



Sekundarschule' explained – short and succinct

■ THE GESAMTSCHULE'S LITTLE SISTER

The 'Sekundarschule' operates like a 'Gesamtschule' without an 'Oberstufe'. Children from grade 5-10 learn together. A differentiation takes place in the major subjects from grade 7 or 8.

■ INDIVIDUAL LEARNING

Versatile teaching methods, various learning schemes, and working groups support the development of all children. In this regard, children who need support are encouraged and children who are easy learners are challenged.

■ SMALLER CLASSES

The size of a class in a 'Sekundarschule' is 25 children. This enables the teachers to look after each pupil individually.

■ FULL-DAY CLASSES

Classes and care are offered every day until 4pm. There are customised study times as well as slots for homework. Before the first class in the morning, an 'open beginning' is offered.

■ COOPERATION WITH A 'GYMNASIUM' IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

The Gymnasium in our neighbourhood we cooperate with, has agreed to accept all pupil from our 'Sekundarschule' in their 'Oberstufe'.

■ STANDARDS FROM A 'GYMNASIUM' ARE CONSIDERED

The children are prepared for a possible transition to a 'Gymnasium' from the beginning on. The curriculum is created in a way that enables the pupils to keep up with the curriculum in the 'Oberstufe' (offering a smooth transition). A second foreign language is offered from grade 6 and after grade 8.

■ NO REPEATING OF A YEAR UNTIL GRADE 9

Moving up to the next year is the general rule. At a 'Sekundardschule' there is no need to repeat a year until grade 9 or even to change the school. Although the possibility is given to repeat a year voluntarily, if specifically requested by the parents.

■ ALL DEGREES OF THE 'SI' ARE AWARDED

- 'Hauptschulabschluss' after grade 9 or 10
- 'Realschulabschluss' (middle maturity / (FOR)
- 'Realschulabschluss' (middle maturity) with the qualification to transfer to the 'Oberstufe of a Gymnasium' (FOR-Q)