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Excellent German Education

From Early Childhood to Graduation



**Deutsche
Schule
Shanghai**
上海德国外籍人员子女学校



30 Years of Excellent German Education in Shanghai

At two state-of-the-art locations in the Shanghai districts of Qingpu and Yangpu, the German School Shanghai (DSS) provides a supportive learning environment and promotes community and diversity – from kindergarten to graduation. Around 1,100 children and students from over 20 nations learn side by side, engaging with each other daily on campus and through various extracurricular activities. We strive to provide all-encompassing support, so that each child can fully develop their unique potential and embark on their personal educational journey.

As a full-day school, we complement the academic curriculum with a variety of activities, such as those in sports, languages, technology, and the arts, which further enhance the individual educational experiences of our students.

The DSS offers the opportunity to obtain all recognized German school qualifications, including the German International Abitur (DIA). With our holistic educational concept, our graduates are well-prepared for an international life, study, and career.

The DSS is recognized and has been awarded the title of "Excellent German School Abroad" by the Federal Foreign Office and the Conference of Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Unlocking
potentials

Exploratory learning

Promoting
talents





Growing safely

Discovering the world

Nurturing creativity

Fostering independence

Strengthening
personality

Venturing together

Conveniently located and state-of-the-art campuses



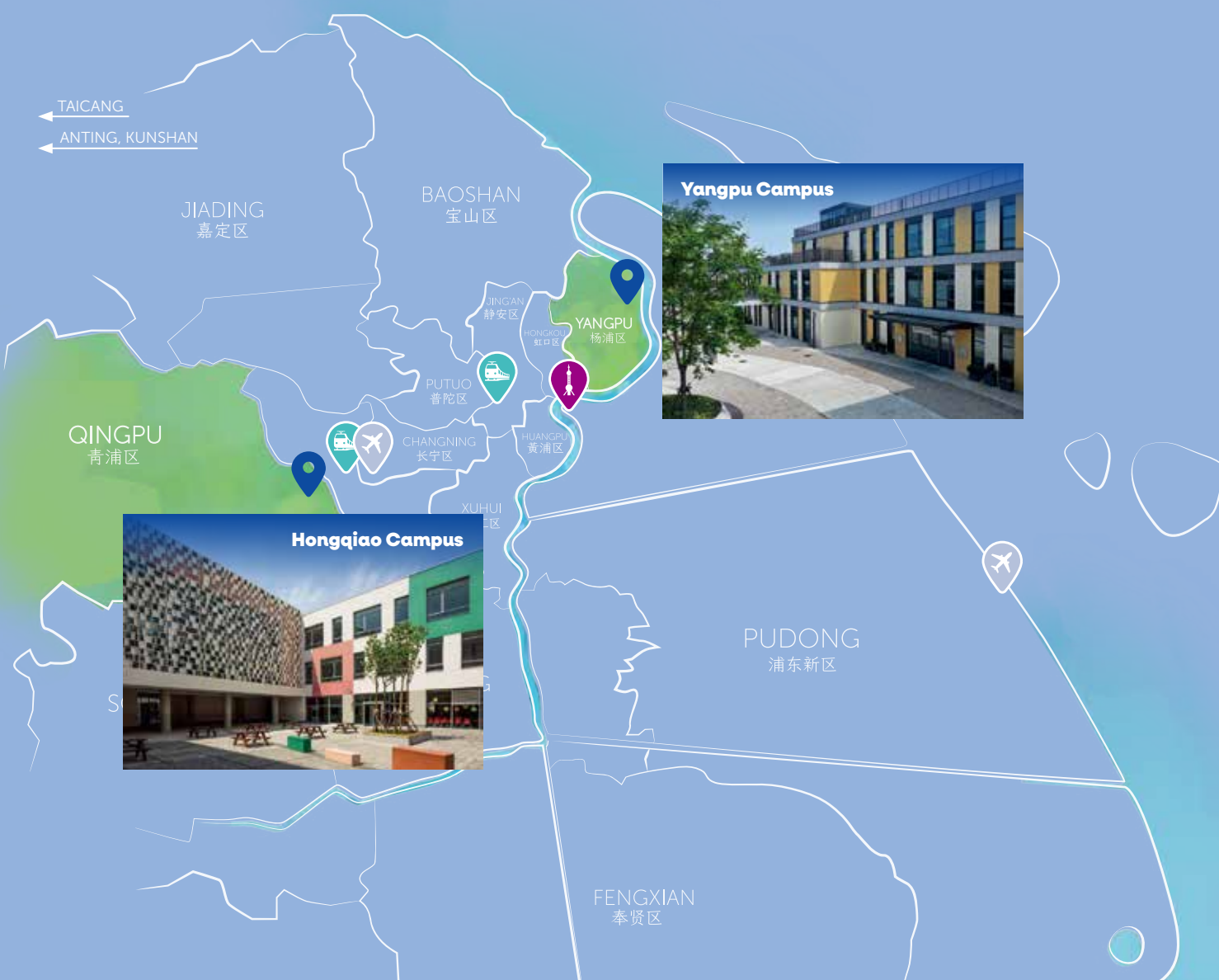
Hongqiao Campus

The Hongqiao Campus is located in the Qingpu District in the western part of Shanghai. The area surrounding the campus is part of the international business hub of Hongqiao and is characterized by its diverse international community. Its proximity to Shanghai Hongqiao Airport and the train station with connections to the high-speed train is ideal. Expansive parks also invite a variety of recreational activities.



Yangpu Campus

In the northeastern part of the city lies the Yangpu Campus, located in the Education, Science, and Innovation District. Yangpu is recognized as one of Shanghai's ecological showcase districts, with over 60 percent of green space. This centrally located district offers excellent local and international educational resources for well over 200,000 students at the nearby prestigious colleges and universities in China.



Developing Future-Ready Students

Promoting Cultural Encounters | As a German school abroad, we consider international and intercultural exchange to be one of the core principles of our educational curriculum. In addition to celebrating German festivals and customs, the traditions, culture, and language of the host country are an integral part of school life at DSS. The school community celebrates festivities such as Easter and Christmas, as well as the Chinese New Year and the Mid-Autumn Festival.

