

## **Information on school attendance**

### **Compulsory schooling**

In Germany, all children and young people between the ages of 6 and 18 are required to attend school. This also applies to the children of refugees and asylum seekers.

As a result of your assignment to and registration in Düsseldorf, you, the parents or legal guardians, are obliged to enrol your child at a school immediately. If your child does not speak German or speaks little German, contact the Municipal Integration Centre (Kommunales Integrationszentrum, KI).

### **Advice and placement through the Municipal Integration Centre (Kommunales Integrationszentrum, KI)**

The Municipal Integration Centre (Kommunales Integrationszentrum, KI) informs you about the school system in North Rhine-Westphalia and the possibilities of initial support in German for children and young people in Düsseldorf schools. Based on your previous school career, the KI will advise you which type of school would be suitable for your child. After the consultation, your child will be placed in a suitable school with the participation of the education authority.

Please arrange an appointment for consultation with the KI by telephoning 0211 - 89-2 40 63 and bring your child and the following documents with you to the appointment:

- Proof of identity, such as your child's identity card or passport
- Registration certificate from the local registration office (Amt für Einwohnerwesen/Bürgerbüro)
- Your child's school reports, if available.

Contact: Office for Migration and Integration  
(*Amt für soziale Sicherung und Integration*)  
Municipal Integration Centre (KI)  
(*Kommunales Integrationszentrum (KI)*)  
Bertha-von-Suttner-Platz 3, 40227 Düsseldorf  
8<sup>th</sup> floor, Room 8.01.  
Telephone 0211/89-2 40 63

### **Full-day care**

Depending on the school, it is possible to enrol your child for full-day care. This means your child will be taken care of at school after normal lessons have ended. Care includes provision of a warm meal at lunchtime, supervision by qualified staff, and support with learning. A variety of sports and leisure activities plus special supportive measures are also on offer. The resulting close contact with other children also helps with learning the language. Other opportunities are offered in the holidays. You will receive further information when you enrol your child at school.

### **Further information**

The website [www.duesseldorf.de/schulen](http://www.duesseldorf.de/schulen) has a list of all Düsseldorf schools and where they are located. It also provides information about compulsory schooling.