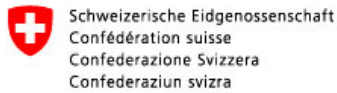


Primary School (German Stream)

A Unique Learning Experience



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SWISS SCHOOL IN SINGAPORE

If only the very best is good enough for your children, the Swiss School is exactly what you are looking for.

We are a small, intimate school located in a tropical environment, far away from busy streets and urban influences – a small oasis of learning waiting to be explored by children, which offers sufficient space for playing and sports while preparing children for life with the highest academic standards.

The Swiss School in Singapore is officially recognized as one of the **Swiss Government Approved Schools**.

On four continents, the Swiss Schools in foreign countries provide education according to Swiss standards and criteria. This high level of pedagogical quality is given an official seal. It is exclusive to Swiss Schools in foreign countries that have been approved by the Swiss Federal Government through an evaluation process by the sponsoring cantons, in accordance with guidelines issued specifically for that purpose.

In modern classrooms, highly motivated and caring teachers quench students' thirst for knowledge, arouse their curiosity and give your children personal attention, advice and support. Up-to-date teaching resources and instruction using a variety of teaching methods increase their joy of learning.

Since the Swiss School is an international school known for its high standards, classes are conducted in both German/English in the German stream and French/English in the French stream. The school prepares its students for a smooth transition to United World College of South East Asia (UWCSEA), one of the school's affiliates, where they can obtain the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB). In addition, students of the German Stream will be able to gain entry into a school in the German-speaking part in Switzerland or any German-speaking country, while students of the French Stream will be able to gain entry into a school in the French-speaking part in Switzerland, which can lead to obtaining a certificate upon completion of secondary school.

With creativity, innovation and highly qualified, flexible teachers, we not only support and challenge the students' cognitive skills but also their independence, self-confidence and self-responsibility.

In our school, values such as social responsibility, open communication, respect for others, honesty and reliability are not just words, but principles we adhere to in life and teaching.

We welcome you to our small, but excellent oasis of learning – the Swiss School in Singapore.

PRINCIPLES

Our Goal

In a unique oasis of learning we accompany and support all children entrusted to us on their way to becoming independent, self-confident and well-balanced individuals.

Our children experience a Swiss-based, yet internationally oriented education based on a high standard of social, moral and ethical values.

We maintain and foster the children's curiosity and motivation to learn, challenging them in many ways and promoting their interest in lifelong learning.

Our Values

We respect and tolerate all people, irrespective of their cultural or religious origins.

We value honesty, reliability and candour.

We take responsibility for our actions.

We appreciate and care for our environment and treat it with respect.

We embrace the diversity of cultures in Singapore.

Our Way

Our lessons are based on needs and requirements and take place in a uniquely inspiring atmosphere of learning.

We offer high quality bilingual lessons in either German/English or French/English, and therefore enable our students a successful transition to either a German-speaking, a Swiss-French or an international school.

We cultivate active exchanges with international and local educational organisations in Singapore and Switzerland.

Multi-cultural events and gatherings enrich our daily lives.

We work innovatively with goal-orientated tasks, on multiple holistic levels.

We support and promote independence, self-confidence and flexibility.

We communicate transparently and are an open and accessible team.

We cultivate and promote community spirit and thus create unique experiences.

We help each other and solve conflicts constructively.

We strive for the highest quality at our school.

We continuously develop the quality of our school through constant reflection and professional development.

We ensure and improve the quality of our school and our lessons through regular internal and external assessments.

PEDAGOGICAL PROFILE

Integrity and Dignity:

We want every child to feel secure and comfortable at SSiS and to be supported by the community.

We achieve this through teachers, who have a high level of dynamics in leadership and relationship competence.

This indicates:

- We accompany and lead the children in their development with respect and appreciation.
- We take responsibility for our relationship with children and parents and cultivate an open dialogue among all parties.
- We cultivate the community and the sense of belonging through regular class and school events.

Independent Learning and Self-efficacy

We want every child to be able to develop its potential through targeted support and interactive coaching.

We achieve this through lessons that promote responsibility, initiative and creativity.

This indicates:

- We make sure of tasks and challenges that allow the children to grow and learn from them.
- We ensure that the children experience meaningful learning by being able to actively set goals, create their own ideas and work out solutions and ways to achieve their aims and objectives.
- We accompany the children through discussions and feedback regarding their learning process.

Enjoyable Learning

We want every child to successfully pursue its further education, strengthened by positive experiences.

We achieve this by encouraging children to work on their areas of strength.

