

## Differences between German schools and English schools

### No uniform

British pupils often wear shirts and ties to school. However, most German students are allowed to wear their normal clothes.



### Breakfast break

Most of the time, British students eat their breakfast before coming to school.

This doesn't happen in Germany! German pupils eat their breakfast after the first lesson of the day, during a breakfast break. They usually have yoghurt, some fruit and sandwiches.

### Early starts

In the UK, most pupils start school about 8:40 am. However, German schools start much earlier! Most students have to be in their classes by 7.35 am. That means they have to wake up very early on a school day!



### Students only have to go to primary school for 4 years

In the UK, all primary students have got to attend primary school for 7 years but in Germany they only have to go for 4 years, as they start the school system at 6 years old.

## Facts about German schools

Germany have 5 types of secondary school:

- Gymnasium

A gymnasium is the only type of secondary school, in Germany, that prepares students for university and is probably the most prestigious out of all five schools.

They study maths, history, several foreign languages, art design, computer science, and other subjects too.

- Realschule

This type of secondary school is considered to be less prestigious than Gymnasium.

However, it's more available for children, and about 40 percent of German pupils attend Realschule.

- Hauptschule

This school is a lot less demanding when it comes to academics.

In this type of school, they teach the same disciplines as in Gymnasium or Realschule but with lower requirements.

- Mittelschule

Mittelschule is a combination of Hauptschule and Realschule. This type of school isn't very popular in Germany, and only a few areas have them.

- Gesamtschule

Gesamtschule is an educational experiment. This school combines the features of Hauptschule, Realschule, and Gymnasium.

## Austria Schools

It is required for students in Austria to complete nine years of school, four years in primary school and four years in a school for lower secondary education or grammar school.

Austria is a German speaking country and many people also speak English so not all schools are totally German speaking.

## Switzerland Schools



Compulsory education in Switzerland lasts for nine to eleven years depending on the part of the country. In most districts, children must begin primary school at age six.

Regions set their own timetables although most boroughs and cities have main times when children usually going to school in the morning from around 8.30am until 11.30am and then from 1.30pm until 4pm.

Languages are taught in the language of the region – German, French, Italian or Romansh. From primary school, children also learn one of the other official Swiss languages, as well as English.

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