The Education System in Basel

**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 – 16 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

**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

**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

**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

**Vocational Education and Training**
- 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

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

### Contact Point for Playgroups Basel

Freie Strasse 35, 4001 Basel  
061 690 26 96, info@fks-bs.ch  
www.fks-bs.ch

### Office for daycare-centres

Freie Strasse 35, Postfach, 4001 Basel  
061 267 46 14,  
vermittlung.tagesbetreuung@bs.ch  
www.kinderbetreuung.bs.ch

### Contact Point Day-care Riehen

Wettsteinstrasse 1, 4125 Riehen  
061 646 82 56  
www.riehen.ch

### 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

### Compulsory Schools (Volksschulen) 6–12 years

Kohlenberg 27, 4001 Basel  
061 267 54 60, volksschulen@bs.ch  
www.volksschulen.bs.ch

### Local Schools Bettingen and Riehen 6–12 years

Wettsteinstrasse 1, 4125 Riehen  
061 208 60 00, gemeindeschulen@riehen.ch  
www.riehen.ch

### Compulsory Schools (Volksschulen) 12–15 years

Kohlenberg 27, 4001 Basel  
061 267 54 60, volksschulen@bs.ch  
www.volksschulen.bs.ch

### Career Guidance (Berufsberatung) 12–15 years

Rosentalstrasse 17, 4058 Basel  
061 267 86 82, berufsberatung@bs.ch  
www.berufsberatung.bs.ch

### Compulsory Schools (Volksschulen) From 15 years

Kohlenberg 27, 4001 Basel  
061 267 54 60, volksschulen@bs.ch  
www.volksschulen.bs.ch

### Career Guidance (Berufsberatung) From 15 years

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### Upper Secondary Specialised School Basel (FMS)

Engelgasse 120, 4052 Basel  
061 208 60 80, fms@bs.ch  
www.fmsbasel.ch

### Vocational Education (Berufsbildung) 6–12 years

Mittelschulen und Berufsbildung  
Leimenstrasse 1, 4001 Basel  
061 267 84 07, mb@bs.ch  
www.berufsbildung.bs.ch

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061 208 60 80, fms@bs.ch  
www.fmsbasel.ch

### Vocational Education (Berufsbildung) From 15 years

Mittelschulen und Berufsbildung  
Leimenstrasse 1, 4001 Basel  
061 267 62 94, mb@bs.ch  
www.gymnasium.bs.ch

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