

Information Evening for Parents of Immigrant Pupils

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Tasks of school – education and schooling (SchulG NRW [School Act NRW])

- Education and schooling are the school's tasks
 - Teaching
 - knowledge
 - skills and
 - values
- to fulfil the educational and schooling mission

Tasks of school – schooling

Schooling goals include:

- reverence for god
- respect for the dignity of the human being
- willingness to act socially
- tolerance
- respect for the convictions of others

Schooling should be, among other things, in the spirit of

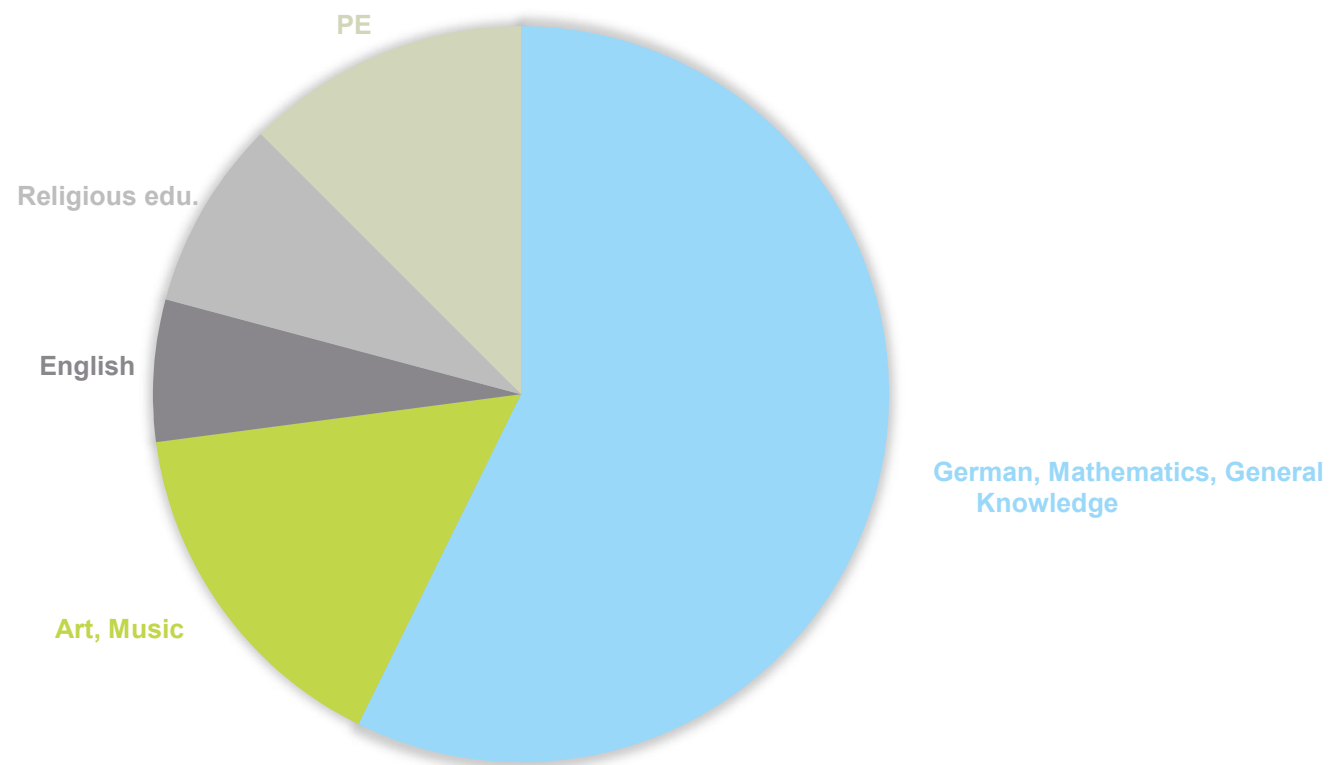
- humanity
- democracy
- freedom

to achieve independence and responsibility.

