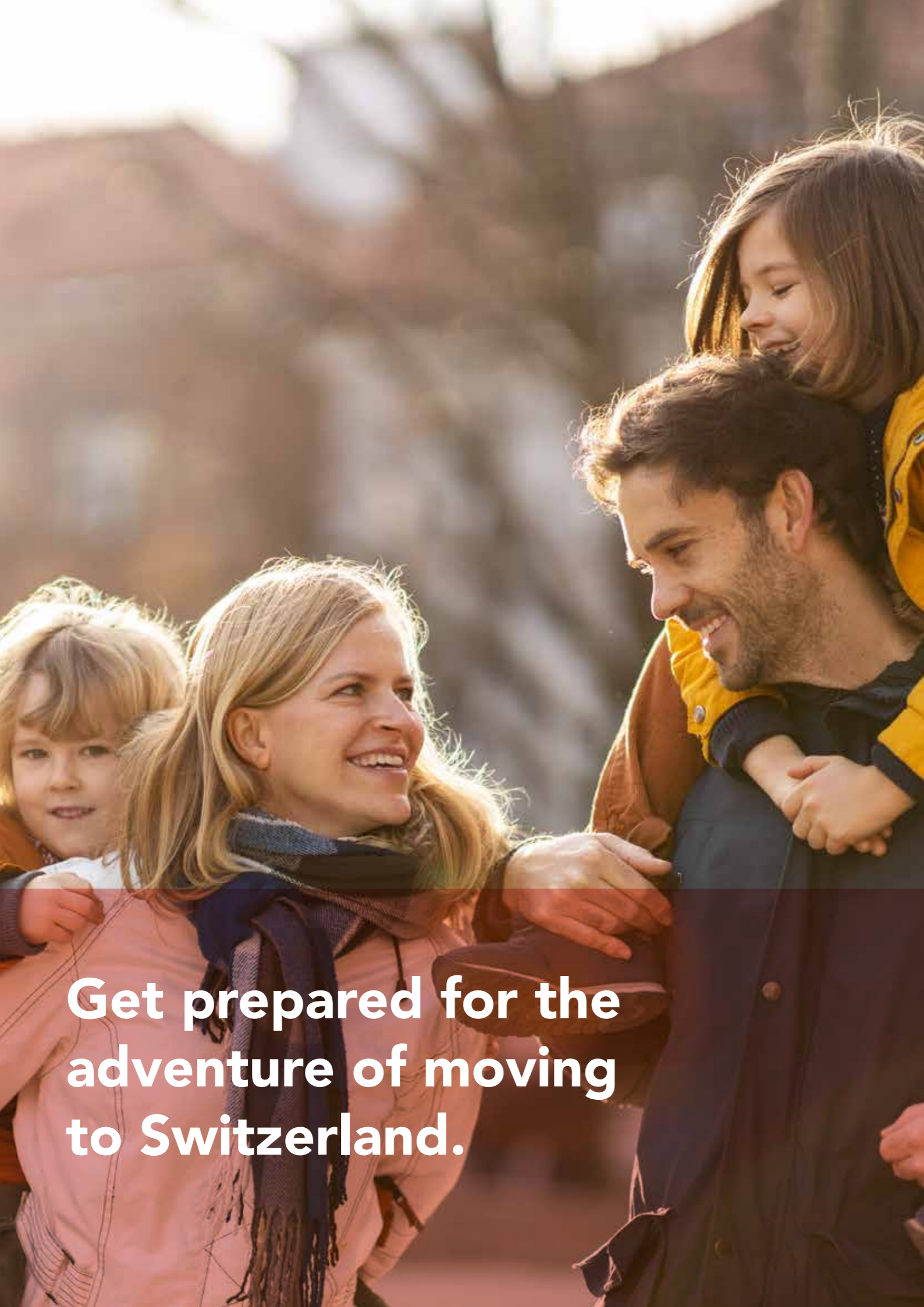




**Ready to move your family
to Switzerland?**

Get ready for a soft landing in Basel.



