


Hours Allotted to Music at Primary Schools

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Statistics

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Federal state	Grade					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Baden-Württemberg	Hours allotted: 6 (reference value; school responsible for specific distribution)					
Bavaria	16	16	2	2		
	Basic instruction ¹ in combination with German, mathematics, general knowledge and local history, art					
	Extended music education: plus 1 to 2 plus 1 to 3 plus 1 to 3 plus 1 to 3 (the specific amount of hours is the responsibility of the respective education authority)					
Berlin	2	2	2	2	2	2
Brandenburg	Hours allotted: 34			8		8
	Basic instruction ² in combination with German, first foreign language, mathematics, general knowledge and art in combination with art					
Bremen	Hours allotted: 24 in combination with sports and art					
Hamburg	Hours allotted: 6 (with 45-min. lessons) 4,5 (with 60-min. lessons)					
Hessen	6			8		
	in combination with art (incl. crafts and textile design)					
Mecklenburg-West Pomerania	6			8		
	Hours allotted: in combination with art, crafts and performing art					
Lower Saxony	(1)	(1)	2	2		
	Share of music in elementary instruction (in combination with German, mathematics, general knowledge, English, religion, sports, art/crafts/textile design) ³ or 4 (lesson allotment plan)					
North Rhine-Westphalia	3 to 4	3 to 4	4	4		
	in combination with art					
Rhineland-Palatinate	6	6	7	7		
	in combination with sports, visual arts, textile design and crafts					
Saarland	3	3	2	2		
	in combination with visual arts					
Saxony	1	1	1	2		
Saxony-Anhalt	1 to 2	1 to 2	1 to 2	1 to 2		
Schleswig-Holstein	10			14		
	Hours allotted: in combination with art, textiles, technology and sports					
Thuringia		7 to 8		4 to 5		
	in combination with general knowledge and local history, crafts, school gardening and art			in combination with crafts, school gardening and art		

NOTE

The allotment plan shows target values for the lessons to be taught by grade level for each federal state. These are therefore not the actual values of the lessons actually taught in primary schools. Primary school lasts six years in Berlin and Brandenburg.

FOOTNOTES

¹ The teacher does not assign special instruction subdivided by hours.

² The lesson allotment plan assigns a total number of hours in the relevant subjects for grades 1 and 2. The lesson hours are distributed among the subjects on the basis of the individual learning achievements in the class.

³ Elementary instruction in grades 1 and 2 is often interdisciplinary and holistic.

SOURCE INFORMATION

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