

MY CHILD IS AT SCHOOL

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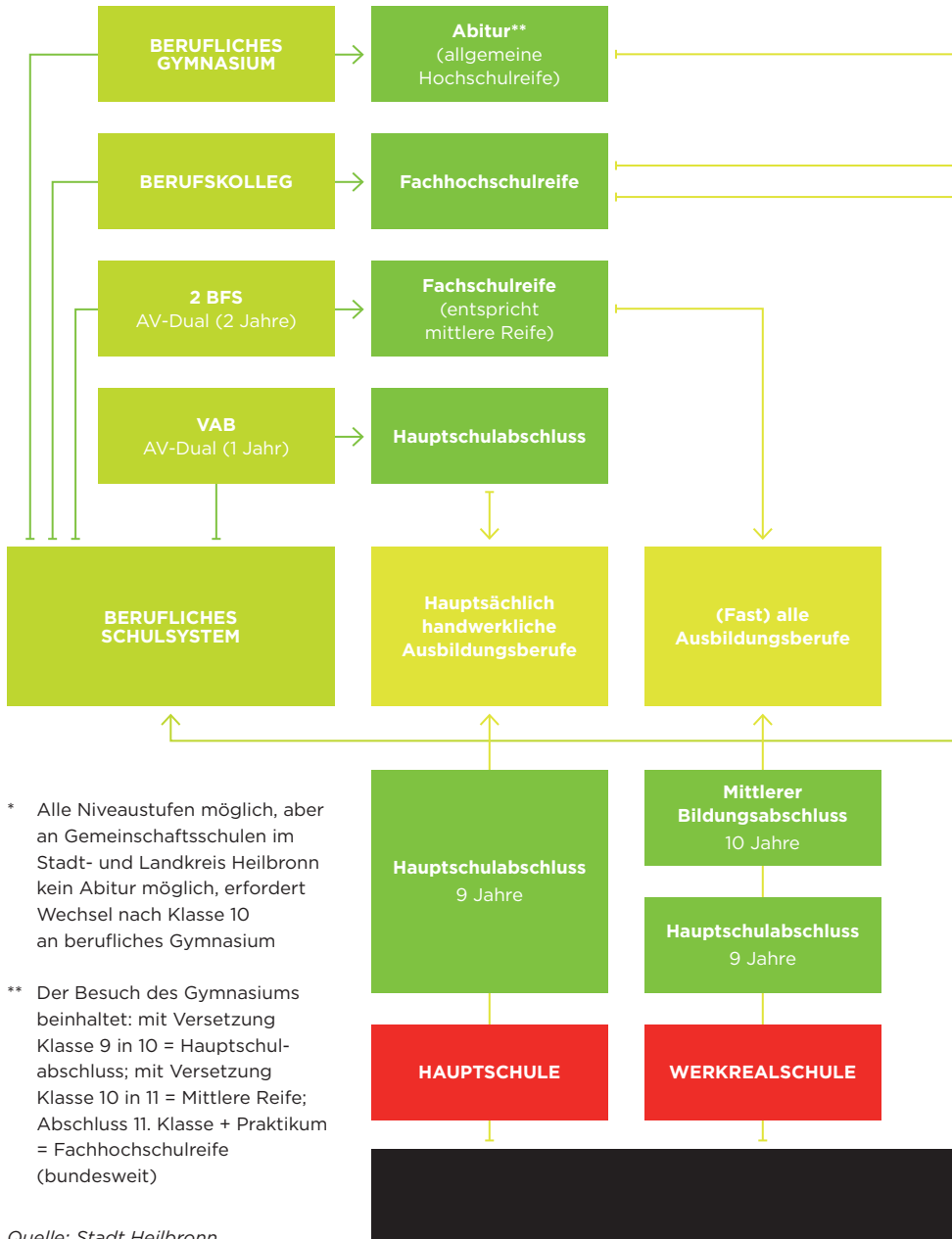
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