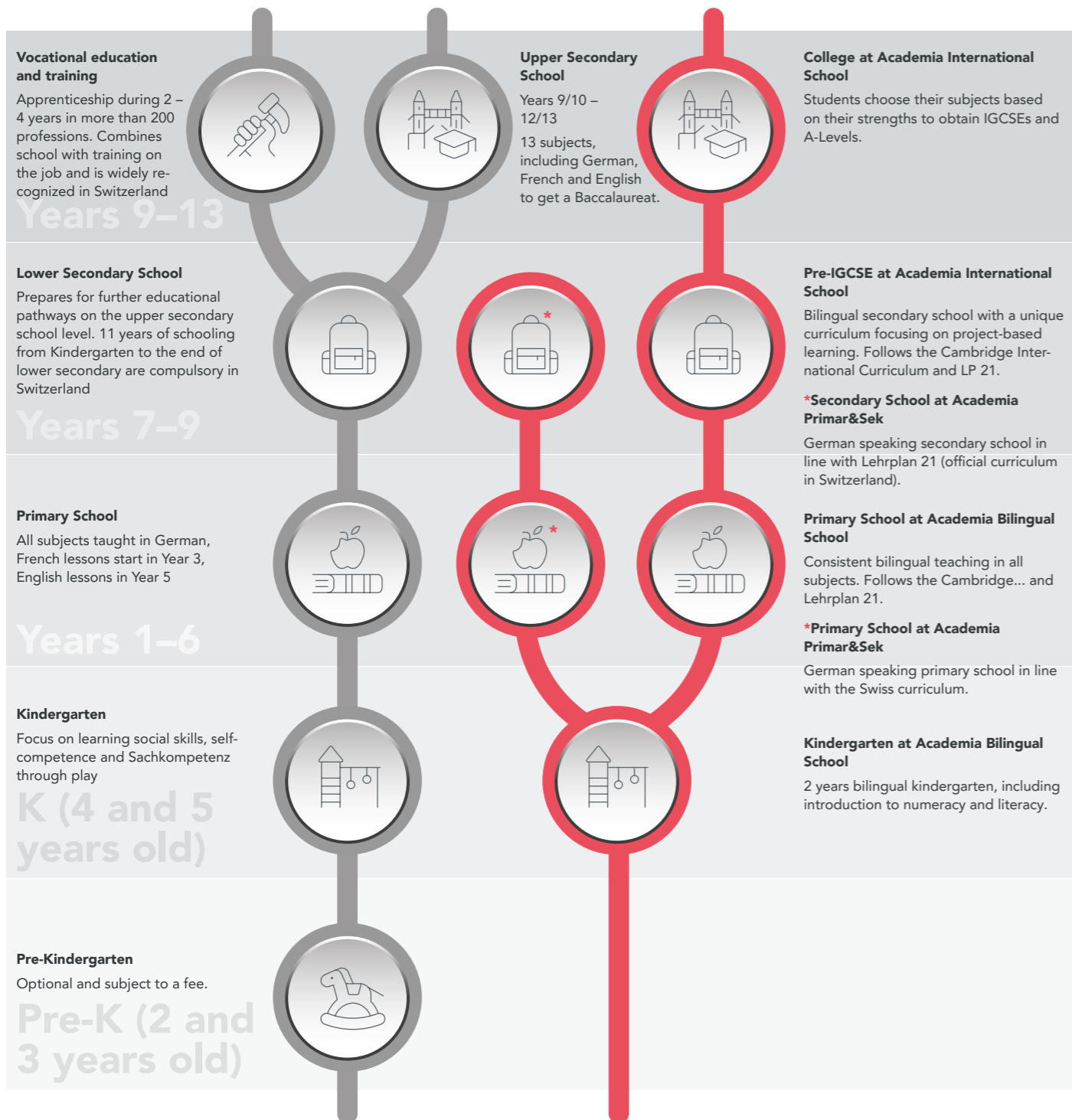
**Get prepared for the
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to Switzerland.**

Welcome to Switzerland!