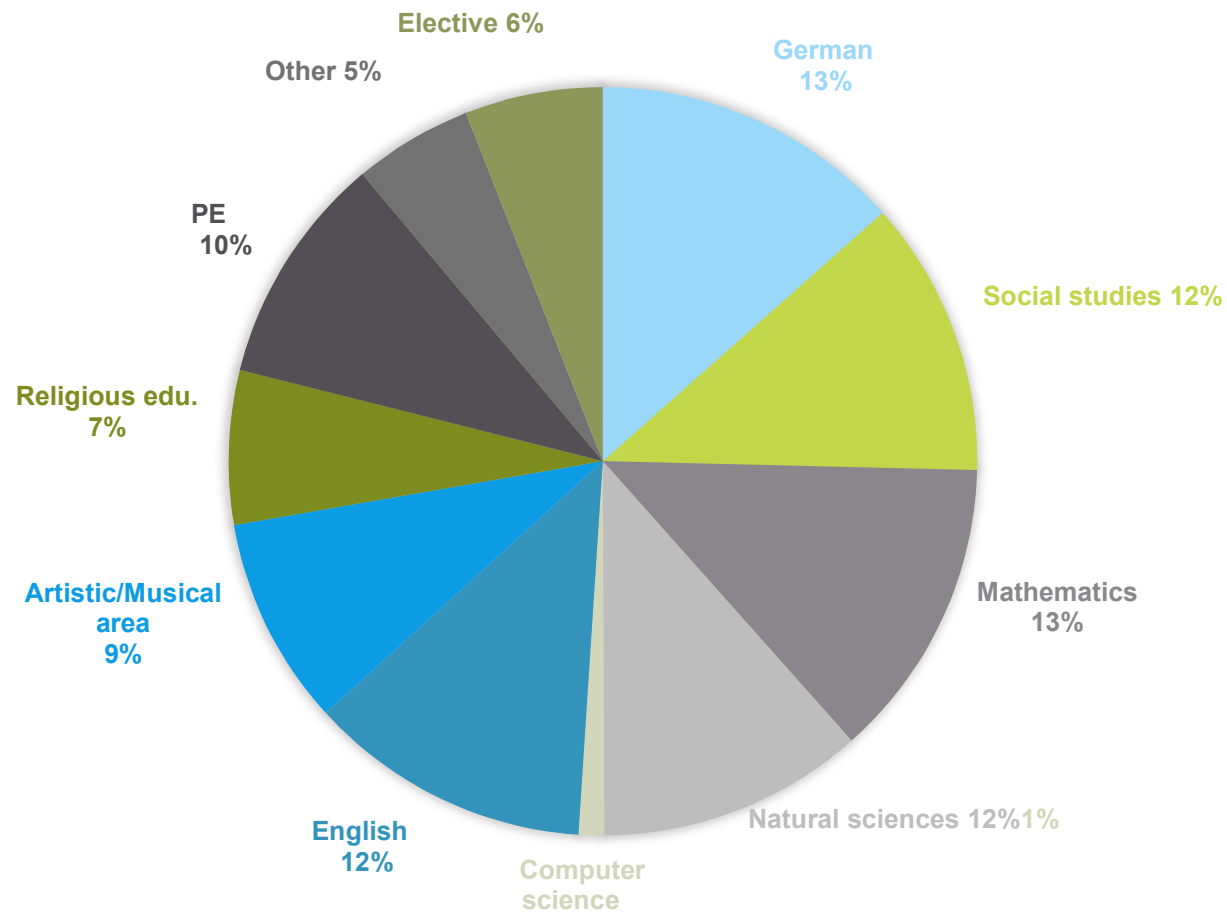
Tasks of school – education

- The school imparts the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfil the educational mission
 - knowledge (technical content)
 - skills
 - capabilities
 - valuestaking into account pupils' individual requirements

Tasks of school – subjects in primary school (years 1-4)



Tasks of School – Subjects in secondary I (Years 5-10)



Tasks of school – values

Act independently
and on one's own
responsibility

Represent one's own
opinion and respect the
opinion of others

Stand up for
democracy

Encounter people of
different origins
without prejudice

Stand up for peaceful
and discrimination-free
coexistence

Get to know the
values of the different
cultures

Understand the
fundamental norms of
the Basic Law and the
State Constitution

Learn independently and
together with others

Develop understanding
and tolerance of the
choices of others

Educational
performance

Compulsory education – duration

Until the age of 18 (the school year must be completed)

