

# School changing

Fourth grade elementary school! And then?



# HOW DO WE FIND THE RIGHT SCHOOL?

There are many factors that influence the parents' decision of choosing the right secondary school for their children, such as the recommendation of the elementary school and the children's grades at the elementary school.

In this brochure you will find information about the kinds of secondary schools in Trier.

At events like the open day, parents and children can take a look at the school and get some answers to their questions:

- Is the atmosphere good at school?
- What does the school attach importance to?  
Which workshops does the school offer?
- Are children with learning difficulties supported?  
Are children with special talents supported?
- What support does the school offer parents?

## Questions about the school decision

- Can my child study alone?
- What does my child have difficulties with?
- Does my child need special encouragement or support?
- What special interests and strengths does my child have? Does the school set priorities that suit my child?
- Which foreign languages are offered? In which class does the learning of second foreign language begin?
- Would we like to take advantage of an all-day offer?
- How easy is the school for my child to reach (bus, bike)?

Talk to teachers and students at the school or to other parents.

When making the decision, also listen to your feelings, because you know your child best.

# HOW DOES THE SCHOOL CHANGING WORK?

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You will receive a registration form from the primary school to register for the secondary school. Bring this form and a copy of the last semester report with you when you register your child at the new school. On the homepage of the respective school, you can find out whether you need to bring additional documents to register or not. Please look there for further information!

Some schools want to take a look at the recommendation of the primary school. You can decide for yourself whether to show the recommendation from the elementary school to the new school or not- you don't have to do that. But: Be sure to talk to the headmaster of the new school about it.

With these documents you can register your child directly at the secondary school. You can register your child in February (in some schools as early as the end of January). Further information can be found on the homepage of the secondary school.

Before your child is admitted to the new school, there is a consultation with the directory of the secondary school with you and with your child.

After the interview you can then decide if this is the right school for your child. The school directory can also decide if the child suits them.

The school directory decides on the application for admission. If there are too many children, the places are awarded either through a selection process or by lottery.

Upon admission, you must provide the school with personal information and your all of your contacting details in case of emergency. You should also tell the school if your child has an impairment and / or illness.

If your child is not accepted into the new school, you can apply to another school.

If your child has been admitted to a new school, you must then inform your child's primary school.

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## INFOBOX

More information about changing from primary to secondary school:

- <https://bm.rlp.de/de/startseite/>
- <http://www.familienhandbuch.de/>
- <http://www.schulpsychologie.de>

# THE „YELLOW SHEET“

Letter of recommendation from the elementary school

**Registration form:**

You give the yellow sheet to the secondary school (registration)

You give the pink sheet back to the primary school

You keep the white sheet for yourself as an overview

At the end of the first semester (end of January), your child will receive a recommendation from the primary school for a secondary school, the semester report and the registration documents (see the picture on the left). As parents, you will receive an application in different colors and in triplicate to register at the secondary school:

- Yellow form: to be passed on to the school, which you would like to register your child at (you hand it in at the registration interview)
- Pink form: To be passed on to your primary school
- White form: This form is for your documentations.

You are able to name three schools on the form. The list shows which school you choose as first opportunity, which school you choose as the second and then the third.

1. Choice
2. Choice
3. Choice

You register your child at the school of your first choice and hand in the yellow form there. If your child is not accepted at this school, you will get the yellow form back and you can register at the second school using the same form. The registration period is from February 15th to the end of February.

You do not need to copy the registration form. Be sure to go to the counseling sessions in the schools to make your decision and be sure on which school to choose. If you are sure about the school, please hand in the yellow registration form at the registration at the chosen school.

# ORGANIZATIONAL

## All-day school

Some schools offer an all-day concept.

All children receive lunch, and there is a study time and different activities in the form of working groups or workshops (AGs).

The offers of the schools are different.

You can find more information on the homepages:

Integrierte Gesamtschule Trier (for class 5 – 10)

<https://igs-trier.de/index.php?id=27>

Humboldt-Gymnasium (for the classes 5 and 6)

<https://www.hgt-trier.de/schulprofil/ganztagschule/>

Max-Planck-Gymnasium

<http://www.mpg-trier.de/joomla/index.php/gts/konzept>

Moseltal Realschule Plus (for class 5 – 10)

<http://www.moseltalschule.de/Organisation/Ganztagschule/>

Kurfürst-Balduin- Realschule Plus (for class 5 – 10)

<https://www.kubawest.de/>

Friedrich-Spee-Gymnasium (for class 5 and 6 as an offer. From 7th class is it mandatory)

<http://fsg-trier.de/unsere-schule/ganztagsgymnasium/>

## German learning

In the orientation level (5th and 6th grade), there are no DaZ lessons as in many elementary schools. Learning the German language must be done in addition and parallel to school work.

