

German School Systems

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Uniforms



- Throughout Germany, almost all state schools, private schools, and universities wear uniform.
- However, some places have introduced uniforms in recent times, like Hamburg-Sinstorf in 2000, and in Friesenheim and Haag (Oberbayern) in 2005.
- Germans don't call it uniform, but Schulkleidung, meaning school clothes.
- There have been many arguments for and against wearing uniform, and these arguments are still going on.



Lessons



- In Germany, schools finish much earlier than British schools, with most finishing in time for children and teachers to go home for lunch.
- German schools start lessons around 8am with only two breaks throughout the day.
- German schools have all the normal lessons we have, although instead of learning German, they learn English.
- In German state schools lessons have a length of exactly 45 minutes. Each subject is usually taught for two to three periods every week.

German School Facts

- German children have to be in school and at their desks between 7:30-8.15am, depending on which part of Germany they live in.
- During a school day, there is usually round five or six lessons, with a ten minute break between each.
- Children in Germany don't start school until they're six.
- They have 15 weeks of holidays during the year, and they are similar to the UK.
- School lessons usually finish before lunch. In the afternoon, pupils can either go home, or stay at school and take part in clubs or do homework
- German children go to primary school for four years.