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Transition to Secondary
School, Education options &
Career Choice
Information for Parents

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After the 6th grade, questions about the future career of a child are raised. Parents and teachers together decide on which educational path would be best for the child. The Swiss school system also offers young people the chance to continue their education in order to develop and choose their career.

1. Transition to a secondary school

Selection takes place during the transition period. The appropriate secondary school option is chosen by parents and teachers according to the child's. This is either secondary school option Level A to C or gymnasium. It is possible to enter into gymnasium at a later stage from Secondary School level A

Information Evenings

In the 5th and 6th Grades, Information evenings take place. Teachers inform parents about the transition to secondary school. It is important that parents attend these events.

Assessment

In grade 5 (in June) and in grade 6 (from February) parents are invited to assessment discussions. Here, the teacher discusses the child's ability, grades, behaviour and potential development of the child. These discussions are compulsory.

There is a supporting document for parents. You will find this here:
www.volksschulbildung.lu.ch/r/uev_beobachtung_eltern

Mutual Decision

During the assessment in grade 6 parents and teachers decide on the type of school for secondary level I. Parents sign that the decision has been taken together.

No agreement

If the teacher and parents cannot agree, a further discussion is arranged. Parents can get a second opinion. If the disagreement continues, parents receive a transition document. With this document, parents can apply to the school of their choice within 10 days. The school board makes the final decision. Parents also have the opportunity to lay a complaint with the Department of Education and Culture.

2. Support in making a career choice

After the transition follows the 3-year Secondary school or long-term gymnasium for 6 years.

Secondary School

Secondary school lasts 3 years. With the transition the child is allocated to a level:

- Level A, highest requirements
- Level B, extended requirements
- Level C, basic requirements

Children can change levels according to performance.

In secondary school, pupils start exploring their career opportunities and are supported in the choice they make. They decide on whether to do an apprenticeship, attend a technical school or enter into short-term gymnasium.

Short-term gymnasium

Pupils at Level A can change to short-term Gymnasium if they perform well and complete the „Maturität“. There are also transition processes in place for this change. Pupils apply in August, at the beginning of the 2nd Secondary school year, with the teacher.

3. Education options

Children develop differently. Sometimes, motivation and interest changes. The education system in Switzerland is flexible and makes it possible for everyone to achieve their career goals. In particular, the technical high schools offer different educational opportunities.

Find out more about the educational system here:
www.volksschulbildung.lu.ch/r/schulsystem

4. Contacts for parents

Contacts for parents include the teachers and school management.

FABIA

The Fachstelle für die Beratung und Integration von Ausländerinnen und Ausländern (FABIA) is an independent organization. It provides free advice (no charge) to non-german speakers on questions, problems and conflicts.

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