### What helps children with less knowledge of German in everyday school life?

### What kind of support is offered in schools?

At school:

- An all-day concept can help when there are difficulties with learning the German language.
- Lessons in small groups help to show consideration for each individual.
- Teachers with DaZ qualifications who are in the teaching staff

## INFOBOX

German as a second language is offered in the following schools:

- Nelson Mandela Realschule Plus
- Moseltal Realschule Plus
- Auguste-Viktoria-Gymnasium

Central DaZ course for high school students:

- Auguste-Viktoria-Gymnasium

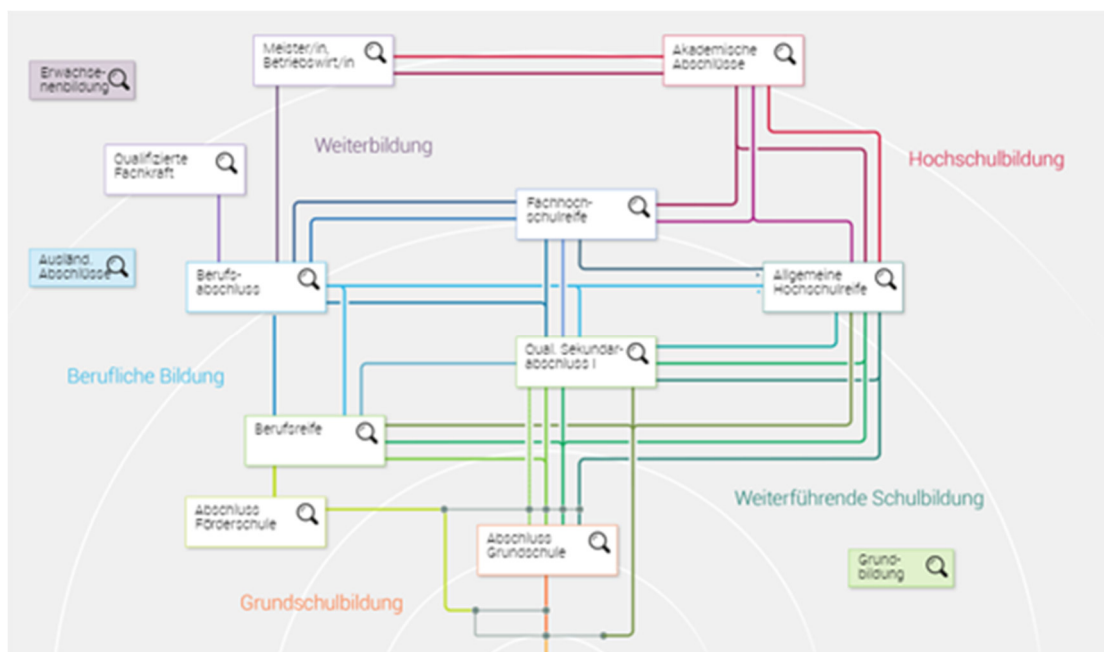
# THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN RHINELAND-

## THE EDUCATION SYSTEM AND THE SCHOOL SYSTEM ARE PERMEABLE

That means:

**Your choice of school or school type is not final! Your child may or can change the school and the type of it!**

- There are several ways to get a degree in Germany (see picture below).
- Education and school decisions can be changed.
- Education can grow! Your children will continue to develop throughout their school career.





An overview of the various educational paths can be found on the Trier Lupe ([www.trierer-lupe.de](http://www.trierer-lupe.de))



# REAL SCHOOL AND REAL SCHOOL PLUS IN TRIER

## EDUCATIONAL PATHS

Classes		Following: It can go on like this...
Classes 5 - 9		
<b>Degree: professional maturity</b> (before: Secondary school leaving certificate)		Vocational training Vocational school I
10th Class		
<b>Degree: Qualified secondary degree I</b> (before: Intermediate maturity)		Vocational training Higher Vocational School Upper secondary school Vocational high school

**The Realschule offers the following course of study:**The qualified lower secondary qualification (after 10th class).

**Realschule Plus offers two courses:**

The professional maturity (after class 9) and the qualified secondary qualification I (after class 10).

