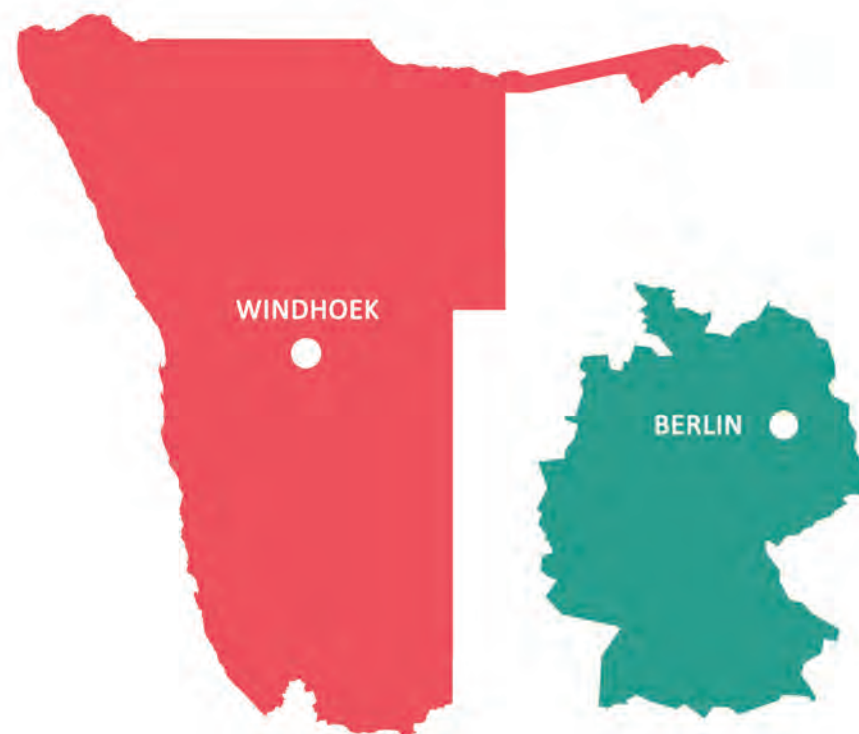


EDUCATION IN NAMIBIA AND GERMANY



NAMIBIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM

The **Republic of Namibia** is a country in southern Africa and includes 14 regions. Namibia has a population of 2,6 million people on an area of 825.000 km². Its official language is English. 13 national languages are registered in the constitution of Namibia. The responsibility for the education system in Namibia lies with the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture. There are approx. 1500 schools in Namibia. Basic education in Namibia encompasses pre-primary education as well as primary and secondary education levels. School fees are not allowed for pre-primary and primary education. School attendance is compulsory through primary school or until age 16, whichever comes first. Until grade 4, learners are taught in their home language with a switch to English-only instruction after grade 4.



GERMAN EDUCATION SYSTEM

The **Federal Republic of Germany** is a country in central-western Europe. It includes 16 federal states. Germany has a population of 82,6 million people on an area of 357.000 km². Its official language is German. In some states other languages are officially recognised as minority languages. The responsibility for the education system in Germany lies primarily with the 16 states, while the federal government plays a minor role. There are approx. 33.500 schools in Germany. Basic education in Germany includes pre-primary education as well as primary and secondary education levels. There are no school fees for state schools. School attendance is compulsory in most German states until age 18. The language of instruction is German, except for foreign language classes: English, French, Latin, and Spanish are most common.



Namibian pupils wear school uniform.

Due to often very long distances between home and school, many schools in Namibia are boarding schools.

THE GRADING SCALE

From A to E, with A being the best grade and E the worst.

From 1 to 6, with 1 being "very good" and 6 being "insufficient".

LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION AT GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Pre-primary until grade 4: Afrikaans, English, German, Ju|'hoansi, Khoekhoegowab, Oshikwanyama, Oshindonga, Otjiherero, Rukwangali, Rumanyo, Setswana, Silozi, Thimbukushu, (Portuguese)

From grade 5 on: English, with the first language as a subject

German

Corporal punishment is not allowed, neither in the Namibian nor in the German school system.

PRIMARY EDUCATION

Official entry: at the age of six
Duration: seven years
Two phases: primary (grades 0-3) and upper primary (grades 4-7)

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Two cycles: lower secondary (junior secondary) consists of grades 8 - 9, and upper secondary (senior secondary) consists of grades 10 - 12

TERTIARY EDUCATION

After grade 12, students receive the Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC). This certificate allows them to attend a Namibian university. Some private institutions offer a vocational training for learners who do not want or are not yet able to go to university or college. Usually, learners have to pay for this training.

PRIMARY EDUCATION

Official entry: at the age of 5x
Duration: four years
In two German states (out of 16): six years

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Option 1: five to six years on a *Hauptschule* (basic level)
Option 2: six years on a *Realschule* (medium level)
Option 3: eight to nine years on a *Gymnasium* (highest level)
Option 4: attending a *Gesamtschule* and deciding on the level later

TERTIARY EDUCATION

After grade 12/13, students receive the *Abitur*. This certificate allows them to attend a German university. There is a government system that offers vocational training for all learners, who do not want or are not yet able to go to university. Normally, learners do not have to pay for the training.



