



## Frequently Asked Questions

<b>Statistics</b>	
How many children are there in the School?	Total: 719 learners Junior (1–4): 222 Senior: (5–12): 497 Foreign language stream (5-9): 89 learners.
How many Foreign Language learners are there?	This refers to grades 5-9: 89.
What is the percentage of German and South African learners respectively?	German: 33%; South African: 67%
How many NSC and Kombizweig learners are there?	This refers to Grades 10 -12: Kombizweig: 84 NSC: 97
How many classes are there per grade?	Grades 1–4: 2 classes at DSK Cape Town; 1 at Parow satellite school. Grades 5–9: 3 classes. Grades 10–12: 4 classes: 2 NSC stream, 2 Kombizweig stream.
How many learners are there per class?	It varies. Absolute ceiling would be 30; mostly between 15 and 25. In grades 10–12 the numbers may be as few as 6. In grades 1–4 the numbers are in the 20s.
How many classrooms are there?	45 single classrooms, in addition to the specially equipped rooms (see below).
Are the teachers German or South African?	There are 67 teachers. 14 German teachers are employed / seconded by the German government. 53 (mostly local) teachers are employed by the School Board.
How does DSK compare with other local schools?	Other private schools are more expensive, but due to the subsidy from the German Government our fees are lower. High academic standard and achievements in Matric results over the years. DSK offers similar curricula and extra-murals to other schools, with addition of German language from grade 5 onwards for the Foreign Language stream, and German qualifications (Kombi-Abitur and Sprachdiplom).
<b>Facilities</b>	
What specially equipped classrooms are there?	2 computer labs; 2 Science labs; 2 Biology labs; 2 Art rooms; library; Music centre complex; technical workshop. Each classroom, except for the grades 1-4, has an interactive Smartboard.

What special subjects / courses are offered in the curriculum?	In addition to prescribed curriculum for SA schools, we offer German at Home Language and Foreign Language levels. In grade 12 the Sprachdiplom is taken by all Foreign Language learners, a proficiency certificate enabling study in Germany tertiary institutions. ICDL course is offered over 2 years to learners starting in grade 8. From grades 10 – 12 learners who are fluent in German may choose the Kombizweig stream to qualify for the German Abitur (A-levels), in which most subjects are taught in German in accordance with the German curriculum (except for English, Afrikaans, Life Orientation, Music Appreciation, Art Appreciation). Extra lessons (Förderkurs) in the languages and Maths are provided at no extra cost after school hours at the School.
How does the Foreign Language stream integrate in the School curriculum?	They are in the C-classes from grade 5 – 8 which include extra German lessons in the curriculum and timetable.
Which languages are offered at the School?	English at Home Language level; Afrikaans at 1 <sup>st</sup> Additional Language level; isiXhosa at Home and 1 <sup>st</sup> Additional levels; German at Home and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Additional Language level; French at 1 <sup>st</sup> language level (only for Kombizweig from grade 10 onwards); Spanish as an extra-mural.
Are the language teachers mother-tongue speakers?	Yes, in each case.
<b>Lessons</b>	
Medium of instruction	Grades 1-4 in German; Grades 5-9 in German and English; Grades 10-12 in English (if NSC), in German (if Kombizweig).
The difference between NSC and Kombizweig streams	NSC stream qualifies with a South African NSC / Matric certificate at the end of Grade 12 in these subjects: English, German, Afrikaans, Xhosa, Maths, Science, Life Science, History, Geography, Accounting, Visual Art. Kombizweig combines South African and German curricula: English, Afrikaans, Life Orientation, according to the IEB / South African curriculum; German, Maths, History, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Sport, according to the German curriculum
Individual instruction	Because of small classes, especially in higher grades (excluding languages), individualized instruction is possible. In lower grades, classes are larger, between 15 and 25 mostly, with exceptions in primary school (up to 26).
<b>Extra–Murals</b>	
Sports	Soccer, Tennis, Dragonboating, Volleyball, Basketball, Hockey, Golf, Gymnastics, Crosscountry, Table Tennis, Playball, Taekwondo, Karate. External coaches are employed for these.
Cultural	Choir, Orchestra, Ballet, Modern Dancing, Marimba Band, Chess; Academic Olympiads in English, Maths, Science.
Social	Eco Rangers, Christian Union, KIDS.
Special events	Sports Day; Sportsolympiade with the 4 other German schools in Southern Africa every 4 years. Hosting of Chess Tournaments, school concerts, other music events (Musica Mundi).

<b>Social Aspects</b>	
How do non-German speaking learners integrate with German speakers?	Bilingualism is encouraged on both sides. Subject classes are mixed from grade 7 onwards.
Cafeteria / Tuckshop	Fully balanced meals are available daily with an emphasis on healthy eating.
Safety	The School has a Crisis Management team; Safety officers are appointed at the School which is fully compliant with state safety regulations.
<b>The School Day</b>	
Double lessons	To enable continuity and more quality-effective in learning and teaching.
Bus service	Privately owned bus company services the School community: Table View; Tygervalley; Tokai; Langa; Khayalitsha; Mitchells Plain.
School hours	08h00 to 14h25 Monday to Thursday; 8h00 to 13h15 Friday.
Assemblies	Once a month on average, in Hall or Amphitheatre.
<b>History</b>	
How old is the School?	Founded in 1883 by German missionaries.
When was the Foreign Language stream instituted for non-German speakers?	In 1987.