

---

## Compulsory schooling

In Germany, attending school is compulsory (Schulpflicht). This means that all children aged between 6 and 16 are legally required to go to school. The duration of compulsory schooling (including vocational school) is twelve years. Compulsory education ends when the child reaches age 18 if they are not enrolled in vocational training. The parents have a duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly. Attending state and municipal schools is free.

---

## Registration at a primary school

To register at a primary school, you will be contacted by the relevant school. You will be informed about the start of your child's compulsory education and invited to register. Registration is compulsory.

More information on the [district's page](#).

---

## School health check

After you have registered your child at a school, you will receive an invitation from the **Health Department (Gesundheitsamt)** to the school entrance examination (Schuleingangsuntersuchung).

All children must be examined by a school doctor before starting school.

The examination covers hearing and vision, mental development, motor skills and speech.

## Gesundheitsamt Kreis Bergstraße

Homepage: [www.kreis-bergstrasse.de](http://www.kreis-bergstrasse.de)

### Address

Gesundheitsamt  
Kinder- und Jugendärztlicher Dienst  
[Kettelerstraße 29](#)  
[64646 Heppenheim](#)

### Contact

E-Mail: [gesundheit@kreis-bergstrasse.de](mailto:gesundheit@kreis-bergstrasse.de)