

Ätsch School

What is Ätsch School?

Ätsch school - Association for emancipatory education is managed by parents of the alternative school .

The Ätsch - school was founded by dedicated parents in 1978 as an attractive response to a rigid education system. Our school is a place for development for children, parents and teachers.

Our children should be perceived as independent personalities with all their needs, inclinations and talents. This requires a mutual respect of children and adults .

Ätsch sets these targets as a school project without becoming a part of rigid system. Ätsch is constantly evolving.

We are currently 18 children aged 6-10 years + their parents + 4 teachers and accompanying persons.

Proposed activities

The main task of you will be to make the program in the school more international and to integrate different cultural elements in the daily life of the children. By doing this you will

- ✓ Have the chance to get in touch with the children, get to know and interact with them
- ✓ Have the possibility to create own projects or lessons, according interests and talents
- ✓ Learn how to define a project/activity and how to put it into action
- ✓ Help out with activities like: cleaning, setting the tables, helping the children dress etc.

Ätsch - Activities :

- Learning in different learning-, competence-, interest groups
- Gymnastics, swimming, ice skating, rock climbing, excursions
- Singing, dancing, music
- Art Therapy
- Painting, drawing, the use of different materials
- Theater project
- Field trips, cultural events

- Projects

A typical day at school can look like the described schedule:

9:00-9:30 welcoming the children, settling down in the school.

09:30-10:00 'Pau-Wau': plenary meeting of children and teachers, where they speak about the program of the day

10:00-12:00 learning: the group is split in two. Reading, writing and calculating is taught.

12:00-14:00 lunch and break: parents cook for the whole group. Sometimes, cooking can be part of the school day as well: the children learn how to cook and teamwork. After that, the children are free for one hour.

14:00-16:30 courses are offered by teachers and parents. This can be singing, music, Kung Fu, cooking, creative works, computer etc. Here you can offer a course, project or activity.

16:30-17:00 cleaning, dressing, leaving for home. Once per week, an outdoor activity is organised: ice-skating, swimming, cinema, theatre, excursions to special events etc... At least two times per year we have a one week excursion (winter/skiing, summer/countryside)

Profile of a Volunteer and Recruitment Process

Ideally, you are interested in working with children or youth groups. The most important thing is, that you have an open approach to children and young people and the interest in interacting with them. If you have special interests (creativity, social skills, interest in music, dancing, sports etc.) this is mostly welcomed and will be integrated into the program.

The international volunteering in Vienna is coordinated by Grenzenlos within the MELANGE program. If you are interested, you just send a CV (curriculum vitae), a motivation letter and the full details of the responsible sending organisation to Grenzenlos. They will forward your papers to the hosting project (Ätsch-Schule) where the selection will be made.

All available placements are open to everyone (fulfilling the general EVS criteria). However, in the selection procedure a preference is shown for candidates with fewer opportunities. You will be informed about the outcome of recruitment process conforming to the set out applying deadlines (more: [Melange Website](#)).