Primary school pupils wear special bags called: *Schulranzen*

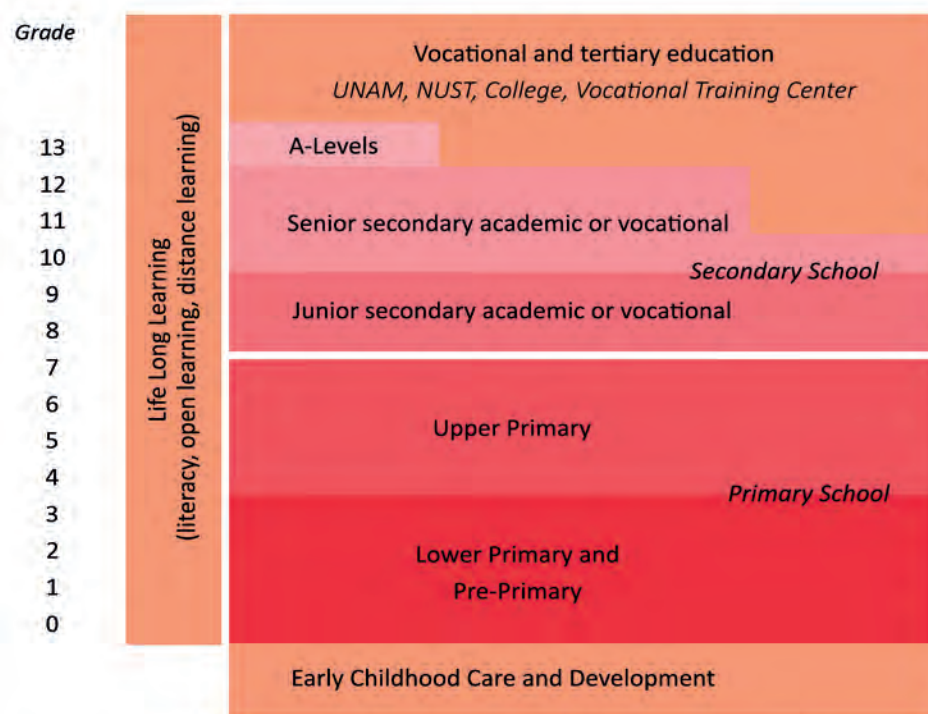
When it is getting too hot, pupils in Germany may get „hitzefrei“. It means they get the day of or the school ends earlier.

Homeschooling is illegal in Germany.

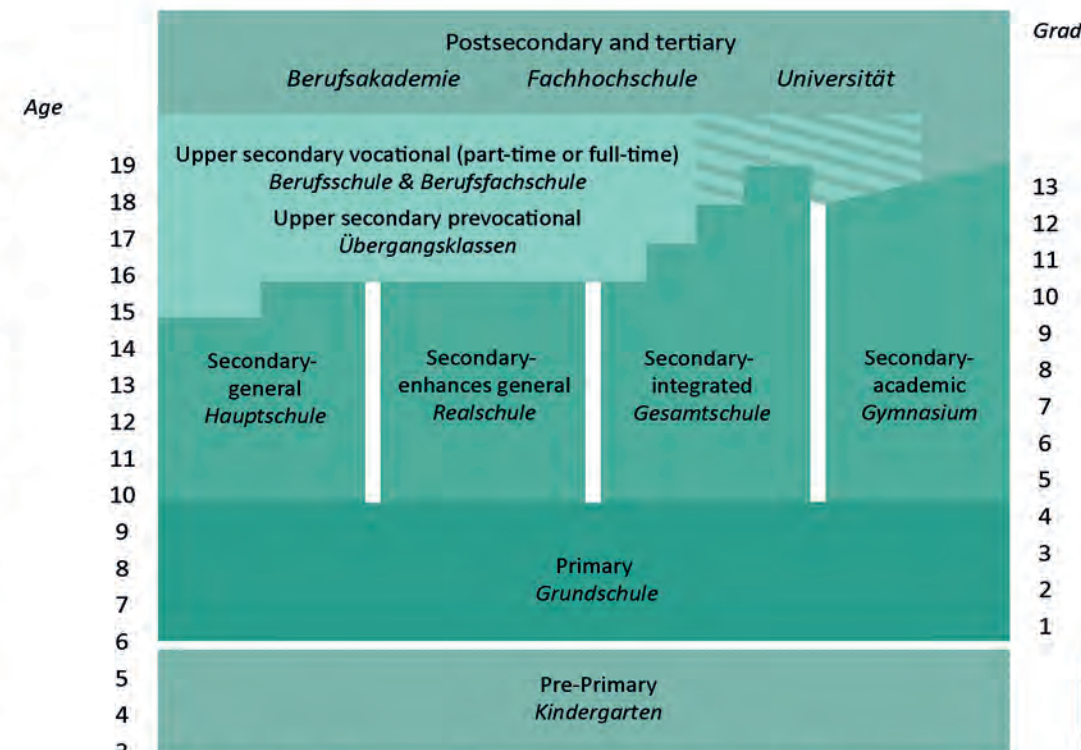
In Namibia one can find combined schools from grade 0 till grade 12.

Pre-primary education is part of the Namibian school system. Pre-primary classes are offered at schools.

Namibia aims to provide inclusion of pupils with disabilities at regular schools.



Source: https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2016/2016100/app_a7.asp (21/07/2018)



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In Germany each of the 16 federal states has its own school system with its own school books and curricula.

Pre-primary education is not part of the German school system (in most federal states).

Germany has a extensive number of schools for children with special needs and disabilities, but aims to include pupils with special needs more into regular schools.

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This poster is designed to give you an overview about the educational systems of Namibia and Germany. The goal is to understand the basics of the two systems to get a better idea how to make the SDG 4 "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all" come true. Photos: Namibian school girl: Selma Gaingos/ tornister: Julia Kalat, Grundschule Sillerstraße / Namibian school: Barbara Scharfbillig / German classroom: Julia Christmann / German school & German school girl: Verena Scharfbillig / Text: Julia Christmann with support from Patricia Ndjavero, Fiona Mokhatu, Barbara Scharfbillig, Sarah Fießner and the DAJA-team.



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