



# **Heinrich Metzendorf Schule**

Berufliche Schulen des Kreises Bergstraße





## ***Welcome***



to Heinrich Metzendorf Schule ( Technical College ) in Bensheim!

Our school takes a dynamic development and has a varied educational offer. We think that the following information gives you an excellent overview about who we are, how we work and how we can help you to reach your educational aims. Also on our Internet site [www.metzendorfschule.de](http://www.metzendorfschule.de) you learn everything about our school forms, educational backgrounds and the school life as well as about the exams and diplomas which help you to practice a profession or to begin your studies. We think that education changes your life positively and we are proud to be able to help you in it.

At our school there is the Technical college, the Higher Technical High School, the Technical High School, the Occupational Preparation Year, the Occupational Basic Education year, the professional high school in cooperation with Karl Kübel school, the technical school for civil engineering, the educational programmes for the occupational preparation and the workshop for disabled people.

Wolfgang Freudenberger, Principal

## ***School profile of Heinrich Metzendorf Schule in Bensheim, Germany***

The Heinrich Metzendorf School in Bensheim wishes to organize learning and education in a way that humans as a whole are appreciated and taken into account. Students shall be enabled to take a useful and successful place in society despite the fact that there is continuous change.

Students shall get competence for decisions at a wider range; therefore concept of teaching focuses on complex learning in complex learning situations.

There are different departments in school: Metallurgy, Mechanical construction, Car and Industrial Mechanics, Electrotechnics, Sanitary, Heating and Climate Installation, Construction, Nutrition, Body Care, Home Economy, Hotel and Tourism Business, in which there is a total of about 110 teachers working for a total number of about 2100 students. They come from the towns and cities of the nearby pre-urban and urban areas, covering an area of about 50 km around the school.

There is professional training and education going on in different levels:

Apprentices get their professional training mostly in a dual system of education, which means a cooperation of two main partners: The companies where apprentices stay during 3 and ½ days a week to learn the practical aspects of their trade, and the school where they learn about the theory behind their future job during the other days of the working week.

Apart from that, there are different classes for education exclusively at school, where students can get a degree in Secondary Education, linked to a special field of activities, or certificates that enable them to enter university or technical colleges, or they can pass examination to become technicians.

Furthermore, there are classes which aim at integration of adolescents and young adults into the labour market; many of their students come from families with socio-economic disadvantages.

Also, there are German courses for asylum seekers and special classes for mentally disabled students.



Education is aimed to let students recognize economic, technical, social and ecological contexts. This is realized through the way lessons are and through cooperation between school and companies, or by opening school for different programmes in European exchanges or mobility.

The school disposes of a socio- pedagogical service for students at school. The teachers are highly motivated and competent specialists of their field of activities. They successfully cope with the challenge of changing standards of education and training in an environment which – in its job- related and personal aspects - keeps developing faster and faster, by modern organisational structures, continuing internal organisational change, project group work and continuous developing of their teaching and technical skills.

Due to renovation of the school in recent years, including the school building itself, the school offers latest equipment in its rooms which corresponds to up-to-date standards; it represents a learning environment of high quality for its students. Also, equipment of the school with IT-media (computer-workplaces, local networks, internet access, technical software, etc.) can be seen as exemplary.

### ***A short school-history***

**In 1848** a boy's schoolhouse which was called „**craftsman´s Sunday school**“ was opened. From **1874** professional classes got organized in a „**continuation school**“. On the **31st of October 1886**, the **trade association built an own schoolhouse** which was extended already in 1895.

A new and even bigger **building** was handed over on **11th August 1907**, to his regulation. At the end of the school year 1910/11 the existing Sunday school, which had been existing since 1848, stopped working, to replace it came the **occupational continuation school** as a construction and trade as well as painter's school. In 1924 the city of Bensheim took over the school sponsorship.

### **The vocational schools and continuation school**

During the second world war the school had to be closed in 1944, nevertheless, it could take up work again already on the 12th October, 1945´. On the 26th October, 1967, a new building was solemnly handed over once more to its regulation. Now the school was called "commercial vocational school of the Kreis Bergstraße". From 1978 the school led the name "professional schools of the kreis Bergstraße in Bensheim".

### **The big rebuilding**

In 1997 the rebuilding - lasting for a long period of the school - begins with investments of 17 million euros. The rebuilding to the new school is concluded with the naming "Heinrich Metzendorf School" in 2004.

Bensheim, in 2010

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