



The Education System in Basel

Kindergarten

Compulsory education starts with two years of kindergarten.

- Places are allocated near home address
- Educational development through play
- Mon. – Fri., 8 – 12 hrs and one afternoon 14 – 16 hrs
- Yearly report and parent-teacher meeting
- After school care and lunchtime supervision available at additional cost

www.volksschulen.bs.ch/kindergarten

Primary School

The kindergarten is followed by six years in primary school.

- Places are allocated near home address
- Holistic education in a wide range of subjects
- French is introduced from the 3rd primary year and English from the 5th
- Mon. – Fri., 8 – 12.15 hrs and one to three afternoons 14 – 15.45/16.30 hrs
- School reports from the 1st year, grades from the 5th year onwards
- After school care and lunchtime supervision available at additional cost

www.volksschulen.bs.ch/primarschule

German before Kindergarten

German support for children with insufficient knowledge of German prepares children for entry to school in the year before kindergarten.

- Compulsory attendance at a playgroup or other German speaking institution
- Minimum two half days per week, without charge
- Assessment of the language level through a questionnaire 1½ years before kindergarten entry

www.deutsch-vor-dem-kindergarten.bs.ch

German before Kindergarten
(Deutsch vor dem Kindergarten)

Kindergarten

Primary School
(Primarschule)

Secondary School
(Sekundarschule)

Three performance levels:
A level
E level
P level

Vocational Education and Training
(Berufliche Grundbildung)

Upper Secondary Commercial and IT School

Upper Secondary Specialised School (FMS)

Baccalaureate School (Gymnasium)

School years



Primary level

Secondary level I

Secondary level II

Secondary School

Secondary school prepares young people for an apprenticeship or an upper secondary school.

- Placement to a school (preferences will be taken into consideration if possible)
- **Three performance levels:** **A** = general standard, **E** = advanced standard, **P** = high standard
- Allocated to a performance level according to grades in report
- Possibility of movement between performance levels
- Day school structure: possibility to remain at school/ have a meal at the school

www.volksschulen.bs.ch/sekundarschulen

Bridge-year prog.

Baccalaureate Schools and Vocational Education

At the end of compulsory education young people either begin a vocational apprenticeship or change to an upper secondary school to continue their education.

- Vocational apprenticeship = combination of on-the-job training and vocational school (dual vocational training)
- Transfer to a baccalaureate school (upper secondary) on the basis of appropriate grades
- A federal vocational baccalaureate or an upper secondary level baccalaureate (Gymnasium, FMS) allows students to study at a University of Applied Science or university.
- Bridge-year programmes for young people without a follow-on solution

www.mb.bs.ch

Information in Deutsch, Français, Italiano:

www.ed.bs.ch/welcome



Information and Contacts

Information Events

Parents will be regularly invited to information events.

- Yearly information evenings about kindergarten, primary school, secondary school and after school care
- Further one-off events according to the individual schools or years
- Information is often available in different languages

www.volksschulen.bs.ch

www.tagesstrukturen.bs.ch

www.mb.bs.ch (Upper secondary schools and vocational education)

School registration for children newly moved to the area

- **Kindergarten, Primary School and Secondary School:** Personal registration after making appointment by phone. Please contact the offices listed on the right.
- **FMS (Upper Secondary Specialised School) and Gymnasium (Baccalaureate Schools):** Register directly at the school (telephone first for appointment)

Bring with you:

- Official identification document of the child and one parent
- Family book, if available
- Permanent residence permit or residence permit related to the parents and child
- School reports, if available



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www.ed.bs.ch/welcome

0–4 years

(or until school-age)
Day-centres and Family day-care providers

Office for daycare-centres
Freie Strasse 35, Postfach, 4001 Basel
061 267 46 14
vermittlung.tagesbetreuung@bs.ch
www.kinderbetreuung.bs.ch

Office for family day-care providers
Freie Strasse 35, Postfach, 4001 Basel
061 260 20 60, info@tagesfamilien.org
www.tagesfamilien.org

Contact point day-care Riehen
Wettsteinstrasse 1, 4125 Riehen
061 646 82 56
www.riehen.ch

2–4 years

Playgroups

Contact Point for Playgroups Basel
Freie Strasse 35, 4001 Basel
061 690 26 96, info@fks-bs.ch
www.fks-bs.ch

Contact Point Day-care Riehen
Wettsteinstrasse 1, 4125 Riehen
061 646 82 56
www.riehen.ch

4–6 years

Kindergarten
Including after day care

Compulsory Schools (Volksschulen)
Kohlenberg 27, 4001 Basel
061 267 54 60, volksschulen@bs.ch
www.volksschulen.bs.ch

Local Schools Bettingen and Riehen
Wettsteinstrasse 1, 4125 Riehen
061 208 60 00, gemeindeschulen@riehen.ch
www.riehen.ch

6–12 years

Primary School
Including after day care

Compulsory Schools (Volksschulen)
Kohlenberg 27, 4001 Basel
061 267 54 60, volksschulen@bs.ch
www.volksschulen.bs.ch

Local Schools Bettingen and Riehen
Wettsteinstrasse 1, 4125 Riehen
061 208 60 00, gemeindeschulen@riehen.ch
www.riehen.ch

12–15 years

Secondary School
Including after day care

Compulsory Schools (Volksschulen)
Kohlenberg 27, 4001 Basel
061 267 54 60, volksschulen@bs.ch
www.volksschulen.bs.ch

Career Guidance (Berufsberatung)
Rosentalstrasse 17, 4058 Basel
061 267 86 82, berufsberatung@bs.ch
www.berufsberatung.bs.ch

From 15 years

Career Guidance (Berufsberatung)
Rosentalstrasse 17, 4058 Basel
061 267 86 82, berufsberatung@bs.ch
www.berufsberatung.bs.ch

Vocational Education (Berufsbildung) Mittelschulen und Berufsbildung
Leimenstrasse 1, 4001 Basel
061 267 84 07, mb@bs.ch
www.berufsbildung.bs.ch

Upper Secondary Specialised School Basel (FMS)
Engelgasse 120, 4052 Basel
061 208 60 80, fms@bs.ch
www.fmsbasel.ch

Baccalaureate Schools (Gymnasien) Mittelschulen und Berufsbildung
Leimenstrasse 1, 4001 Basel
061 267 62 94, mb@bs.ch
www.gymnasium.bs.ch