- primary school and secondary 1: together 10 years
- after that: vocational training, vocational school or upper secondary

Exception: Youth who have not yet reached the age of 18 but have obtained a school-leaving certificate after the 11th year in Ukraine are no longer obliged to attend school

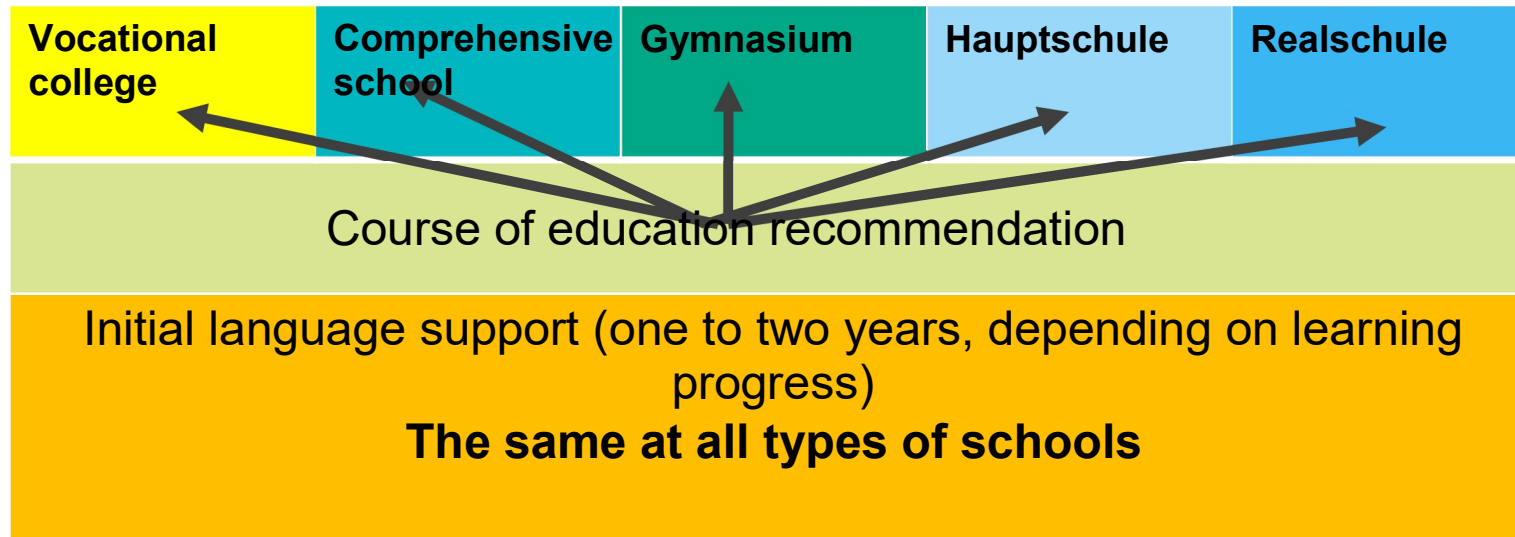
Initial language support between 6 and 15 years of age

Newly immigrated pupils receive initial support in the German language for up to two years (extension for a third year possible upon application).

During this time, they do not yet receive report cards with grades, but learning progress reports.

Only at the end of the initial support is an assignment made to a course of education (Gymnasium, Realschule, Hauptschule) and a class year.

Initial language support – diagram



Initial language support between 16 and 18 years of age

16- to 18-year-olds are required to attend vocational school.

As lateral entrants, they do not initially meet the legal requirements for admission to the upper level of the Gymnasium.

The upper school supervision decides on exceptions.

Lessons at the vocational college: International Support Class (IFK), Fit For More Class (FFM) if enrolled during the year.

All school-leaving qualifications – including the general university entrance qualification (Abitur) – can be obtained at the vocational college.

With the Abitur you can study at a university.

The school day-to-day

What tasks are pupils expected to perform?

The pupils

- have their school material with them (notebooks, pens, books, sportswear, ...)
- come to school on time
- take an active part in the lessons
- behave in a respectful, non-violent and non-discriminatory manner
- do homework, learn vocabulary (...)
- ...