Academia has many international families moving to Switzerland eager to immerse themselves into local life with a soft and considered landing for their children. At Academia Schools, we have more than 15 years' experience in supporting international families to feel at home in Switzerland. In this brochure you will find information and resources that may help you to get prepared for the adventure of moving to Switzerland.

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Education in Switzerland



Checklist

When looking for an international school for your children, make sure to check the following items:

Curriculum

- ✓ What curriculum is used for teaching?
- ✓ How easy is transition into another school system, e.g., when returning home?
- ✓ What follow-up opportunities are available (e.g., access to state schools without entrance exam, recognition by universities worldwide)?
- ✓ Which language(s) are taught?
- ✓ What language support for German does the school offer?
- ✓ What choices do the pupils / students have in terms of subjects?
- ✓ What extracurricular activities does the school offer?

Quality of the school

- ✓ How satisfied are students and their parents at this school? Check for testimonials on Facebook or Google.
- ✓ What labels and certifications does the school have? E.g., is it accredited as an examination centre or is it recognised as a private school by the school authorities?
- ✓ How big is the school? How many students are in a class on average?

Location and infrastructure of the school

- ✓ How accessible is the school by public transport or on foot / by bicycle?
- ✓ At lower school levels (Pre-K, K, Primary): Is there a school bus?
- ✓ What infrastructure does the school have? (e.g., computer and tablets, laboratory, sports facilities, classroom facilities, common rooms, catering)

Academia Schools in the Basel region.



Academia Bilingual School

Naturally bilingual

We support your child to develop and achieve his or her full potential from kindergarten to the end of primary school. Our pupils enjoy an attentive and respectful environment, small classes, bilingual teaching in German and English by mother-tongue trained teachers as well as personal support which provides the foundation for your child's further education – be it in Switzerland or abroad.

Curriculum

- ✓ Bilingual day school with kindergarten and primary school
- ✓ Lessons according to Lehrplan 21 (official Swiss curriculum) and the Cambridge International Curriculum
- ✓ Recognised for the transition to public secondary schools after Year 6 by the Canton of Basel
- ✓ Seamless transition to Academia International School (Years 7 to 12)
- ✓ German and English booster lessons for non-native speakers

Location and infrastructure

- ✓ School bus service
- ✓ Tablets for all students
- ✓ Extensive before- and after-school care from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ✓ Comprehensive extracurricular activities

Quality

- ✓ Warm and caring atmosphere throughout the school
- ✓ Individual support for each child thanks to small class sizes
- ✓ Dedicated teachers and staff



Find out more and book a consultation

Academia International School

Holistic, Personal, Small by Design

We are an international school, small by design, where your child will not get lost in the crowd. We follow the British International Curriculum (Pre-IGCSE, IGCSEs and A Levels) which focuses on the individual strengths of each student. We are a multi-cultural, city centre school that aims to provide academic excellence in a cosy, caring environment.

Curriculum

- ✓ Pre-IGCSE-, IGCSE- and International A-Level-programme
- ✓ Broad curriculum offering flexibility and choice (IGCSE and IAL)
- ✓ Innovative teaching methods such as arts across the curriculum
- ✓ Focus on cross-disciplinary work and metacognition
- ✓ Ideal preparation for university studies leading to a qualification recognised by universities worldwide

Location and infrastructure

- ✓ Modern campus at located directly next to Basel SBB railway station
- ✓ Bright classrooms, a science lab, music and art rooms, and a cafeteria
- ✓ Attractive electives and extracurricular activities, including Duke of Edinburgh Award and Model United Nations (MUN)

Quality

- ✓ Recognised exam centre by Pearson Edexcel and Cambridge Assessment International Examination
- ✓ Experienced and highly qualified teachers from all over the world
- ✓ High success rate at official exams for more than 15 years



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Academia Primar & Sek

Dedicated, informal, individual

Optimal and personalised education is our top priority. This enables us to help our students find the ideal solution in order for them to continue their further education – with targeted individual support rather than the unnecessary pressure of early selective entry exams. On all levels: from primary to secondary school and 10th grade.

