

## Facts & Reputation

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Situated at the edge of the historic center of the medieval city of Regensburg, the *St. Marien-Gymnasium* is one of altogether nine grammar schools within the municipal boundaries. The SMG is a semi-private school maintained by the Diocese of Regensburg. It is the only all-girls grammar school in town and the only grammar school with an associated middle school.

The academic focus of the grammar school is on languages (year 5 starts English, year 6 Latin, year 8 French) as well as business and economics (year 5 starts English, year 6 Latin or French, year 8 Business, Economics & Information Management). Altogether there are 1,156 (791/365) students from the ages of 10 (year 5) to 19 (year 13) and 86 teachers at both schools.

Among the local population the schools have a reputation of academic excellence. They stand for a value-based education, discipline, work ethics and well-behaved students. The grammar school has also a reputation for encouraging creativity and artistic talent. Thus, extra-curricular activities include drama clubs, choirs, orchestras, a film club, a photo club, a design club, a jazz dance class etc.). It is worth mentioning that the school yields a notable number of regional and national prize winners in music and arts competitions. Physical education supplements the holistic approach towards education that the school subscribes to. Thus, the school maintains its own indoor swimming pool. The school's successful soccer, taek-won do and swimming teams are particularly noteworthy.