The school day-to-day

When do parents always need to get in touch with the school?

The parents must

- **report** their child's **sickness** to the school
- **request leaves of absence** (e.g. medical appointments, trips to home country)
- **come to appointments agreed** with the school
- ...

The school day-to-day

Where do I have to report?

In many cases, the school secretary's office is the first point of contact.

For example, when **reporting sick**:

If your child is ill, please call the school office before the 1st period and report your child sick. To do so, provide the following information to the secretary's office:

- your child's full name (first name and last name)
- the class your child is currently attending (e.g. 7 c)
- the type of illness (e.g., cough and cold, fever, rubella); and
- the expected duration of the illness

The school day-to-day

Reporting sick

Is there anything I need to be aware of in addition to reporting my child sick to the office?

Important!

- **Reporting sick** to the school office **does not imply the child is excused!**
- On the first day your child returns to school, give them a **written excuse**. Your child must hand this to the class teacher.

The school day-to-day

School certificate

Where can I get it?

- Your child reports to the **secretary's office** and asks for a **school certificate** to be issued.
- The secretary's office will record the process and let your child know when they can pick up their school certificate; usually, this will be the following school day!

The school day-to-day

Schokoticket

Is my child entitled to reimbursement of school travel costs (Schokoticket)?

- The school **secretary's office** has the necessary forms.
- Your child can report to the secretary's office and asks to be given the appropriate application form.
- If you need assistance completing the application, please ask the school secretary for assistance.
- Usually, the secretary's office offers to forward the application to the city's Office of Schools and Education for review and approval!

The school day-to-day

Leave of absence

What should I do if my child cannot attend school for the following reasons?

- They must visit a specialist doctor.
- I need to travel and take my child with me.
- To do this, contact the **class teacher** well in advance (at least a few days in advance) and ask about the leave of absence policy at the school.

The school day-to-day

Leave of absence

What should I do if my child cannot attend school for the following reasons?

Important:

- Leave of absence for **travel** immediately before and after holidays can **only be approved by school management** "for a special reason".
- If your child fails to attend class **without approval of the leave of absence, you, as the parent,** may be subject to **fine proceedings.**

The school day-to-day

Meeting appointments at school

How do I proceed if I have questions regarding, e.g.

- **physical education** (e.g. clothing)
- **school trips** (e.g. compulsory participation, funding) or
- **the evaluation of my child's performance?**

- **The first thing to do here is to contact the class teacher!**
How meetings are organized may vary from school to school. Please ask when registering your child at the school!

- To do this, call the school secretary's office.
- Ask for an appointment to speak with the teacher during consultation hours.
- The agreed appointment is binding and must be kept.

The school day-to-day

Appointments for meetings at school

On what occasions may I be asked to come to the school for a meeting?

A teacher asks you to talk, e.g. because

- **a joint talk about future schooling is important**
- **your child's learning behaviour shows abnormalities**
- **your child does not attend class regularly**
- **there has been a conflict in the class**
- **...**

In such a case, the teacher will usually contact you. Please inform the school of how you can be reached at all times – in case of an emergency (phone and e-mail).

The school day-to-day

Meeting appointments at school

In case of language problems, both you as parents and the school's teaching staff can seek the **assistance of an interpreter**.

If necessary, contact the class teacher about organizing and providing an interpreter!

Tasks of teachers

- Educational and schooling mission of the school (BASS 0-2 and SchulG NRW)
- Results from the General Duty Regulations for Teachers (ADO)
 - school
 - teach
 - advise
 - assess
 - supervise
 - support
- Contact persons in the school: Class teacher / School management

Rights and duties of pupils

- Participating in the educational and schooling work at school (§42.2 SchulG NRW)
- Supporting the school in its mission to achieve the educational goal (§42.3 SchulG NRW)
- Preparing for class and active participation
- Regular participation in classes
- Doing homework
- Complying with school rules
- Complying with the orders of teachers and all other authorized persons

Tasks of parents

- Registering children for school attendance and
- Responsibility for complying with compulsory education (§41.1 SchulG NRW)
 - in class
 - at other school events
- Collaborating with the school
 - participating in the educational and schooling work (§42.4 and §62.1 SchulG NRW)