



CELEBRATE YOUR
Roots
DISCOVER YOUR
Wings

1. Philosophy

The Friedrich-Dessauer-Gymnasium, Schulzentrum / Stadtbadstraße 4, 63741 Aschaffenburg, Germany and the German European School Singapore, 72 Bukit Tinggi Road, Singapore 289760 enter a cooperation to promote the relationship between a German school and a German school abroad. The students in Singapore should not forget about their German and European roots. GESS-students with no German roots should get familiar with life and language on the one hand and Germany as a potential place for studies on the other. The students in Aschaffenburg have the opportunity to widen their horizon by experiencing the fascinating South East Asian metropolis. Both of them will make lifelong friendships and experiences.

2. Principles

Having this target in mind, both schools agree to the following:

- a) The cooperation of both partners is based on respect, tolerance and understanding of each other.
- b) The contact between the schools should be encouraged via the internet, e-mail and other forms of correspondence, which brings the students together and broadens the knowledge about the respective other.
- c) Regular two-way visits of the FDG and GESS so that students get a mutual insight of the school system, languages and the everyday life of their partners.

The students should be able to work in a team, be disciplined and willing to learn, as well as being interested in the project. There should be around 30 students in the group and 2 accompanying teachers or supervisors. Changes to the amount of students in one group are possible.

The project itself aims to support and further develop the intercultural relationship and bilingual approach of our students. They should (further) develop their awareness for other cultures, e.g. languages, habits, customs and beliefs. Furthermore, their openness, tolerance, their respect for diversity, their understanding and their flexibility shall be supported.

- d) For this purpose, both schools examine the option to give teachers the opportunity for exchange, to also serve their professional development.
- e) Both school partners are working on measures of encounter and a common pedagogical plan of topics and projects that we want to focus on.

3. Conditions of the student exchange program

- a) The FDG and GESS are regularly offering the opportunity for mutual visits of students to the respective other country. These visits will be for appr. two weeks, so that they widen their horizon for the other culture and to develop an understanding towards people in the other country.