



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.kindergarten.bs.ch

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.primarschule.bs.ch

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)

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

School years



Compulsory education

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.sekundarschule.bs.ch

Bridge-year prog.

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



Information in Deutsch, Français, Italiano:
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