



DEUTSCHE
INTERNATIONALE
SCHULE
JOHANNESBURG

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE DSJ

We help learners to develop strong personalities and strengthen team spirit,



- by encouraging them to show consideration for one another,
- by promoting social awareness through teaching and learning programmes such as the co-operative learning method,
- by supporting learners with varying levels of ability through teaching methods which focus on differentiated education,
- by providing learners with the opportunity of giving feedback to their teachers,
- by offering learners counselling and assistance with personal and learning difficulties

We offer our learners instruction in a co-educational system that is based on the highest academic principles



- by offering learners lessons that are didactically and methodically sound,
- by emphasizing the values of responsibility, achievement, knowledge and ability,
- by guiding them to independent and self-motivated learning,
- by offering them the opportunity to become highly competent,
- by encouraging them to be punctual, disciplined, diligent and orderly.



We encourage our learners to think critically and independently



- by supporting them in their positive attitude to work and willingness to achieve,
- by advancing creativity and organisational competence through our curricula,
- when planning learner-focused cross-curricular lessons.



We guide our learners in their achievement of South African and German school-leaving certificates both bearing international recognition



- by preparing them successfully for higher education both locally and abroad,
- by supporting newly-enrolled learners through assisted integration and accelerated language instruction,
- by providing career counselling focusing on tertiary education in both South Africa and Germany,
- by maintaining close and meaningful contacts with South African, German and other international schools, businesses and universities.

We offer learners the opportunity to accept responsibility for themselves and for others and to strengthen their intercultural competence



- by allowing them the opportunity to participate in cultural events,
- by practicing and setting examples of peaceful conflict resolution,
- by conveying and practicing democratic values in education and teaching,
- by advancing the multilingualism of our learners,
- by being a centre of cultural encounter.

We welcome anyone wanting to learn German and who is interested in the German culture



- by offering classes for children from non-German homes in order to acquire German as a mother-tongue from the age of one,
- by enrolling learners from non-German homes into the Kindergarten, the Fifth or the Eighth Grade,
- by offering German language courses in order to help newly-enrolled learners and their parents,
- by running an intensive student exchange programme with Germany and other international partner schools.