This indicates:

- We are aware that successful learning is related to positive emotions.
- We ensure that children pursue their interests and talents and that they are able to demonstrate what they enjoy.
- We make sure that the tasks are engaging enough to maintain their motivation and enthusiasm to learn and practice.

OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM (GERMAN STREAM)

Instruction at the Swiss School in Singapore follows the curriculum of the Canton of Zug and provides a well-rounded education in German and English.

At age 2, our youngest students begin their school education in “Little Tots”. Up to age 5 (Playgroup II), they are primarily instructed in English with German being introduced gradually. Playgroups I and II are conducted as mixed-age classes.

Thereafter (effective date August 31), students start Kindergarten, which is part of the Primary School. This corresponds to the second Kindergarten year in the Swiss school system. Swiss class teachers and English-speaking subject teachers prepare students for Primary 1 in both German and English.

In Primary 1, reading and writing will be taught in German and English. Supplementary subjects such as Science and Swimming are taught in English. Moving into the higher grades, English gradually increases, providing a smooth transition from Primary 6 to our affiliate school, United World College of South East Asia (UWCSEA).

Class	Age		Languages		
Little Tots	From 2 years onwards	EC			
Playgroup I	3 years by 31.8.	EC			
Playgroup II	4 years by 31.8.	EC			
Kindergarten	5 years by 31.8.	Pri			
Primary 1	6 years by 31.8.	Pri			
Primary 2	7 years by 31.8.	Pri			
Primary 3	8 years by 31.8.	Pri			
Primary 4	9 years by 31.8.	Pri			
Primary 5	10 years by 31.8.	Pri			
Primary 6	11 years by 31.8.	Pri			
Grade 7 - 12	UWCSEA	Sec			

German

English

French

(For the French-speaking stream please refer to the overview in the brochure “Primary (French Stream)”)

OUR CURRICULUM

Team capability, creativity as well as the ability to learn on their own are indispensable factors of success in a fast changing world. In order to help students to become successful, we must teach them to take on more responsibility for their own education. A core goal of our school is to encourage students to learn and work independently in a way that is appropriate for their age. We, therefore, purposely utilize cooperative and student-enabling learning methods in our curriculum. We regard the diversity of our children as an enrichment. It is important to us, that all students can follow the lessons and achieve the best possible results on their individual levels. At the same time, we want the children to see the benefit of learning together. Hence, SSiS has become an individualizing school that introduced mixed-age learning in double classes from Primary 1 onwards.

Lessons overview Kindergarten – Primary 6 / German-speaking Stream

SUBJECT/CLASS	KG	P1/2	P3/4	P5/6
LANGUAGES				
German	17	6	5	5
English	5	2	3	6
French	–	–	–	2
SCIENCE				
Humans and Environment	–	3	4	4
Science in English	–	1	2	2
MATHEMATICS				
Mathematics	–	5	5	5
MUSIC / ART / PHYSICAL EDUCATION				
Music	1	1	1	1
Art & Craft	–	2	2	2
Drawing / Painting	–	2	2	2
Physical Education	1	2	2	2
Swimming	1	1	1	1
INDIVIDUAL ADVANCEMENT				
Portfolio Work	–	1	1	1
(Team teaching: Class teacher and English subject teacher)	–	1	1	1
Mathematics in English	–	–	–	1
TOTAL	25*	27	29	35

German

English

French

(For the French-speaking stream please refer to the overview in the brochure “Primary (French Stream)”))

* Optional Full Day Offer is available from Tuesday to Thursday (3x2 lessons/1.45 – 3.20pm)

Portfolio Work

For two lessons per week, the students successfully work on projects of their own. They independently organise their procedure, research and process information with expert support, reflect on the procedure chosen and finally present their results. In doing so they not only acquire important interdisciplinary competencies, but are also able to follow their interests and talents and show what gives them pleasure.

That way we ensure that students experience meaningful learning by actively formulating goals, creating their own ideas and working out solutions and methods.

In Primary 5 and 6, ICT lessons are integrated in the portfolio work. For that, each student has his/her own laptop. In Primary 6, portfolio work takes place in English.

The Teaching of English

We teach English in a way that is similar to the English educational system, which integrates the four components “listening, speaking, reading and writing”. In addition, English is learned in the immersion subject “Science” via the discussion of facts.

Newcomers who speak little or no English receive help in special English learning programs to allow them to participate actively in regular English classes in as little time as possible. This takes place either within their basic level or separately in small groups, depending on the situation.

Help and Support

Children with different talents and learning behaviour can get help in various ways.

