

## CJD Christophorusschule Droyssig

The **CJD Christophorus School Droyssig** is situated in the town of Droyssig in the southernmost part of the federal state of Saxony-Anhalt, East Germany, about 50 kilometers south of the city of Leipzig and Leipzig Airport.

The historic cities of Weimar (Goethe, Schiller, Buchenwald concentration camp site & memorial) and Dresden and the German capital Berlin are within easy reach, about 1-2 hours by coach or train.

The school is one of 22 "Club of Rome" schools in Germany and Prime Partner of the University of Halle/Wittenberg, i.e. students can already attend college or university courses when they are still students at our school.

The school provides education to day students and boarding students. In the 2009/2010 school year about 540 students from grades 5-12 (ages 11-18) attend the school.

Two of the school's main points of emphasis are Economics (some classes for the older students are taught in English) and the promotion of high achievers and highly gifted students.

The Christophorus School Droyssig has gained national reputation for its concept of promoting high achievers and highly gifted students and for its counseling concept regarding career planning.

Scientific evaluation (SEIS-Evaluation by the Bertelsman-Foundation and a study of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg) has shown that our students rank above average.

The campus and the school buildings date back to the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Although they have undergone major renovation work they have largely kept the charming atmosphere of a traditional German Gymnasium (college preparatory school).

Classes start at 7.30 a.m. In the afternoon, the upper grades attend classes until 3.40 p.m. while the younger students can enjoy a wide variety of extra-curricular activities and study groups for all interests ranging from individual and group musical activities (co-operation with two local music schools) and big band to arts, sports, drama, sciences, horse riding etc. as well as the supervision of homework.

The Christophorus School Droyssig is run by one of the largest providers of school and vocational education in Germany, the CJD (Christliches Jugenddorfwerk Deutschland / Christian Youth Village Organisation) Religious Education classes are compulsory for all students. Yet, no pupil (or parental home) needs to have any religious affiliation or belong to a Christian denomination or attend religious offers like church services or meditations. However, the students are expected to open-mindedly look into and deal with the Christian faith and to practise the spirit of tolerance and solidarity towards other students and the members of faculty and staff.

Furthermore, the students are expected to willingly accept and meet the educational standards of the school at the level of a Gymnasium (college preparatory school). They are supported by their teachers in many different ways.

#### Educational profile:

##### → foreign languages:

- 1<sup>st</sup> foreign language (compulsory): English (grades 5 to 10),
- 2<sup>nd</sup> foreign language (compulsory): French, Latin or Russian (grades 7 to 10),
- 3<sup>rd</sup> foreign language (optional): French, Latin, Russian or Spanish (grades 9 and 10).
- At least one foreign language must be studied until the final exams.
- Chinese is offered in optional study groups for high achievers and highly gifted students

##### → Economics (taught in German) is compulsory from grade 8 to 10.

Business English is compulsory in grade 10.

Economics is taught in English from grade 11 to 13 (optional).

##### → Student exchange programs / partner schools:

USA, France, Italy, Armenia, Malta

##### → Co-operations: Martin-Luther-University Halle (Prime Partner)

Konfuzius-Institut Leipzig (Chinese)

music schools: Anna-Magdalena-Bach, Zeitz

Heinrich-von-Veldecke, Naumburg

riding stable: Reiterhof Gentzsch, Droyssig

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