

MINERVA®

Member of Kalaidos Education Group Switzerland



Minerva Schools Basel

Developing abilities.

Teaching skills.

Getting set for the future.

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▪ Kindergarten

▪ Primary School

▪ Lower Secondary School

Minerva Schulen Basel AG – a Leader in Switzerland's North-West

Minerva School is a full-time day school and ranks among the leading private schools in Switzerland's North-West. The school with its 100-year-plus history owes its friendly atmosphere to its motivating and idyllic learning surroundings spanning two locations, its inspiring and forward-looking course content as well as its seasoned team of qualified teachers.

Its facilities include a Kindergarten starting at 3 years, a Primary School as well as all the Lower Secondary streams (A, E, P). In its bilingual Kindergarten, its Primary School and the P stream in Lower Secondary School, children and adolescents are taught both through German and English. This school concept at Minerva School is complemented by a variety of specialty and support courses, such as workshops for gifted students.

Enabling students to come into their own, coupling *joie de vivre* and the willingness to perform and developing social skills – these are the main objectives Minerva School, a member of the Kalaidos Education Group since 2002, sets out to achieve.

Our educational facilities

- Bilingual Kindergarten
Germ./Engl. (from 3 years)
- Bilingual Primary School
Germ./Engl.
(Grades 1 to 4)
- Primary School–
Development Stream
(Grades 5 and 6)
- Primary School–
Performance Stream
(Grades 5 and 6)
- Lower Secondary School
Streams A, E and P

Our complementary offers

- Afternoon and
holiday care
- World of Learning
(Grades 5 to 8)
- Reading & writing support
programme
- German as a second
language support
- Language certificates/
diplomas
- Workshops for gifted
students
- School «island»
(time-out/one-on-one
support)

Our advantages

- Small groups
- State-of-the-art, child-
friendly environment
- Full-time day school
providing school meals
- Clearly structured tuition

Comparison of School Levels at Minerva Schools Basel and Public Schools

– SIS (Bilingual College, International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme,
 – Grammar school (University preparatory schools)
 – Apprenticeship or higher secondary schools (bridge facilities, FMS, HMS)

In-house general qualification for university admission)



Minerva Schulen Basel AG

School year	Grades 7 – 9 Lower Secondary School Stream A with remedial teaching	Grades 7 – 9 Lower Secondary School Stream E	Grades 7 – 9 Lower Secondary School Stream P Bilingual Germ./Engl.
11 th school year			
10 th school year			
9 th school year			
8 th school year	Grades 5 – 6 Primary School Development Stream	Grades 5 – 6 Primary School Performance Stream Bilingual Germ./Engl.	
7 th school year			
6 th school year	Grades 1 – 4 Primary School Bilingual Germ./Engl.		
5 th school year			
4 th school year			
3 rd school year			
2 nd school year	Kindergarten Bilingual Germ./Engl.		
1 st school year	Kindergarten (from 3 years) Bilingual Germ./Engl.		

Public Schools

School year	Grades 7 – 9 Lower Secondary School Stream A	Grades 7 – 9 Lower Secondary School Stream E	Grades 7 – 9 Lower Secondary School Stream P
11 th school year			
10 th school year			
9 th school year			
8 th school year	Grades 5 – 6 Primary School		
7 th school year			
6 th school year			
5 th school year			
4 th school year			
3 rd school year			
2 nd school year	Kindergarten		
1 st school year			

Bilingual Kindergarten – from 3 years

Within the idyllic school premises of the Bürgerliches Waisenhaus (former civil orphanage), our youngest pupils experience a nurturing and caring setting. Even vulnerable children feel a sense of security in this environment.

Right from the start, the three to six-year-olds are immersed in the English language. During one-and-a-half days per week, Kindergarten is an all-English environment. The little ones are in the care of an English-speaking Kindergarten teacher. As with the acquisition of a mother tongue, the kids listen, copy and repeat.

Rhyming, singing and playing, the kids are exposed to life with two languages in a natural manner every day. This lays the groundwork for learning a foreign language which is later expanded in Minerva's Primary and Secondary Schools.

Bilingual Primary School – Grades 1 to 4

Children are eager to learn and are curious by nature. At Minerva, they are able to satisfy their hunger to learn in a pleasant learning atmosphere. Our teachers support their students in discovering and investigating the world. They encourage them to develop a sense of responsibility and mutual respect.

Even vulnerable children settle in well at our school thanks to the intimate setting and a clearly structured school day with binding agreements. Our Primary School classes are taught by German and English-speaking teachers. Focusing on topics, our bilingual tuition enables children to acquire, internalize and spontaneously use the English language. With the help of first, simple applications our kids are introduced step-by-step to integrated thinking and networking during information technology classes. In class, we harness their natural curiosity for the digital world and boost their media literacy.

Primary School – Development Stream (Grades 5 and 6)

Minerva's Primary School Development Stream offers close support and encouragement by the teachers. Furthermore, Minerva Learning World's concept - which is tailored to individual needs - also ensures the best possible preparation of our students for Lower Secondary School.

These two years give children the optimal means to expand and develop their personal and academic abilities so that they are well prepared for switching to whichever Lower Secondary School stream that suits them best.

Primary School – Performance Stream (Grades 5 and 6)

Minerva's Primary School Performance Stream addresses children showing good to excellent potential; here, they are particularly stretched and challenged.

Our Primary School Performance Stream is suited to children who enjoy learning and who have many interests. Children looking for an academic challenge are perfectly placed here. They are offered incentives and can tackle tasks that further their academic and personal development.

Beside classroom tuition, students of both streams work an average of nine lessons a week on an individual basis in the learning workshop of Minerva's World of Learning.



Lower Secondary School – Grades 7 to 9

Our Secondary School is split into three streams:

- Lower Secondary Stream A
- Lower Secondary Stream E
- Lower Secondary Stream P

Thanks to this division into different streams, adolescents of all levels of ability will find a suitable place at Basel's Minerva School. Beside classroom tuition, students of stream E and P work an average of nine lessons a week on an individual basis in the learning workshop of Minerva's World of Learning.

Lower Secondary Stream A

The A stream at Minerva's Lower Secondary School is geared in particular to children and adolescents requiring a protective setting and increased attention from their teachers and prepares these students very thoroughly for their futures. Every child's special needs are taken seriously and students are encouraged to reach their potential and are supported accordingly. We prepare our students for the challenges of the professional world in mixed-age classes, partly through team teaching and assisted by remedial teachers. Together, we formulate a tailor-made course of learning.

Lower Secondary Stream E

The E stream at Minerva's Lower Secondary School prepares children and adolescents over a period of three years either for an apprenticeship or the switch to a higher secondary school. In this stream, apart from encouraging student performance, the central focus lies on career choice coaching. Accordingly, career studies form a regular school subject in the career planning process.

Lower Secondary Stream P

The P stream at Minerva's Lower Secondary School prepares children and adolescents over a period of three years either for the switch to a grammar school (Gymnasium) or another higher secondary school. Native speakers teach intensive English on different levels. Likewise, History, Science and Arts are taught through English.



Our locations



Kindergarten and Primary School (Grades 1 to 4)

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