

Your appointment:

More information on schooling in Hamburg
can be found at the

School Information Centre

Hamburger Straße 125 a

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Opening hours:

Mondays 9 am - 5 pm

Tuesdays 9 am - 5 pm

Wednesdays 9 am - 1 pm

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Fridays 9 am - 1 pm



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School

How my child learns German

ENGLISCH

School attendance is compulsory for children and teenagers living in Hamburg, regardless of their origin or residence permit status.

Dear parents,

Good education is important for a good career and a good life. That's why all children and teenagers aged 5 to 17 years attend class at the Nostorf first intake facility from Monday to Friday, where they primarily learn German. The classrooms are situated in building 2.

- ⇒ The classes for six to seventeen-year old children are held in two groups **daily from 9am to 3pm**. Both groups have a longer lunch break.
- ⇒ A preschool class is held **daily from 11.15am to 12pm** for five-year-olds.

As soon as you and your family move to the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, your child is found a place at a Hamburg school. The Nostorf staff will arrange an appointment for you at the School Information Centre (SIZ) in Hamburg to discuss this. The SIZ will look for a school for your child.

The choice of school depends on your new place of residence in Hamburg and on your child's age and level of development. The teachers will describe your child's learning progress in Nostorf as part of a report. This will be sent to you and must be brought with you to your appointment at the SIZ.

Please register your child at the new school immediately after your appointment at the SIZ. The SIZ will inform the school that you will be coming.

What happens if my child still cannot speak or understand German very well?

Children and teenagers who do not possess adequate knowledge of German receive special support at the Hamburg school:

- ⇒ **Five-year-olds** attend a pre-primary class for one year and receive additional German lessons;
- ⇒ **Six and seven-year-olds** are admitted into a pre-primary class or a first or second grade class, where they receive additional German lessons;
- ⇒ **Older children** and teenagers attend an International Preparatory Class for around one year, in which they learn German intensively. They then switch to a normal class at a primary school or district school.

School must be attended for eleven years. This rule applies for all children and teenagers living in Hamburg, regardless of their origin or residence permit status.

What types of schools are there in Hamburg?

Hamburg has around 320 government-run schools. Children aged five/six and over attend a primary school near their home. After year four, they move to a district school or grammar school. Pupils requiring special support have the option of attending the city's special school, if the parents wish.