Curriculum

- ✓ German speaking primary and secondary school (Years 5 – 9)
- ✓ Follows the official Swiss curriculum (Lehrplan 21)
- ✓ Optional Year 10 for those needing more time to make a career choice

Location and infrastructure

- ✓ Located in Reinach, close to tram stops
- ✓ Modern and spacious facilities with tablets, music room
- ✓ Supervised lunch break

Quality

- ✓ Recognised as a private school by the canton of Baselland
- ✓ Small classes in a personal setting
- ✓ Dedicated support by our experienced teachers including career choice
- ✓ Supervision of homework and instruction on organisation and study techniques at all levels



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Swiss Academy Basel

Strive. Achieve. Grow.

Swiss Academy offers its students a top-tier academic education with a special emphasis on sports, music, dance and health. We aim to give students a well-rounded education, culminating in an internationally recognised further education qualification. Swiss Academy students are taught that even their most ambitious goals are within their reach as long as they work hard with a keen interest. The values we instil in our students, such as fair play, tolerance, self-esteem and diligence, will enable them to succeed at every stage of their lives in the future and prepare them to take on challenges with full confidence in their own abilities.

Curriculum

- ✓ IGCSE- and International A-level-programme
- ✓ IGCSE/IAL Music, Dance and Physical Education

Location and infrastructure

- ✓ Modern campus at located directly next to Basel SBB railway station
- ✓ Bright classrooms, a science lab, music and art rooms, and a cafeteria
- ✓ Numerous free spaces for training and practice times

Quality

- ✓ Dedicated support and professional coaching in the different talent areas (Head of Sports, Head of Music, Head of Music)
- ✓ Cooperation with the big sport clubs in the region (FCB, EHCB), the music academy (FHNW) as well as numerous professional dance schools
- ✓ Group coachings, regular individual coachings and over 10 professional events per year (Weltklasse Zürich, Sinfonie-orchester Basel, Zurich Ballet, FC Basel etc.)



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**We support people
from Kindergarten
through to the end
of Secondary School
and beyond.**

Getting to know Basel

Many families ask themselves, what they can do to get started with German prior to arriving in Switzerland. We compiled some suggestions how to get started:

Website

www.ybibasel.ch – Welcome to Basel – a website created from two Academia parents offering a wide range of information about the city and all you need to know about living in Basel.

Books

- ✔ Purchase a first German words picture book to review before bed times. You'd be amazed how children enjoy scanning pictures. Great vocabulary builder.
- ✔ The "German for Beginners" book (Usborne) is a nice place to start
- ✔ Amira Reading programme. Reading programme for pupils in nine languages for free.

Media

For younger students, finding TV shows online is a great option to immerse students into the language. We strongly recommend that TV time of cartoons and the like is considered to be viewed in German only.

Useful Apps

- ✔ **Anton** All ages, multiple subjects
- ✔ **Appolino** Reading and writing, K-Year 4
- ✔ **Duolingo** Years 4–8
- ✔ **MathWelt2** Years 3–6

Numbers

When you enrol your children in a German speaking or bilingual school, learning the number system inside out can be one element that makes mathematics lessons easier. Learning the numbers system, writing them down when heard orally is a simpler way to start.

Upon arrival in Switzerland

If you arrive in a holiday period, at times families have accessed some private lessons within Academia's learning schools in the Basel city centre.



More infos – Academia Languages

Basel Stadt Language Voucher

Foreign-language newcomers to Basel-Stadt with a B residence permit receive a one-off voucher valid for their first year of residence in Basel-Stadt. This voucher entitles them to a free German course of 80 45-minute lessons in a group. For more information use the QR-Code.



More infos about the voucher

You can use this voucher also at our language school. Academia Languages offers a wide range of German courses in its school in the Basel city center.

Other ideas

- ✔ Have fun placing vocabulary sticky notes around the house as a family, one room at a time.
- ✔ Participate in a German speaking past time, i.e.: music, dance, sport, scouts etc. 1–2x /week
- ✔ Home: Play dates with German speaking friends in the neighbourhood

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