

Facts and Figures

Neue Schule Wolfsburg is an **independent private school, officially recognised** by government authorities. Neue Schule Wolfsburg GmbH, a limited liability company is a non-profit organisation. The school is governed by a board of representatives from the Volkswagen Group, Wolfsburg AG, and the Wolfsburg City Council. They are cooperative partners in the establishment and development of the school. The chairman of the board is Mr. Oliver Syring.

Neue Schule Wolfsburg is a **comprehensive school** for students in years 1 to 13. As such, we are accredited to grant all levels of school leaving certificate available in the German school system, including the **Abitur**, which is the general entrance qualification for universities in Germany.

The pedagogical concept of Neue Schule Wolfsburg accentuates individual student learning and internationality. Science and technology, art and culture, business and economy are emphasised curriculum elements. Information about the pedagogical concept is available on the school website, www.neue-schule-wolfsburg.de

Nine years after the school opened, founding principal Helga Boldt presented the overview, *Profil, Bilanz, Perspektiven 2018* (Profile, Conclusions, and Perspectives: 2018) for the school. The paper was a collaboration between members of the school leadership team, student representatives, parent representatives, and members of the teaching staff. This report can be found on the school website.

Neue Schule Wolfsburg is located on Heinrich Heine Straße, in the **Wolfsburg city centre**. The city's planetarium, theatre, art gallery, and public library are all within walking distance of the school.

Principal Dr. Klaus-Peter Nieschulz leads the school together with the **school leadership team**: Katja Krull, head of primary (years 1 – 4), Julia Bernabéu Reetz, head of secondary I (years 5 – 7), Sonja Hartelt-Bördeling, head of secondary I (years 8 – 10), and Holger Kiehne, head of secondary II (years 11 - 13). They are accompanied by Dr. Brigitta Ritter, head of didactics and pedagogy, and Dr. Gisela Gloor, who is responsible for special projects. Currently the school has 152 **permanent staff members** composed of 114 teachers, 4 trainee teachers, 15 school counsellors, as well as IT administration and media support staff, office administrators, and grounds and building maintenance staff. Many have had experience in a variety of occupations, are proficient in a range of languages, and have a diverse international background.

For the **school year 2018/2019**, the school has a total enrolment of 988 students.

Primary school: 160 students in 8 composite classes, with students in equally mixed classes, from years 1 to 4

Secondary I: 528 students in years 5 to 10 (four classes per year group)

Student numbers are limited to 20 in each primary class and 22 in each secondary class.

Secondary II (years 11-13): 100 students per year group

Neue Schule Wolfsburg has **four foreign language programmes**. **English** is taught to all students in primary school, beginning in year 1. Both English and **Spanish** are taught from year 5, and **Latin** is available as an elective from year 8. **Chinese** is offered to some students as an additional elective. There are native speaking teachers in each of the English, Spanish, and Chinese departments.

German as a Second Language support is given to students who are not proficient in German.

Neue Schule Wolfsburg offers advanced level language courses in **English and Spanish** for students who are at a very high level. Approximately 30 % of students participate in one of these courses. In addition, starting in year 6, **humanities** is offered in English. From year 11 students can choose to study **history in the English language**, and it is offered as an examination subject in the Abitur.

Neue Schule Wolfsburg is the only comprehensive school in Lower Saxony that offers **technology** (with a focus on mechatronics) as a study focus for the Abitur. Along with history in English, and **philosophy**, these three subjects distinguish us from other schools in the area.

An **academic advisory group** provides guidance and professional support. This advisory group is led by Christian Fischer, professor for educational research and school pedagogy at the University of Münster.

All students participate in **diagnostic testing** once enrolled at the Neue Schule Wolfsburg. The testing is conducted in cooperation with the University of Münster's International Centre for the Study of Giftedness.

School starts each day at 7:30 am with non-compulsory self-study time, with additional individual learning support when necessary. Compulsory classes begin at 8:15 am. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays school **finishes** at 3:45 pm. Wednesdays and Fridays school **finishes** at 2 pm. Students in the Abitur programme have

classes until 3:45 pm on Fridays. After school care is available at the school Mondays through Thursdays until 5 pm and Fridays until 4 pm. On Wednesdays additional **extra-curricular activities** are offered until 3:45 pm (soccer, indoor sports, cooking, dancing, pottery, art, programming, and many more).

Eating together is part of the school's culture and reflects the school philosophy. All students share breakfast with their class before first break and eat lunch together in the school cafeteria. A hot lunch is cooked in the cafeteria in the Congress Park complex adjoining the school grounds. The school's food programme is supported by Volkswagen Group Services GmbH.

Parents play an active role in the school. They serve on the school council, help with reading, offer extra-curricular activities, supervise independent study times, the self-study areas and the IT rooms, meet with teachers, and help maintain the school garden.

Neue Schule Wolfsburg **does not charge tuition fees**. Parents make a monthly payment of 100 euros per student (reduced to 85 euros for students in years 11 – 13) to cover the cost of food. This fee includes breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack during after school care. This fee can be reduced under certain circumstances. There is an additional monthly fee of 25 euros per child to cover the costs for stationery, photocopying, small excursions, and class trips.

Almost all parents are members of the Förderverein (**School Support Association** or **Parents' Committee**). The monthly contribution varies according to annual household income. The Förderverein plays an important role in supporting the school's operation.

Upcoming dates

- Regular **information events** are open to everyone with a general interest. The next event will be held on Wednesday, **27th November 2019**, from **4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. Please register in advance at the school office.
- This year's **Golden Day** takes place on Thursday, **20th June 2019** between **2:00 pm and 4:00 pm**. On this day the students present the results of their work from all areas of school life. The public is also invited.

Application dates for the school year 2020/2021

Information session for **year 1**:

Wednesday, 15th January 2020, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, Atrium, Neue Schule Wolfsburg

Information session for **year 5**:

Wednesday, 12th February 2020, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, Atrium, Neue Schule Wolfsburg

The enrolment process opens at the end of the information session for the upcoming 2020/2021 school year. The enrolment process closes on **25th January 2020 for primary school** and on **22th February 2020 for secondary school**.

Early applications will not be accepted. Applications from abroad need to be made during the specified timeframe using the same forms, available on the school's website. Enquiries can be made by contacting the school. Because class sizes are limited, enrolment outside of the application process is generally not possible. We accept students outside of the regular enrolment period only if a vacancy arises as the result of a student departing permanently.

Information session for **Secondary II (year 11)**:

Wednesday, 15th January 2020, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Atrium, Neue Schule Wolfsburg

The application process closes on **20th February 2020**.

100 students will be admitted to year 11.

Students in secondary II choose to focus on one of the following areas of study: **languages, social sciences, natural sciences, technology, or the arts**.

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