

Talent Point in Focus: Friedrich-Schiller-Gymnasium

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We offer a **class for gifted pupils**. This special class is intended for highly gifted and motivated students. Together with the Ministry we have developed a three-step admission procedure.

As a first step, the applicants must complete an IQ test to determine their intelligence quotient (Cognitive ability test). This IQ test is conducted by experienced psychologists. The first requirement for admission to the special class is an IQ of 125 or more.

In the second step, we have a conversation and interview with the child and his parents. This is about getting to know the child and the parents as well as the interaction between them.

In the third step, the candidates sit in our special class for three days. The focus of our observations is on the behavior of the child. We observe the following aspects: motivation, perseverance, learning strategies, willingness to cooperate,

ability to learn from mistakes and failures, concentration and so on. Let's have a look at the model for promoting gifted children in our special class. In this class we have the well-known elements Acceleration and Enrichment. We teach the contents of the curriculum a little bit faster (2 lessons less a week). This allows us to create space for an enriched learning offer (enrichment). For the students of our special class, we offer several projects and modules on Tuesday afternoon, in which the gifted pupils can participate. The modules take place on different topics and are led by our teachers and external experts. The topics of the modules are for example Programming a computer, Architecture or Participation in competitions.

Our **mentoring program** is a subproject of the excellence initiative LemaS (Leistung macht Schule), which started 2018. The mentoring program is accompanied, conducted and evaluated by the University of Regensburg and the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. Our mentoring program is accompanied by Heidrun Stöger and Albert Ziegel and it is designed for gifted and talented students who are proposed by teachers and who need to be highly motivated. Our goal is to help mentees successfully develop their skills. Our mentoring program consists of four main topics: CyberMentor Plus, performance-oriented Mentoring, Individual Learning paths and Excellence Training.

Links:

<http://www.fsg-marbach.de/index.php?id=20>