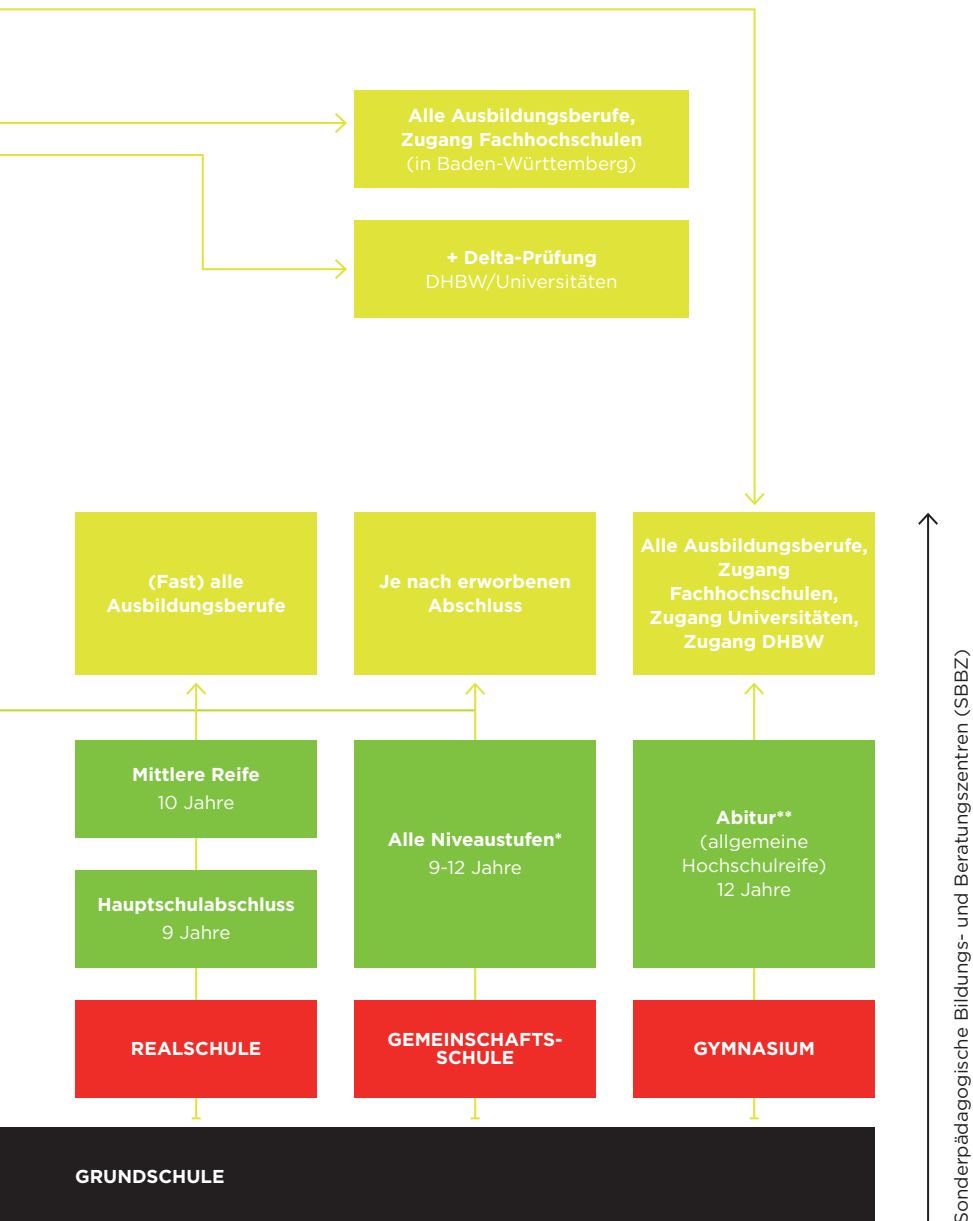
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EDUCATION SYSTEM IN BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG



