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Information Regarding Promotion from Kindergarten to Primary School (Primarschule)

Recommendation Process for Promotion from Kindergarten to Primary School

Promotion from kindergarten to primary school is made on the basis of the kindergarten teacher's recommendation. The central criterion for the recommendation is the child's development to date in relation to the competencies described in the Aargau curriculum and the prognosis for further competency development. The recommendation, made at a promotion conference, is based on the evaluation portfolio. The portfolio contains sufficient representative work (for example: individual work, drawings, photos of craft projects, self-evaluations etc.) as collected by the teacher throughout the school year. The kindergarten teacher explains and justifies his/her recommendation to the parents on the basis of documents in the evaluation portfolio.

In recommending promotion to primary school the kindergarten teacher takes into account the development of the child. In special cases promotion to a decelerated first grade (Einführungsklasse), an appropriate program for children and youth with special needs or continuation in kindergarten for a third year may be indicated. The kindergarten teacher may recommend repetition of the second year of kindergarten in particular for children who were excused for more than half a day over the course of the first year of kindergarten as a whole.

Procedure

During the first kindergarten year, the kindergarten teacher may hold an assessment conference with the parents regarding the child's development based on an assessment survey (Einschätzungsbogen). In the second year of kindergarten, the kindergarten teacher holds an obligatory promotion conference with the parents in the period between February through April. The child may also be involved, taking account of his or her level of development. Involvement does not necessarily mean that the child participates in the promotion conference.

At the promotion conference the kindergarten teacher and the parents document in writing their agreement regarding placement or continuation in kindergarten for a further school year. If they cannot reach an agreement and differences cannot be resolved in further discussions with all of those involved (parents, child, kindergarten teacher), the office of the municipality¹ determines the placement. Parents have the opportunity to present their arguments to the responsible office before this decision is reached. The promotion decision, including information regarding right of appeal, will be provided to parents in writing by the municipal authority responsible for the decision. Parents have the possibility to file a complaint opposing the decision with the regional school council (Schulrat des Bezirks) within 30 days.

¹ The municipal council has overall responsibility for the school. Appealable school decisions, such as career decisions, can be delegated by the municipal council to a member of the municipal council or to the school management. Each municipality defines in a set of regulations which body is responsible for making appealable school decisions.