

Emergency contact information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Name of organization: Police North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) ● Website: www.polizei.nrw.de ● Emergency call: 110
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Name of organization: Police Germany ● Website: www.polizei.de ● Link to all websites of the federal police institutions: www.polizei.de/Polizei/DE/Home/home_node.html ● Emergency call: 110
<p>Emergency numbers:</p> <p>Police: 110 Fire department and medical emergency service: 112 Medical service (for not life-threatening situations): 116117</p> <p>Poison center NRW: +49 228/ 19240 or call 112 For the poison emergency numbers of the other federal states, please consult: www.bvl.bund.de/DE/01_Lebensmittel/03_Verbraucher/09_InfektionenIntoxikationen/02_Giftnotrufzentralen/lm_LMVergiftung_giftnotrufzentralen_node.html</p>
Supporting institutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Name of supporting institution: German Ministry of Education and Research ● Address: 53170 Bonn ● Website: www.bmbf.de ● Email: bmbf@bmbf.bund.de ● Tel.: +49 30 / 18 57-0 ● For the contact details of the Ministries of Education of the other federal states of Germany please consult www.bildungserver.de/Kultusministerien-580-de.html
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Name of supporting institution: Ministry of School and Education in North Rhine-Westphalia ● Address: Völklinger Straße 49, 40221 Düsseldorf ● Website: www.schulministerium.nrw.de ● Email: poststelle@msb.nrw.de ● Tel.: +49 211/ 58 67 - 40
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Name of supporting institution: Federal coordination office of local integration centers in North Rhine-Westphalia ● Address: Ruhrallee 1 -3, 44139 Dortmund ● Website: www.kommunale-integrationszentren-nrw.de ● Email: laki@bra.nrw.de ● Tel.: +49 2931/ 825215
Information about the educational system in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany



- **Registration period:** By the 15th November of each year, all children who are required to attend school the following year must be registered. For further information please consult:

www.schulministerium.nrw.de/docs/Schulsystem/Schulformen/Grundschule/Anmeldung/index.html

For further information on the registration process please consult the Ministry of School and Education in North Rhine-Westphalia:

www.schulministerium.nrw.de/docs/Schulsystem/Schulformen/Grundschule/Von-A-bis-Z/index.html

- **Exam period:** Please consult the website of the Ministry of School and Education for further details: www.standardsicherung.schulministerium.nrw.de/cms/

The curricula for the different school levels can be viewed here: www.schulentwicklung.nrw.de/lehrplaene/

- **School attendance policy**

- **number of absences:** There is no defined number of accepted absences. Parents are required to write excuse notes for their children and if necessary, add a note from the doctor. Children can only be absent from school because of family or health reasons.
- **reporting procedure of absences:** In Germany, education is compulsory for children who complete their sixth year of life until the 30th September of the current year. Pupils are obligated to attend school for at least 10 years of primary and secondary school.

For further information please consult:

<https://www.schulministerium.nrw.de/docs/bp/Schueler/Schule-NRW/Schulpflicht/Schulpflicht/index.html>

- **Frequency of parent visits:** Parents' visits are individually scheduled for approx. twice a year. For further information of parents' involvement please consult: www.schulministerium.nrw.de/docs/bp/Eltern/Schulmitwirkung/index.html
- **Required documents for school enrolment & registration:** All parents of school-age children are informed in writing about the application process and required documents by the school authorities.
- **Public holidays:** The public holidays differ between the federal states and shift from year to year. Please see the website of the Ministry of School and Education in NRW for dates and updates as well as a list of public and religious holidays in all federal states: www.schulministerium.nrw.de/docs/Recht/Schulrecht/Erlasse/Ferientermine/index.html
- **School hours:** The school hours differ according to school level and school. Please consult with the school your child is signed up to. In North Rhine-Westphalia the offers of all-day schooling are increasing.

All information on the educational system in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany can be found on the website of the ministry of education in NRW here: www.schulministerium.nrw.de/docs/bp/index.html

- Information on the school system:
<https://www.schulministerium.nrw.de/docs/Schulsystem/Schulformen/index.html>
- The information on the school system might differ in the different federal states of Germany, for specified information please consult www.bildungsserver.de/Kultusministerien-580-de.html to find the right information from the responsible Ministry of Education of the federal state you are in.

School level	Grade	Education level	Age range	Country
0	0	Kindergarden	3-5	North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany
1	1-4	Primary school	5/6-9	North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany
1	1-4	Primary school: "Förderschule" (alternative choice for children with special education needs)	5/6-9	North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany
2	5-10	Secondary school I (6 different options)	10-15	North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany
2	5-9 (option I)	Secondary school I: "Gymnasium"	10-14	North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany
2	5-10 (option II)	Secondary school I: "Gesamtschule"	10-15	North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany
2	5-10 (option III)	Secondary school I: "Sekundarschule"	10-15	North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany
2	5-10 (option IV)	Secondary school I: "Realschule"	10-15	North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany
2	5-10 (option V)	Secondary school I: "Hauptschule"	10-15	North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany
2	5-10 (option VI) For children that went to "Förderschule" in primary school.	Secondary school I: "Förderschule"	10-15	North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany
3	11-13	Secondary school II	15/16-18/19	North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany
3	11-13	Secondary school II: "Berufskolleg"	15/16-18/19	North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany



3	11-13	Secondary school II: "Gymnasiale Oberstufe"	15/16-18/1 9	North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany
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