



German Grade Levels Hierarchy

German Education Includes Five Potential Levels <i>****Many different Paths to follow based on students' goals and abilities**</i>			
Elementary <i>(aka Kita)</i>	Grades (Pre-K) Grades (Kinder)	Ages (0-3) Ages (3-6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popular among population but is not mandatory • Helps expose to regular contact with peers at an early age
Primary <i>(aka Grundschule)</i>	Grades (1-4)	Ages (6-9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory for all children • Learn to read, write, and count in German • English is also included in curriculum
Secondary <i>(aka Hauptschule)</i> <i>(aka Realschule)</i>	Grades (5-9) Grades (5-10)	Ages (10-14) Ages (10-15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several types of schools depending on students' goals and abilities. • schools aim at a general education with practical courses, which qualify successful graduates for starting an apprenticeship or vocational training
Academic Secondary School <i>(aka Gynaisum)</i>	(Grades 5-12) (Grades 5-13)	Ages (10-17) Ages (10-18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires higher grades for acceptance • Emphasis on academic learning and achievement • Allows application to university degree course
Tertiary Education <i>(University)</i>	Grades (12+)	Ages (17+)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popular for reasons such as interest in subject, university experience, hope for better job • Numbers growing in recent years • Considered Affordable (<i>many state funded or no fees at all</i>)

