



Education and Childcare in Canton Aargau

Education

In the Swiss education system each canton is responsible for its educational structures. Some universities and technical colleges of higher education are under the cantonal authority as well. Several coordinative bodies see to it that school schedules and syllabuses do not heavily deviate from one another. In general, according to the Swiss school system 6 is the highest assessment mark and 1 the lowest.

A person's school career in Canton Aargau begins at the age of 5 or 6 with Pre-school / Kindergarten. Primary School lasts for 5 years starting at the age of 7. Then the conversion to middle school follows. Here students attend, according to their individual academic level, one of the following: Realschule, Sekundarschule or Bezirksschule. After graduating from one of these, students have completed the required 9 years of school. Thereafter, it is possible to begin a professional apprenticeship or start on the track towards a high school diploma at a Cantonal School. Another possibility is to attend a certified Secondary School where one can continue to study after the 9 mandatory school years have been completed.

3/4 of young people successfully complete an apprenticeship accompanied by professional schooling. An apprenticeship usually lasts 3-4 years. In addition to the required schooling, it is possible to obtain a "Professional High School Diploma," which allows admittance into technical colleges of higher education. Thanks to this dual educational system of professional training, a well-educated and willing workforce is available to the local economy.

Childcare Possibilities

Fundamentally, city governments run extracurricular childcare in Canton Aargau. It is left up to them as to what they offer in terms of "all day schools" and lunch programs. Such instruments throughout the canton are numerous and well organized. Some of which in different regions are offered in English, French and Italian. Further information for those interested can be found at www.tagesschulen.ch.

Technical College of Higher Education of Northwest Switzerland FHNW

The new Technical College of Higher Education of Northwest Switzerland FHNW was founded on 1 January 2006. It is a regionally anchored educational institute with both national and international radiance and is striving to establish itself as one of the foremost leading and innovative colleges in Switzerland. FHNW arose from the fusion of the 3 technical colleges of Aargau, Basel and Solothurn, the Pedagogical College of Solothurn and the College for Educational Theory and Social Work Basel. The FHNW today consists of:

- Pedagogical College in Brugg (Aarau, Basel, Liestal, Solothurn, Zofingen)
- College for Social Work in Olten (Basel)
- Technical College in Brugg-Windisch (MuttENZ, Olten)



- College of Economics in Olten (Brugg, Basel)
- College of Applied Psychology in Olten
- College of Architecture, Construction and Geomatic in Muttenz
- College of Art in Basel (Aarau)
- College of Life Sciences in Muttenz

A staff of domestic and foreign experts has certified FHNW within the context of quality controlling as having a high level of professionalism and quality standards.

International Schools (IS)

International schools, with English speaking lessons, in the immediate vicinity are located in:

- Zug (ZG)
- Winterthur (ZH)
- Wallisellen (ZH)
- Reinach (BL)

Further information regarding this subject can be found at:

www.ag.ch/bks / www.kinderundfamilien.ch / www.tagesschulen.ch / www.tagesfamilien.ch