Language Learning from an Early Age | Our comprehensive language education concept begins in early childhood. In addition to individual language support programs for learning and solidifying the German language, we focus on a diverse foreign language portfolio and offer specific opportunities for playful learning of English and Chinese starting from the regular group in kindergarten. Throughout their school years, students have the option to broaden their language knowledge based on their choices to include French, Latin, or Spanish, complemented by bilingual subject instruction. Our foreign language

program is further enhanced by the opportunity to prepare for recognized language certifications in English (Cambridge ESOL), French (DELFI), Spanish (DELE), and Chinese (HSK), with some exams available to be taken directly at DSS.

Engaging in International Exchange and Networking | Beyond the classroom, we promote intercultural and international exchange to continuously strengthen shared values such as openness to the world, empathy, and understanding. Extracurricular activities like Model United Nations (MUN) provide students with the opportunity to apply

their accumulated expertise in debates conducted in English on current and complex global issues, while networking with other participants in the global discourse. In addition to MUN, numerous other projects, competitions, and contests contribute to broadening horizons, adopting various perspectives, and facing challenges.

Providing Guidance and Unveiling Opportunities | To ensure that our students can assert themselves in the global world of study and work in the future, a mandatory internship is integrated into the school curriculum, along with a comprehensive program for study and career orientation. This program ranges from the regularly held lecture series "Lunch at the University" to the annual "Career Day", where both former graduates and executives, as well as company representatives, share their personal experiences regarding studies and career perspectives with the students.



Discover More About DSS

You can find more insights into everyday school life at DSS in our video portal:

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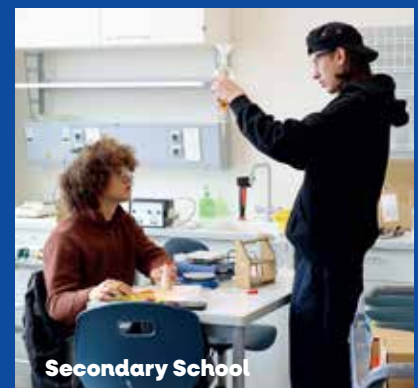


Transitioning from Early Childhood to the World of Studies and Careers

Playfully Exploring, Observing, and Discovering | In our kindergarten, we warmly welcome children from 18 months until they start school. The focus of our educational approach is always on their interests and needs. Our goal is to accompany them on their individual journey to becoming independent personalities and to prepare them optimally for the requirements of the German primary school. Through a diverse full-day program, we create ample space for free play and self-initiated learning processes that align with the Berlin educational program. Children are cared for in their groups by experienced German-speaking educators, supported by a Chinese-speaking assistant. In addition to the immersive German language environment in the group, the German language skills of children with language support needs are further intensified playfully in small groups.

