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Welcome to school (Englisch)

For newly immigrated children of school age (SchulG NRW § 35)

in the initial training of the German language

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

Your child is now attending a school in Germany and you probably have many questions. That's why we created this flyer.

When a child attends a German school for the first time, we speak of German language training.

The German language training is regulated by law and obligatory for your children (BASS 13, 63).

Here you will find information on German language training in primary schools, schools at secondary level I (Hauptschule: secondary school in Germany, with lower secondary education, Realschule: regular secondary / junior high school, Sekundarschule: secondary school that combines the previous two types, Gesamtschule: comprehensive school, Gymnasium: an academic high school, i.e. grammar school) and secondary level II (Berufskolleg: vocational college).

In the table you will find answers to many questions about German language training.

For more information and advice, please contact your child's school.

German language training simply explained

Secondary level I (grades 5 – 10)

1. Which children get German language training?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and young people who are attending a German school for the first time and• Children and young people who do not yet speak German sufficiently
2. What is the goal of German language training?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning the German language so that your child can take part in regular classes better and better
3. How long do children receive German language training?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Usually a total of 2 years• At the end of the 2 years, the teachers decide whether a change of school is necessary.
4. How is German language training organized in secondary level I?	<p>The children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• have plenty of time to learn German well• learn at their own pace• take part in the school's regular subjects• receive no grades and no certificate• therefor receive a progress report• are not yet taught according to the school's curriculum
5. In what form is the German language training organized in secondary level I?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Depending on the school, there are different models for German language training:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. 10-12 hours per week in the German training group as well as lessons in the classb. or in a welcome classc. or completely in class