehensive career and study orientation for our learners.