## Campus schools & district schools with a high school branch

This type of school combines a district school and a high school under one roof or at one location.

From grade 6 onwards, children can choose whether they want to obtain their high school diploma in total of 12 years (9 years at the grammar school branch) or in 13 years (10 years at the district school). Examples are the Gyula-Trebitsch School Tonndorf or the Campus HafenCity.

#### Parental involvement

Since building a good school and keeping it sustainable requires joint efforts from all those involved, parental involvement in the school matters is highly encouraged and all parnts are welcomed. In case of any queries, you as parents should make an appointment either with the class teacher or with the subject teacher and go to parents' evening meeting "Elternabend" and learning development dialogues ("Lernentwicklungsgespräch" LEG). You can become or get involved with the parents' representatives "Elternvertretung" for the benefit of all class pupils. Attending the events on parent participation ("Veranstaltungen zur Elternmitwirkung" or LI) you will learn how parents can involve in the building process.

The Federal Parents' Network of Migrant Organisations for Education & Participation is abbreviated as bbt.

The **bbt** is a network that supports parents' associations, and parents' initiatives, either taken by or taken for immigrant parents.

The bbt aims to promote equal educational opportunities for all by informing, encouraging and empowering immigrant parents and strengthening their rights to have a say. The bbt runs five regional offices in Germany.

The Regional Office North is one of the five regional offices. It is run by the Amfn e.V. society and supports the following Migrant Parents' Networks:

- the Migrant Parents' Network, Hamburg
- the Migrant Parents' Network, Lower Saxony
- the Migrant Parents' Network, Bremen

# From a primary school to the district school? Or to the high school?



Information for parents

### **Important links**



District school



High school



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Brochure:



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# Who will help me in making a decision at the end of primary school?

While moving to the secondary school, either grammar or district secondary schools, the most important questions are which secondary school my child feels more comfortable to attend to and which type of the secondary school will better support my childs' education?

In the digital School Information System of Hamburg (SISy), you can search for a suitable school for your child and find out whether that school offers lessons on your native language. Schools open their doosr for everyone on their Open Days before the admission procedure starts. Take your child to the schools on those Days or to their concert or theater performances to get your child a taste of school atmosphere.

Start looking for the secondary schools as early as when your child is in grade 3. In grade 4, you can then finalize the secondary school at your convenience.

## Which school type is right for my child?

As parents, you decide, which type of secondary school your child should go to. You make this decision together with your child, considering his/hers abilities and interests, his/hers primary school performance and where your child's existing school friends are going.

In grade 4, the primary schools offer two counseling sessions, in which parents are informed about the learning development of their child. Parents are further advised on the type of the secondary school their child should attend to. You should take advantage of these offers and ask all relevant questions.

# Registration periods for the secondary schools:

Parents can register their child for grade 5 in the secondary school of their choice, either grammar or district school in the last week of January or in the first week of February every year.

### The District School "Stadtteilschule" (STS)

The District School leads to the High School Diploma "Abitur" in 9 years.

Providing basic, extended or broad and in-depth general education, the district secondary school enables their students to either continue their vocational career or higher study programm. the class size at the district school is around 23 students from grad 5 to 6 and 25 students from grade 7 to 10. The students can acquire all school qualifications one after the other:

- · First General School Leaving Certificate (ESA)
- Intermediate General School Leaving Certificate (MSA)
- · High School Diploma (Abitur)

After grade 12, your child can attend a technical / vocational school "Fachhochschule".

# The grammar school leads to the High School Diploma in 9 years.

Study level 10



First school leaving certificate

Study level 8
Study level 7

Study level 9

Study level 6

Study level 5

### **High School**



First educational qualification



High School leads to the High School Diploma in 9 years. The grammar School imparts a broad and in-depth general education and makes it possible for a child to acquire the ability to do academic studies.

Students at grade 5 and 6 in the Grammar School are at the "Beobachtungsstufe" level and remain under observation. At the end of grade 6, all those students who can't fulfill the requirements for grade 7 can't continue at the Grammar School and have to switch to the District School.

The Grammar School leaving certificates are:

- "Zentrale Überprüfung" (ZÜ): Central Exam is the written and oral exam in the second half of the grade 10, in order to attend the higher secondary school classes of grade 11 and 12"gymnasiale Oberstufe".
- If the first half year report in grade 10 requires the student to obtain the Intermediate School Leaving Certificate (MSA), the student must pass its exam.
- · Abitur (High School Diploma)

After grade 11, attending a University of Applied Sciences "Fachhochschule" is possible.