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Welcome to the Berufsbildungszentrum am NOK in Rendsburg

Berufsbildungszentrum am Nord-Ostsee-Kanal



Welcome

Welcome to the *Berufsbildungszentrum am NOK*. We hope this brochure helps you to get acquainted with the German school system and our school in particular.

Educational Opportunities

We are a vocational school in the Rendsburg-Eckernförde district in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany's northernmost state. Our school offers the young people of our region many educational opportunities through which they can broaden their knowledge and skills. The courses offered cover theoretical and practical contents at four different locations in the Rendsburg-Eckernförde district. Our headquarters is in Rendsburg (Herrenstraße). Local branches are in Rendsburgs Kieler Straße, Osterrönfeld, and Hademarschen (villages in the district). We offer courses in the following vocational fields:

- **Mechanics**
- **Electronics**
- **Construction**
- **Wood and Timber Technology**
- **Painting/Interior Decorator**
- **Personal Hygiene**
- **Food and Domestic Economy**
- **Information Technology**
- **Agriculture**

At present, approximately 3300 students take courses at our school. The courses are offered by 160 teachers.

The learning opportunities comprise a large variety of different kinds of schooling which are offered as full-time or part-time courses. At the *Berufsbildungszentrum am NOK*, students can earn vocational certificates as well as ones in general education - from the Secondary General School certificate, all the way up to a general qualification for university entrance.

The German School System

Responsibility for educational oversight in Germany lies primarily with the states, while the federal government has only a minor role. Optional Kindergarten education is provided for all children between three and six years old, after which school attendance is compulsory between ten and thirteen years. Home-schooling is forbidden in Germany. All children enter in the same program, but at the age of 10, they go to one of the following three types of schools:

- Secondary General School (Hauptschule)
- Intermediate School (Realschule)
- Grammar School (Gymnasium)

Secondary General School

The lowest track in the German educational system is the Secondary General School. It starts with 5th grade and continues to the 9th grade. Here, students prepare for vocational education. They also continue learning basic subjects, as well as English. After students graduate from Secondary General School, they can apply for an apprenticeship at a company or go on to a full-time Vocational School, which lasts about two years.

Secondary General School is supposed to prepare mainly practically-oriented pupils for craft professions. Meanwhile, Secondary General School has become more or less a haven for socially disadvantaged children and immigrant students.

Intermediate School

Intermediate School is a little more advanced than Secondary General School. Here, pupils learn the basic subjects which prepare them for a mid-level job. After graduation from Intermediate School, it is possible for pupils who receive sufficient grades to transfer to Grammar School.

Intermediate School is supposed to prepare mainly practically and theoretically-oriented students for trade, technical and administrative professions.

Grammar School

Grammar School is the third track a student can enter after primary school. This school prepares students to enter university. Grammar School lasts eight years, or from the 5th to 13th grade. Here students study subjects like German, math, physics, chemistry, geography, biology, art, religion and history. They are also required to learn two foreign languages. In the 13th grade students prepare for the University Qualification Exam. This is an examination that they have to pass in order to visit university. If they fail, they only have a few more chances to pass or they will not be allowed to attend university.

Vocational Education

Once pupils have completed compulsory full-time schooling – generally when they reach the age of 15 – they have the opportunity to move into upper secondary education. The type of school entered depends on the qualifications obtained at the end of lower secondary education.

Pupils can choose between different courses: full time general education and vocational schools, as well as vocational training within the Dual System.

The following types of general and vocational education are offered in Germany:

- Gymnasium Grammar School
- Berufsschule training and education
 at companies and part-
 time vocational
 schools (Dual System)
- Berufsfachschule Full time Vocational
 School
- Fachoberschule Technical Secondary
 School
- Berufsoberschule Upper Vocational
 School

Vocational Education at the BBZ am NOK

Dual Vocational Training / Berufsschule (Duales System)

The system is called “Dual” because education and training are provided at two places of learning: In companies and in part-time vocational schools. This is the

main type of vocational training in Germany, accounting for more than 60% of any given age group. Training in individual occupations is governed by training directives. At present there are about 350 recognized occupations for which the federal government has issued training directives. Whether or not students can enter the Berufsschule does not depend on their marks but on securing a training contract with a company that employs them as apprentices. An apprenticeship in the Dual System usually lasts between 2 and 3.5 years, depending on the profession. At our school we offer a large variety of courses in the Dual System.

