

What's important timing-wise?

From November

- Go to see the road shows for parents and attend the **open days!**

January/ February

- Your class teacher will provide advice.
- You will receive an application form by your primary school.

Up to 5 March

- It is important that you carefully fill in the application form and turn it in before 5 March.
- It is essential that you select two schools!

Acceptance

- At the beginning of June you will receive by post information stating which school has accepted your child.

What is a „*Querversetzung*“?

It is crucial to choose the correct education for your child right from the start!

If your child encounters problems in fifth or sixth grade, the school may transfer your child to an easier education. This is called "*Querversetzung*".

Your child will then have to change school and will be disappointed about the failure.

Many schools will have filled up by then and it will be very hard to find a new good place for your child.

Changing to a higher education

If your child is brilliant in school, it may change into higher education. It does not matter in this case, in which kind of school it started its secondary education.

Terms you should know when entering your child's application

Bildungsgang: the first school leaving certificate available. The certificates are available in several schools. For instance, the Bildungsgang Realschule is available at a Realschule and at the comprehensive schools (IGS or KGS).

Empfehlung (*recommendation*):

You can act according to the recommendation but you do not have to. You will receive further advice in this case. However, the parents' will is binding.

Abschluss (*school leaving certificate*): examinations passed

Querversetzung: changing into an easier education

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- We provide information to parents and families in several languages.
- We cooperate with schools and give advice on learning languages and multilingualism.
- We organise language courses with childcare "*Mama lernt Deutsch*" (Mum studies German)
- We campaign for equivalent opportunities and good social contacts in Frankfurt.

Your child is attending fourth grade! What now?

Schulabschluss (school leaving certificate)?

Bildungsgang (education)?

Hauptschule (secondary modern school)?

Gesamtschule (comprehensive school)?

IGS (integrated comprehensive school) or *KGS* (co-operative comprehensive school)?

Gymnasium (secondary school/ grammar school)?

Realschule (secondary modern school)?

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Dear parents of fourth graders in Frankfurt!

- After the summer holidays your child will attend a new school.
- You choose the *Bildungsgang* (educational path) (guaranteed) and the schools (not guaranteed).
- A wide range of schools exists.
- You have to select two schools.
- Take your time in making this important decision.
- Some schools are faced with more applications than available places. Your child may therefore be assigned a different school. This may be a different type of school (IGS, KGS) but must be in the same *Bildungsgang* (educational path).
- Take your child to visit the schools on their open days.
- All schools have a homepage. There, you may also find information about the school.

What types of school are there?

Hauptschule (secondary modern school)

- One foreign language.
- The school is meant to lead the child to an apprenticeship.
- Up to 25 children in one class.
- Hauptschulabschluss (Certificate of Secondary Education) after 5 years.

Realschule (secondary modern school)

- Choice of a second foreign language from the 7th grade.
- More subjects than in the Hauptschule.
- The lessons are more difficult than in the Hauptschule, yet meant to lead to an apprenticeship as well.
- 27 children in one class.
- Realschulabschluss (General Certificate of Secondary Education) after 6 years.
- After successfully completing the Realschule, a child may attend the gymnasiale Oberstufe (upper school).

Gymnasium (grammar school)

- A minimum of two foreign languages.
- 30 children in one class. The child must be willing to study hard.
- The classes are meant to prepare the children for university.
- A broad general knowledge is aimed at.
- Abitur (A-level equivalent) after 8 or 9 years.

IGS (integrated comprehensive school)

- An IGS starts with all children, thereby continuing the common studies of the *Grundschule* (primary school).
- All children stay in one class, no matter which recommendation they received (*Hauptschul-, Realschul- or Gymasialempfehlung*).
- 27 children in one class.
- All school leaving certificates are possible.
- In case of performance changes children need not change classes.

KGS (co-operative comprehensive schools)

- All children attend one school studying towards different school leaving certificates in separate classes.
- All school leaving certificates are possible.
- In case of performance changes children need not change classes.

Looking for further information on the schools or the transition from 4th to 5th grade?

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- We are the organisation of all *Elternbeiräte* (parents' associations) in Frankfurt.
- We are democratically elected by the parents of all schools.
- We keep you informed via our home page.

Possible school leaving certificates
(= *Bildungsgänge*) (Education)

Hauptschulabschluss (Certificate of Secondary Education/ school leaving certificate of the *Hauptschule*)

Realschulabschluss (General Certificate of Secondary Education/ school leaving certificate of the *Realschule*)

Fachabitur (Vocational Diploma/ University of Applied Science access)

Abitur (A levels/ general qualification for university admission)

You are not entitled to admission to a specific school, but you are entitled to admission at a school which offers the chosen educational path.

Many different ways lead to the certificates.

- We answer your questions on the transition.

