

German education system

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Different types of schools

Primary school

- Start: at the age of 6
- Duration: 4 years
- Transition to secondary school

Secondary education 1

– Hauptschule

- Graduation after class 9 and 10
- Class 10 different graduation form
- Qualification Secondary education 2

– Realschule

- Graduation after class 10
- Qualification Secondary education 2

Secondary education 2

– Gymnasium (A-levels)

- Grade: 11 – 13
- Entrance certificate for universities
- 2 – 3 majors

A typical day
at a German school

School day

- Start of day: 8 o'clock on average
- Greeting / Presence Check
- Repetition
- Average lessons until 13 o'clock
- Do homework at home

School day

Zeit	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:55 – 8:40	Economics	German	Databases	Text Design	
8:40 – 9:25	Economics	German	Databases	Text Design	
9:40 – 10:25	Religion	English	Operating System	Physical Education	Computer Science
10:25 – 11:10	Programming C	English	Operating System	Physical Education	Computer Science
11:25 – 12:10	Programming C	Maths	Operating System	Electronics	Automation
12:10 – 12:55	Programming C	Maths	Operating System	Electronics	Automation
13:10 – 13:55		Politics			Programming HTML
13:55 – 14:40		Politics			Programming HTML

School-system

School day

Vocational college

Activities

Relationship

Vocational training colleges

Dual System

- Training with a company and school education
 - For example IT businessman
 - 2 days: School | 3 days: Company
 - School in the morning | Company at noon
 - 3 years training
- Trainee
- Vocational college location dependent on company

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Vocational subjects

- Specialised subjects (operating systems, automation technology, accounting)
- Specific degrees are expected by companies
- Graduation from school, exams with Chamber of Commerce

Full-time education at a vocational college

- In different fields such as
 - IT
 - Metal work
 - Business and administration
 - Social and health studies
 - Duration: 2 – 3 years

Full-time education at a vocational college

- Entrance Certificate for Universities of Applied Sciences
- Insight in different professions by internships
- After graduation: Universities of Applied Sciences or training in dual system of education

Comparison: A-levels and vocational education

- Perhaps easier than senior classes
- Practical experience
- Insight into working life

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Extracurricular activities at German schools

School trip

- Day trip
- Tasks from the teacher
- Teacher and student activities

Class trip

- Trip for a longer period of time (Average 7 days)
- Daily plan
- Free time

Work experience

- Write letter of application
- Work in a company
- Gain work experience
- Is unpaid
- Get insight in professional activities

Breaks

- Play on the schoolyard
- Stay outside
- Activities then and today

Gaining Competences

- Gaining knowledge / education
- Understanding other people
- Applying things
 - Applying knowledge
 - Analyze behavior

Voluntary work

- Passing on knowledge
- Good free time activity
 - Private tuition
 - Helping people in emergencies
 - Help integrating refugees

Further education

- Self study
 - Read books
 - Research on the internet
 - Search private tuition
 - Ask parents

- Advanced training course
 - Weekend course
 - Workshops
 - Operating advanced training/seminar

Private tuition

- 1 person gives private tuition
- Private tuition is mostly paid
- Younger pupils search for private tuition
 - School problems

Relationship between students and teachers

Social contact in the learning setting

- Teachers support students
- Teachers realize good work
- Teachers keep quiet about students' weaknesses
 - Expose
 - Bullying
 - No heavy task
- Teachers take students seriously
- Try to understand

Helpful relationships

- Teachers authority
 - Moral role model for students
 - Factual and communicative
 - Responsible

Relationship between teachers and students

- Private contact
 - Only as school event
 - Insurance protection
 - No alcohol | drugs

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Everyday work

- Under pressure
- Mistrust
- Control
- Bad preparation for real school life

**Thanks for your
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