- **Mechanics**
Car mechanic, industrial mechanic, sheet metal worker, plumbing and heating etc.
- **Electronics**
Electrician for industry and crafts, etc.
- **Construction**
Carpenter, bricklayer, road worker, etc.
- **Wood and Timber Technology**
Joiner, timber technology
- **Painting/ Interior Decorator**
Painter
- **Personal Hygiene**
Hairdresser
- **Food and Domestic Economy**
Butcher, baker, etc.
- **Information Technology**
- **Agriculture**
Farmer, etc.

Vocational Preparatory Year / Berufsvorbereitungsjahr (BVJ)

The Berufsvorbereitungsjahr at our school prepares young people who do not have a training contract for their future professions. The aims are to help them choose a career and to provide them with vocational training in the form of full-time instruction designed to offer an introduction to one or two occupational fields. Many students in the Berufsvorbereitungsjahr do not have a school leaving certificate and take an ex-

amination at the Secondary General School level after this year.

Full-time Vocational School / Berufsfachschule

The Berufsfachschule is full-time vocational schooling offering a wide range of branches and courses of varying duration. It prepares and trains students in a specific vocational field. At our schools we offer courses in construction, mechanics, and electronics. Students who finish the Berufsfachschule successfully graduate with a certificate equal to graduation from Intermediate School (Realschule). After leaving Berufsfachschule most students start an apprenticeship in the Dual System.

Technical Secondary School / Fachoberschule (FOS)

An Intermediate School certificate or a recognized equivalent is required for entry into this type of school. Full-time attendance is necessary for at least one year. The certificate awarded on successful completion qualifies its holder for studies at a Fachhochschule (University of Applied Sciences). Our Technical Secondary School covers mechanics, construction, electronics and agriculture.

Upper Vocational School / Berufsbilderschule (BOS)

Vocational School at upper secondary level only exists in a few federal states. Students who have successfully completed vocational training in the Dual System or the Technical Secondary School have the opportunity to obtain a higher education entrance qualification. The Upper Vocational School leads to a qualification for university entrance.

Vocational Grammar School

Our BBZ offers a new full-time Vocational Grammar School focusing on renewable energy since 2010. An Intermediate School certificate or a recognized equivalent is required for entry into this type of school. Students visit the vocational grammar school for three years. A successful final exam leads to a general qualification for university entrance.

Europaschule

Our school has carried out a variety of projects with other European partners since 1992. Our focus within these projects has been on student exchanges in different COMENIUS and LEONARDO programmes. Teaching material which was developed during these programmes can be found on our Homepage: <http://www.bbz-nok.de> and on the Landesbildungsserver Schleswig-Holstein. We were appointed Europe School in May 2000

School homepage: <http://www.bbz-nok.de>

Airports

<http://www.airport.de>
<http://www.fhl-web.de>

Transport

Airport transfer Hamburg
<http://www.airportservice-kiel.de>,
<http://www.bahn.de>,
<http://www.kielius.de>
Trains
<http://www.bahn.de>,
<http://www.nord-ostsee-bahn.de>
city bus Rendsburg
<http://fpard.fp.funpic.de>

Hotel

<http://www.hotel-deutscheeiche.de> (Hotel Rendsburg)
<http://www.hotel-neuwerk.de/>
<http://www.hotelhansen.de>
<http://www.pelli-hof.de>

City Pages

<http://www.rendsburg.de>
<http://www.rendsburg.net/index.php?k=start>

Region

<http://www.tinok.de>
<http://www.kiel-canal.org>
<http://www.kielkanal.de>
<http://www.nord-ostsee-kanal-info.de>
<http://www.schleswig-holstein.de>
<http://www.sh-tourismus.de>
<http://www.sh-tourismus.de>
<http://www.kiel.de>
<http://www.eckernfoerde.de>
<http://www.st.peter-ording-nordsee.de>
<http://www.nordseetourismus.de>
<http://www.schleswig.de>

Big companies in our region

<http://www.hobby-caravan.de>
<http://www.nobiskrug.com>
<http://www.luerssen.de>
<http://www.peter-wolters.com>
<http://www.aco-online.de>
<http://www.repower.de>
<http://www.mobilcom-debitel.de>
<http://www.flens.de>

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