



## Obligatory School Attendance

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Each child and adolescent inhabiting a domicile in the Free State of Saxony has an obligation to attend school, which extends to regular frequenting of lessons and other obligatory school events.

### Registration

Parents must register their children of school-compulsory age for school attendance at the following address:

Sächsischen Bildungsagentur, Regionalstelle Dresden,  
Abteilung 2 - Schulen  
Großenhainer Straße 92,  
01127 Dresden  
Phone: 0351 8439-0

Consultation hours: Tuesday, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The personal ID or passport of the person entitled to custody, the child's birth certificate, and the last school report issued to the child in his or her country of origin must be submitted at school registration. The saxon agency for education, regional office Dresden (Sächsische Bildungsagentur, Regionalstelle Dresden) informs parents and children about the possibilities of education in the Free State of Saxony and advises them on an individual basis about a child's school career. Furthermore, competent coordinators of the Sächsischen Bildungsagentur, Regionalstelle Dresden assess whether attendance of a preparatory school is necessary or whether promotion of the language of origin is preferable.

### Preparatory School

All pupils of different nationalities who do not have a command of (or at least a sufficient grasp of) the German language must first attend a »Vorbereitungsklasse«, a preparatory class. Here, they will learn German as a foreign language and will be prepared for a successful transfer into the regular class of their age group.

An advisory teacher shall accompany the children and adolescents en route to their scholastic and social integration.

### Step-by-step Integration

After four to six weeks, the children of the preparatory class shall initially attend their future class at restricted hourly intervals. In order to facilitate their entry into the school system, the particular interests and propensities of the student shall be taken into consideration for the choice of their subjects. The more contact with their fellow pupils develops and the more their knowledge of the German language begins to solidify, the greater the proportion of hours the children spend in their target class will increase. The transfer into complete scholastic integration will be handled on an individual basis and is usually completed after one school year. After that, the pupil shall frequent school according to the regular schedule and shall receive marks for his or her performance. The student's school career shall ensue with the same possibilities as those availed other pupils. The advisory teacher shall still provide counsel regarding further methods of support (e. g. further instruction in the German language).

### Class for Language of Origin

The current language-speaking potential of the children raised bi- or multi-lingual is considered an aptitude and is supported in the best possible manner. Therefore, the Free State of Saxony offers these children, when possible, optional class for their language of origin (e. g. Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese, Italian, Persian, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Turkish, Vietnamese).

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