Igniting Curiosity for an Enduring Passion for Learning | Our holistic educational approach not only imparts subject knowledge but also teaches communicative, social, and scientific skills. The primary school program provides the ideal foundation for this. Through a variety of methods, we spark children's interest and curiosity in subject-specific content and connect it with practical applications, such as collaborative research and experimentation on natural phenomena in the sciences. This way, we not only convey foundational knowledge but also foster competencies such as critical thinking, solution-oriented action, and teamwork. In addition to instruction in the German language, primary school students at DSS have the opportunity to learn or further deepen their knowledge of English and Chinese at different proficiency levels from native speakers. Furthermore, in the subject "Digital Learning", we lay the groundwork for educating children as responsible media users and familiarize them with the challenges of an increasingly digitized society.

Holistically Preparing for the Challenges of the Future | In secondary education, our academic offerings follow the basic structure of the eight-year gymnasial educational path (G8) and lead to the German International Abitur (DIA). All other German school qualifications can also be obtained at DSS. Our goal in secondary education is to provide students with a profound understanding of specific content across all subjects, enabling them not only to acquire theoretical knowledge but also to develop the ability to apply it practically. Participation in discussions, debates, interdisciplinary projects, as well as lectures and presentations, is firmly integrated into the school curriculum, fostering students' abilities to critically reflect on what they have learned and think in a connected manner. This significantly contributes to optimally preparing them for their future academic and professional challenges.

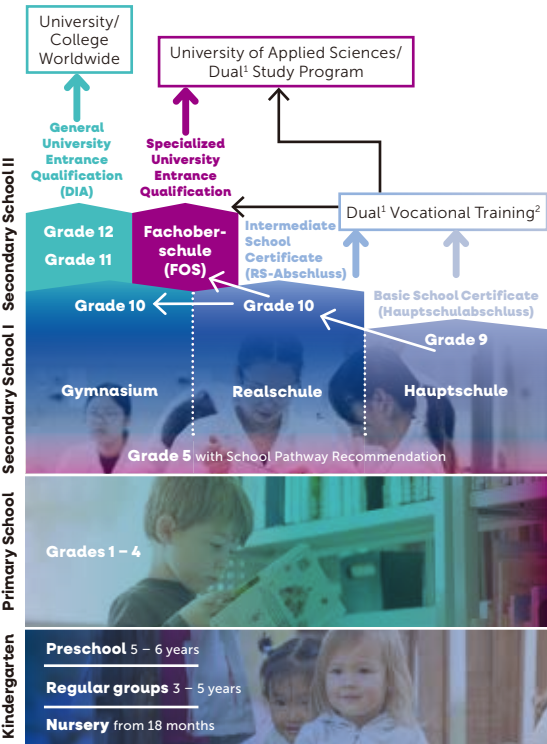


Providing Space for Personal Development | Until graduation, we create an environment for continuous support of competencies and talents, as well as for play and fun through a diverse full-day program. Whether making music in the orchestra, learning an instrument at the DSS music school, being crea-

tive, performing on stage, or celebrating athletic achievements with various school teams – such as in soccer, basketball, swimming, artistic gymnastics, and more – along with diving into the world of robotics and programming: all of this contributes to the personal development of our students.



Educational Paths at DSS and Potential Study and Career Opportunities



→ Transition/Change depends on individual criteria

¹ Studies or training with theoretical units in the (higher) school alternate with practical phases in the company

² Additionally, studying at universities is possible under certain conditions even after completing vocational training



We learn German! | Through language, children discover the world, communicate with others and establish social relationships. Learning German is essential in order to complete a German school leaving certificate and to be able to actively participate in social, cultural and academic life at DSS. We offer a whole-school language support concept both for children who have little or no knowledge of German and for those who are already learning German but need to consolidate their knowledge. The intensive German as a Foreign Language (DaF) program is supported by a German as a Second Language (DaZ) program. This program is designed to meet the individual needs of learners. In regular lessons, students consistently practice the German language through methods designed to provide language support (DFU).



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Consultation & School Tour

Visit us or schedule a personalized consultation and gain comprehensive insights into the educational offerings and learning environment at the German School Shanghai.

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