

CJD Jugenddorf-Christophorusschule Elze

In 1951 the first Jugenddorf Christophorus School was founded in Elze/Leine. The school grounds are embedded in the charming landscape of the Leine Valley, and the Marienburg, the castle of the former kings of Hannover, is within sight of our school.



We are a private high school at the outskirts of Elze, a small town (pop.14,000) in a rather rural area in northern Germany. Elze is situated 30 kilometers south of Hannover (pop. 600,000), the capital of Lower Saxony. Hannover, famous for its Industries and Computer Fair, has got 3 universities (two of them specialized: one in music, theater and dancing, the other one being a veterinarian one), several museums, theaters, an opera house, libraries and much more. In 2000 Hannover hosted the EXPO, the world exhibition. About 15 kilometers east of Elze lies Hildesheim (pop. 100,000) also with a lot of interesting things to visit.

The school, which is partly a boarding school, is a state recognized preparatory school (grades 5-13) for boys and girls and offers special activities in sports (swimming athletics, pole vault, horse riding) and music (choir,

different groups of bands/combos, individual and group teaching in the music school). Today about 850 students are enrolled and great efforts are being made to change the school's profile into that of a sports- and health school.

Besides more than thirty after-school groups offer all kinds of activities like archery, canoeing, pottery, theater and more.

English is taught as a first foreign language from grade 5 on, in grade 7 students can choose between French and Latin. Both can also be chosen as a third foreign language from grade 11 on. Study hall is offered in the afternoon for boarders and day students.



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