At Realschule Plus, the path to the highest school certificates should be kept open for every student as long as possible. This can be done through **mutual learning**.

**Yet there are two forms:**

**Cooperative form:**

After grade 6, the students study together in a class that is aiming for the same degree.

**Integrative form:**

All students learn together in all grade levels - regar-

dless of which degree they are aiming to.

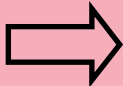
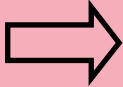
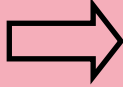
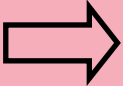
# REALSCHULE AND REALSCHULEN PLUS IN TRIER

<p><b>Blandine Merten Realschule</b> Bernhardstr. 26 54295 Trier</p>	<p>Tel.: 0651/9380334 <a href="http://www.bmrtrier.de">www.bmrtrier.de</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private school for girls only</li> <li>• With day boarding</li> <li>• Certified school for "media competence goes to school"</li> </ul>
<p><b>Moseltal Realschule plus Trier-Ehrang</b> Am Mäushecker Weg 1 54293 Trier</p>	<p>Tel.: 0651/9679860 <a href="http://www.moseltalschule.de">www.moseltalschule.de</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All-day school</li> <li>• UNESCO project school</li> <li>• Specialized school (for children who have special needs)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Nelson Mandela Realschule plus</b> Speestr. 12b 54290 Trier</p>	<p>Tel.:0651/9916960 <a href="http://www.nmr-trier.de">www.nmr-trier.de</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half-day school</li> <li>• Specialized school (for children who have special needs)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kurfürst-Balduin-Realschule plus</b> Trierweiler Weg 12a 54294 Trier</p>	<p>Tel.: 0651/99216830 <a href="http://www.kubawest.de">www.kubawest.de</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All-day school</li> <li>• Specialized school (for children who have special needs)</li> <li>• Generation K- Project school (cultur school)</li> <li>• Erasmus + project school (students / teachers exchange with European partner schools)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Privatschule St. Maximin Realschule Plus</b> Maximinstraße 18b 54292 Trier</p>	<p>Tel.: 0651/147550 <a href="http://www.st-maximin.de">www.st-maximin.de</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State-recognized cooperative secondary school plus sponsored by the Diocese of Trier</li> </ul>



# INTEGRATED COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL (IGS)

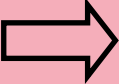
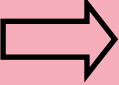
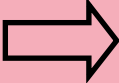
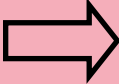
## EDUCATIONAL PATHS- ALL SCHOOL LEVELS ARE POSSIBLE AT IGS

Classes		Degrees: It can go on like this...
5 - 9		
<b>Degree: Professional maturity (before: Secondary school leaving certificate)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocational training</li> <li>• Vocational school I</li> </ul>
10		
<b>Degree: Qualified secondary degree I (before: Intermediate maturity)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocational training</li> <li>• Higher Vocational School</li> </ul>
11 + 12		
<b>Degree: University of applied sciences entrance qualification</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies at a university of applied sciences</li> <li>• dual study</li> </ul>
13		
<b>Degree: High School degree</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocational training</li> <li>• dual study</li> <li>• Studies at a university of applied sciences or at a normal university</li> </ul>

<b>Integrierte Gesamtschule Trier</b> Montessoriweg 4 54296 Trier	Tel.: 0651/1459220 <a href="http://www.igs-trier.de">www.igs-trier.de</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all school qualifications are possible</li> <li>• All-day school</li> <li>• Wind class (you can learn wind instruments there)</li> <li>• Theatrical focus</li> </ul>
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# GENERAL EDUCATIONAL GYMNASIUMS IN TRIER

## EDUCATIONAL PATHS

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5 - 9		
<b>Degree: Professional maturity (before: Secondary school leaving certificate)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocational training</li> <li>• Vocational school I</li> </ul>
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The Gymnasium is a type of school that aims to attain the general higher education entrance qualification (Abitur), which is obtained by successfully completing the final examination at the end of the Gymnasium's period.

The Gymnasiums usually offer a nine-year course of education that includes grades 5-13 (G9). Individual Gymnasiums in Rhineland-Palatinate have set up a shortened eight-year course (G8) in conjunction with a compulsory all-day school from grade 7. The Abitur can thus be achieved in 12 years and the gymnasium schooling can be completed in 8 instead of 9 years. In Trier, the Friedrich-Spee-Gymnasium offers the Abitur after 12 years of school.

