

Shaping the future

We call ourselves Zukunftsschule ("Future School") because we care deeply about the future of our children. How can we prepare them for the challenges ahead? How do we teach them to enjoy learning and to take pleasure in assuming responsibility? How do we inspire their enthusiasm for nature and sustainability? Our answer is to offer „education for a sustainable development“ as a palpable experience, for example, outdoors in the vegetable and herb garden and the naturalistic playground, or through meals prepared with 100% organic ingredients in our on-site kitchen. Together with the children, we create projects from everyday life that serve to make social commitment and ecological behaviour tangible. To further combine theory and practical experience, we currently plan on introducing an organic farm as a place of learning!



Encouraging curiosity and talent

By facilitating the development of individual talents we try to fire the children's curiosity and spirit of discovery. Awareness, appreciation and an atmosphere of trust help maintain an intrinsic motivation. Aesthetically designed workshops and experience spaces provide stimuli for working and learning in an independent and meaningful way. Through continuous project work students will profit from each others' strengths and develop social skills. Our learning groups therefore combine different age and performance levels.



Participating and being part of it

Participation is the key to education and democracy: As we create a culture of self- and co-determination, we encourage the children to assume responsibility for themselves and others. We are not an island, but we are part of the city and the society. We include families, clubs, neighbours, craftspeople and artists in our pedagogical work.



Self-expression and self-development

In all projects – including sciences and mathematics –, we provide aesthetic access through visual arts, music, dance, theatre and literature. In a variety of classes the students can explore, try out, discover talents and acquire skills.

Two languages in everyday life

Our everyday life is bilingual. Our staff is almost equally composed of English and German native speakers. We consider English to be one of the core competences in our daily routine. In addition to the listening comprehension, we specifically encourage the children to speak English and teach them the written language as well.

Our philosophy

Our aim is to offer a secular, humanistic and holistic education that combines the different traditions of the progressive educational movement with the latest developments in teaching research. We want to give every child the opportunity to create their own idea of the world and to find a place in it. All children are welcome, regardless of their social and cultural background.

The Flachsland Zukunftsschulen

Our full-time education centre was established in 2008, as a result of the successful and innovative pedagogical work of Kinderwelt Hamburg e.V., an organisation currently running nineteen bilingual day care centres. Our "Zukunftsschule" in the Alsterpalais is a place of collaborative learning for children from 1 to 12 years old. The secondary school is in the planning stage. Our day care centres Alstertal in Hummelsbüttel opened in July 2010.



A place of inspiration

Our architecturally attractive building is a place for creativity, arts and discoveries. In our various experience spaces such as the studio, the gym, the restaurant or the music room, the children can discover and explore independently. Our building is a place for the whole family and can be used outside normal opening hours.

*„If you want to build a ship,
don't drum up the men,
to gather wood,
divide the work and give orders.
Instead, teach them,
to yearn for the vast and endless sea.“*

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

*Learning
with
pleasure!*

An innovative educational concept



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