COMPULSORY EDUCATION

Parents are responsible for their child's school attendance.

- > The child must arrive on time at school each day.
- > They must participate in all compulsory school events e.g. excursions, hiking outings, theatre visits, swimming lessons.
- > In the event of the child's illness: the school must be notified on the same day. And no later than three days after, the school requires a written apology.

Holidays cannot be started earlier or extended. During major religious festivals (e.g. Ramadan, Festival of Sacrifice) parents can apply for special leave.



WHAT DOES THE SCHOOL EXPECT FROM ME AS MOTHER/FATHER, AND FROM MY CHILD?



EXPECTATIONS OF CHILDREN

Children are expected ...

- > to participate in class and to raise their hand
- > not to be disruptive
- > to look at the teacher
- > to ask questions
- > to do homework

The use of mobile phones at school is generally not allowed.

EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS

Parents and the school work in partnership for the child's success at school. The school requires regular contact with parents. Parents ...

- > are equal partners for the school
- > conduct parent-teacher conferences with the teachers
- > attend parents' evenings



PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening takes place twice a year in the evening. The teacher or the parents' representatives invite parents to attend; and their participation is expected. They are informed about important dates, documents are handed out, money is collected for the class kitty, and questions are answered. In addition, the parents' representatives are elected (usually 2 people).

If there are language difficulties, the school can call in volunteer interpreters for the parents for free. Please let the teacher know if you wish to take advantage of this service.

RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS

- > Most of the children born in the district of Heilbronn are Catholic or Protestant.
- > Although many parents belong to the Christian faith, they are no longer active in the church.
- > At school, Christian festivals and traditions, such as St Nicholas' Day, Easter, Christmas are generally marked or celebrated.
- > Usually, all of the children join in the celebrations.
- > Many religious festivals have taken on a secular character (Easter with the Easter bunny, Christmas with St Nicholas).



For major festivals of other religions, parents can apply for special leave at school.

ILLNESS

If your child is ill and cannot attend school, you must report the sickness orally or by phone before school begins. Additionally, by the third day of illness, your child needs a written apology (see template).

If your child cannot attend physical education class, they also need an apology.

Datum: _____
ENTSCULDIGUNG
Wegen Krankheit konnte mein Kind _____
Klasse _____ vom _____ bis _____ (Datum)
die Schule nicht besuchen.
Ich bitte, ihr/sein Fernbleiben zu entschuldigen.
_____ (Unterschrift)



HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY CHILD AT SCHOOL?



CHILD SUPPORT

PARENTS ...

- > provide the necessary school supplies
- > provide the child with bread for break (a snack)
- > ensure that homework is done
- > inspect the school bag
- > ensure that the child behaves well at school, promote necessary child skills

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

At the beginning of the school year, the teacher usually hands out a supplies list. The school attaches great importance to the correct supplies.

At the shops, you can get help with choosing the supplies. Missing supplies must be regularly replaced (e.g. exercise books).



PROVIDE SNACKS

The children's timetable allows for a break for breakfast.
Give your child healthy food every day.

For example:

- > Bread with a topping
- > Fruits: apple, grapes, tangerines, bananas, pears etc.
- > Sliced vegetables: tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet peppers, carrot slices etc.
- > To drink: bottle of water



HELP WITH HOMEWORK

Parents ensure that the homework is done. The child needs a quiet place to do their homework. Check the homework book daily to see what the homework is.

- > Is there homework supervision or pupil mentoring programmes at the school?
- > Are there any notes from/by the teacher in the homework book?
- > Do you need to respond?

Occasionally, you can have a talk with the class teacher about whether the child does all of the homework.

If there are any language difficulties, you can let the teacher know so that the school can call in a parent mentor to interpret during the conversation.



FURTHER ADVICE

School social work

In many schools there are school social workers. Children/adolescents, teachers and parents can contact them if they are experiencing problems (e.g. bullying, learning difficulties, etc.)

School psychological counselling centre

Advice and support for pupils, parents and teachers on school-related questions or problems. The advice is free, strictly confidential and independent from the school!

If you would like to make an appointment contact:

Schulpsychologische Beratungsstelle

Cäcilienstraße 56

74072 Heilbronn

Appointments by arrangement:

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