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<p><b>Bischöfliches Angela-Merici-Gymnasium</b> Neustr. 35 54290 Trier</p>	<p>Tel.: 0651/145980 <a href="http://www.amg-trier.de">www.amg-trier.de</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic private school</li> <li>• Various foreign languages are offered</li> <li>• Separate girls and boys classes in secondary level 1 (up to 9th grade)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Auguste-Viktoria-Gymnasium</b> Dominikanerstraße 54290 Trier</p>	<p>Tel.: 0651/1461910 <a href="http://www.avg-trier.de">www.avg-trier.de</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school with a bilingual train and a focus on mathematics, computer science and natural sciences</li> <li>• School for the Promotion of Gifted Students / International School</li> </ul>
<p><b>Friedrich-Wilhelm-Gymnasium</b> Olewiger Str. 2 54295 Trier</p>	<p>Tel.:0651/9663830 <a href="http://www.fwg-trier.com">www.fwg-trier.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latin plus: Latin and English from grade 5 - ancient language course</li> <li>• English as a first foreign language - modern language course</li> <li>• Italian as a third foreign language</li> <li>• Certificates:</li> <li>• Latinum, Graecum, French: DELF</li> <li>• Project "media competence goes to school"</li> <li>• Project "School without Racism - School with Courage"</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Friedrich-Spee-Gymnasium</b> Mäushecker Weg 1 54293 Trier</p>	<p>Tel.: 0651/9679810 <a href="http://www.fsg-trier.de">www.fsg-trier.de</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All-day high school</li> <li>• Abitur after 12 school years (G8)</li> <li>• 3 full school years preparation for the completion of the upper level (Mainz study level, MSS)</li> <li>• Subject "Digital Working" in grades 5/6</li> <li>• "Daily sports lesson" in class 5/6</li> </ul>
<p><b>Humboldt-Gymnasium</b> Augustinerstr. 1 54290 Trier</p>	<p>Tel.: 0651/97950 <a href="http://www.hgt-trier.de">www.hgt-trier.de</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French as a first foreign language (bilingual) is possible</li> <li>• All-day school in the form of an offer</li> <li>• European profile</li> <li>• MINT</li> </ul>
<p><b>Max-Planck-Gymnasium</b> Sichelstr. 3 54290 Trier</p>	<p>Tel.0651/1461950 <a href="http://www.mpg-trier.de">www.mpg-trier.de</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilingual English class in science</li> <li>• Wind instruments class</li> <li>• Sports class</li> <li>• French as a first foreign language</li> <li>• MINT-EC specialty school in mathematics-computer science-natural sciences</li> <li>• All-day school in the form of an offer</li> <li>• Tablet classes from 7th grade</li> <li>• "Digital work" in 5th grade</li> <li>• Erasmus + school</li> </ul>

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Special needs schools

There are special schools for pupils with special educational needs. The aim of special needs education is to provide exactly the necessary support so that the pupils can achieve a school education and upbringing that is appropriate to their possibilities.

There are the following **special needs schools** in Trier:

- Bischöfliche Förderschule St. Josef (FS Lernen), [www.sankt-josef-trier.de](http://www.sankt-josef-trier.de)
- Medard Schule Trier (FS Lernen und Sprache), [www.medardschule.de](http://www.medardschule.de)
- Porta Nigra Schule (FS ganzheitliche Entwicklung), [www.porta-nigra-schule.de](http://www.porta-nigra-schule.de)
- Treverer Schule (FS motorische Entwicklung), [www.treverer-schule.de](http://www.treverer-schule.de)
- Wilhelm-Hubert-Cüppers Schule (Landes-schule für Gehörlose und Schwerhörige), [www.whc-schule-rlp.de](http://www.whc-schule-rlp.de)

## Waldorf School

The Waldorf Schools are public, privately owned schools. In principle, the visit is open to every child, but it isn't for free. The amount of the monthly parental contribution is regulated in a parental contribution regulation of the respective school.

The following school qualifications are possible at the Waldorf School

- 11th class: Vocational maturity (formerly secondary school leaving certificate) in the final procedure / no final examination
- 12th class: Vocational maturity (formerly secondary school leaving certificate) Qualified secondary qualification (formerly middle school leaving certificate) in the final procedure / no final examination
- 13th class: Technical college entrance qualification (school part) Abitur final exam

Freie Waldorfschule Trier,  
[www.waldorfschule-trier.de](http://www.waldorfschule-trier.de)

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