

# Welcome to Germany



# FSG:

FRANZ-STOCK-GYMNASIUM

# ARNSBERG

Dear exchange students,

we hope that you will enjoy your time in Germany and we hope that you will return back home with amazing memories and want to come back again!

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# Arnsberg and FSG:



Arnsberg is part of the Hochsauerlandkreis (HSK) and is a city with many districts such as Neheim, Hüsten and many other .

This beautiful city is known for its ancient buildings that have been kept to showcase German history.

Arnsberg is also a popular spa and summer resort.

There are many activities that can be done in Arnsberg, such as indoor and outdoor swimming , playing in indoor parks, watching movies at our cinemas, golfing, ice skating, hiking and many more exciting activities.

Sightseeing is also a big part of Arnsberg. For example you can go to the Möhnesee and enjoy the beautiful lake, go to the inspiring museum in Sauerland, visit the Pfarrchurch St. Johannes-Baptist, shop at the weekly markets, visit the adventurous wild forest in Vosswinkel, enjoy your time at the golf club in Sauerland or swim in our Nass swimming pool which is special because of its indoor and outdoor pools.



The name FSG stands for Franz-Stock-Gymnasium and is a *Gymnasium* which is the highest form of education for middle-school and high-school students. Our school follows the so called G8 and G9 system. G8 students go to school from grade 5 to 12 and G9 students from grade 5 to 13 ,which makes it possible for us to have the best form of education.

A specialty of our school is that it is a member of the national wide network of Mathematical-Scientifical Excellence-Center.

Our school has a partnership with French schools, which can be explained by the fact that our school carries the name Franz-Stock. Franz Stock (1904-1948) is a pioneer of the German-French relationship and a big inspiration to us. His name reminds us that we have to hold together in order to live in a peaceful future. He taught us that we should treat everyone the same regardless of religion or ethnicity.

# The German cuisine:



In Germany you can find a lot of amazing food that will make you crave for more!

## Dishes:

- Sausage (Bratwurst)
- Potato salad (Kartoffelsalat)
- Coleslaw (Krautsalat)
- Pretzel (Brezel)
- Schnitzel (Schnitzel)
- Stew (Eintopf)

## Desserts:

- Berliner
- Cinnamon rolls (Zimtschnecken)
- Kinderschokolade
- Milka

## Drinks:

- Beer

## Do's and Don'ts:



If you don't want to stumble upon misunderstandings and live life like a real German you have to follow the following rules!

### Do's:

- Show respect to elders (Sie over Du)
- Talk in German (if possible)
- Shake hands
- Bring cash and small changes
- Share the bill
- Be spontaneous

### Don'ts:

- Don't be late
- Don't burp
- Don't be loud in public or after 10pm
- Don't disregard the waste separation
- Don't litter

Now you're good to go and can enjoy life as a German student out there!

## 5 interesting facts about Germany:



1. We have a very stable insurance system (health insurance, life insurance, accident insurance, etc.)!
2. We return our recycling bottles and receive a receipt in return with which we get money back or use it as a discount when shopping!
3. Our educational system is for free (even for non-Germans)!
4. We have a female chancellor, Angela Merkel, who has to discuss with the Bundesrat at the Bundestag in order to make decisions. She alone can not make decisions!
5. Foreigners are able to sightsee the Berliner Mauer which once split East and West Germany!