



Eigenbetrieb von Berlin

KINDERGÄRTEN CITY

About us

When children feel safe and secure, they can explore the world using all of their senses. We help them get started on this journey of discovery. The **57 nursery schools** of Kindergärten City – in neighborhoods in Mitte, Tiergarten, Wedding, Friedrichshain, and Kreuzberg – support and encourage children up to the age of 6, since we believe that strengths nurtured early will help children make more out of the opportunities offered in life.

A city like Berlin calls for a **non-ideological and non-denominational** approach to working with children, and that's what Kindergärten City provides. Our teachers create an atmosphere in which children feel comfortable, respond to difference with curiosity, and learn to respect diversity. They also help boys and girls to discover their own potential according to their talents and interests and regardless of gender or background. Whether children or parents – we want everyone to get actively involved.

Another way that Kindergärten City embraces diversity is by having each nursery school develop its **own profile** – with its own emphasis on language, health, media skills, the environment, or the natural sciences. What they all have in common is the educational program used throughout the federal state of Berlin. Children are eager to learn; they want to be challenged, but they also want to be supported. That's what we're here for.

Our **opening hours** are geared as much as possible to parents' wishes and to helping them reconcile work and family life. We either don't close at all during the summer holidays, keep the summer break short, or help parents by finding a temporary place for their children in a nearby nursery school.

We believe that a **healthy and balanced diet** is important, and the children's meals are prepared right at the nursery school.

Almost all of the nursery schools have large and inviting **playgrounds and green spaces** where the children can run and play.

Kindergärten City is one of the federal state of Berlin's five **municipal nursery school enterprises**.

Kindergärten City was founded on 1 January 2006, when it took over the nursery schools that had previously been run by the various boroughs. Each day around 1,100 teachers promote the development and well-being of more than 7,000 children from 0 to 6 years old.

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Kindergärten City: Facts and figures*

	Absolute	Percentage
Number of nursery schools in Berlin-Mitte and Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg (2014)	57	
Anticipated number of children enrolled (annual average for 2015)	7,158	
Average annual number of children enrolled in 2014	6,985	100
Under 2 years old	872	13
Aged 2 to 3	1,193	17
Over 3 years old	4,920	70
Children receiving extended (more than 9 hours/day) all-day care	475	7
Children receiving all-day care	2,885	41
Children receiving part-time care	3,337	48
Children receiving half-day care	288	4
Children whose native language is not German	3,845	55
Children from disadvantaged areas	1,767	25
Children with disabilities	311	4
Staff members (number of positions)	1,112	100
including:		
Teaching staff (positions)	1,006	91
Cooks and other kitchen staff (positions)	60	5
In-house technicians (positions)	12	1
Administrative staff (positions)	34	3
Staff members under 40 years old (individuals)	256	23
Largest nursery school (number of available places)	203	
Smallest nursery school (number of available places)	44	
Average number of places per nursery school	123	
Kindergärten City's share of all children at nursery schools in Mitte and Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg (%)		24
Kindergärten City's share of all children at nursery schools in Berlin (%)		5
Annual turnover (in millions of euros)	65	
Average monthly amount paid by parents per child (in euros)	47	

*Unless otherwise stated, all figures refer to the annual average in 2014.