Development programmes in German and English ensure that children will be able to follow lessons in the respective language as quickly as possible and will be able to actively participate in the lessons. That support either takes place in afternoon lessons or is integrated as individual support in the regular lessons.

Students with special learning needs are specifically supported by experienced special needs teachers within their regular classes and in close cooperation with the class teachers. The integrative support is targeted at children with specific support needs as well as particularly gifted students, who are working on selected projects and tasks within the framework of an enrichment programme, in order to expand their thinking ability, creativity and independence.

Speech therapy and psycho-motoric offers are an integral part of our development programme.

Assessment and School Report

We base our assessments on the guidelines of the Canton Zug and our pedagogical profile, whereby we place great emphasis on a strength and development-oriented assessment by accompanying students in their learning processes through learning discussions and feedback.

Communication between the parents, students and teachers is essential. At least once a year there are orientation sessions with parents at all scholastic levels to let them know what is expected of the students and how they can achieve it, the student's scholastic progress and performance in professional skills, along with their learning, social and personal skills.

A final school report is given to students in Primary 1 at the end of the school year. Starting from Primary 2 onwards, an interim report is given out after the first semester and a final school report is handed over at the end of the school year.

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA)

A wide selection of extracurricular courses enables children from Playgroup II upwards to attend various semester courses according to their personal interests. The extra-curricular courses are newly arranged every semester.

Full Day Offer (FDO) for Playgroup II and Kindergarten

SSiS is offering an optimal and optional Full Day Offer (FDO) for our Playgroup II and Kindergarten students. This programme is taught in German and runs in addition to the regular lessons on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1.45 until 3.20pm. In combination with our Extra Curricular Activities (ECA) students may stay at school five days per week from 8.30am until 3.20pm.

Mittagstisch (Lunch Service)

Students (except Little Tots/Playgroup I), who have classes in the afternoon or take part in an ECA and/or FDO (except LT/PG I) are offered lunch ("Mittagstisch"), giving children the opportunity to eat together. The set menu changes daily and is prepared and served by staff of the Swiss Club. However, the students, can also bring their own food and heat it up in the microwave. Teachers and employees supervise the lunch service.

OUR SECONDARY LEVEL I - A STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH UWCSEA

Our secondary I level programme is affiliated with UWCSEA. This provides our students a Swiss-based education which is embedded in the curriculum of one of the most prestigious Schools in Singapore.

Opened in 1971, UWCSEA offers a mission-driven, values-based holistic education to students from more than 70 nationalities. The College has two campuses and more than 5'000 students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. The Dover Campus welcomes students from the Swiss School for a German/French language programme.

A Swiss teacher, recruited by the Swiss School and UWCSEA, will instruct the students in German, French and Swiss Civics components which are compulsory and ensure a smooth re-entry into a Swiss or German school system.

Students who are in line with UWCSEA's ethos and mission statements aim to discover where their strengths lie. UWCSEA offers the basis for choices of subjects when students opt for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) at the end of Grade 8. The IGCSE programme is covered through Grades 9 & 10.

After Grade 10 and during the final two years at UWCSEA (Grade 11 and 12), students prepare for their IB Diplomas. This is an internationally recognized pre-university qualification, which allows them to further their studies at universities in many different countries.

In P5 our students begin the process for a smooth transition to Grade 7 at UWCSEA or any other international school. The objective of this transition is to evaluate the abilities and developmental stages of each student individually. Optimally, the knowledge and insight gained from this process is meant to help parents and teachers open the doors for a holistic scholastic career for each student.

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PARENTS' INVOLVEMENT

We recognise the importance of collaborative efforts and parental involvement, and their necessity in order to create a positive and personal school experience for your child. All parents are cordially invited to get involved as members of the SSiS Committee or as class representatives in the SSiS Parentsforum.

SCHOOL BUS

Our children have the possibility to make use of Swiss School bus on their way to and from school. [D'Best Bus Transport Service](#) ensures a high-quality door-to-door bus operation to and from our school. You can find detailed information regarding the school bus operation on our webpage.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Celebrations and Holidays

We have reason for celebrations every year, such as our largest event, which is Summer Night Event marking the end of the school year, or the various cultural and religious holidays such as Deepavali, Lantern Event, Advent Event and Chinese New Year.

These special occasions offer an optimal opportunity to showcase the various cultures of Singapore and weave the city's background and history into the curriculum.

Camp and Project Week

Once a year, the Swiss School is immersed in a special week. Students in Kindergarten, in P1 and P2 are fully occupied in various ways for the whole week based on a specially selected topic (project week).

At that same time, students in P3 to P6 are in class camps throughout Malaysia and/or Indonesia.

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