
Education in Luxembourg city



Luxembourg has an excellent system of state-funded public schools as well as fee-paying private and international schools. It also has many institutes, tertiary programmes, and an internationally competitive university.

Schools

Luxembourg has state, international, and privately run school options. School is compulsory from ages 4-16.

Most young people are enrolled in a free public school, nearly all of which are multilingual melting pots of Luxembourgish, French, German, and other European languages. Some private and international schools offer an education in the same style as the public system, while others differ in language(s) spoken or teaching methodology—but only the public schools are free.

In public schools, most pupils speak Luxembourgish amongst themselves, but the language of instruction is usually German in primary school and parts of secondary school, before switching to French for the final years. Some schools have recently introduced English streams as well.

The following bodies will have more information on the schooling of foreign children:

- The Department of Schooling for Foreign Children (*Service de la scolarisation des enfants étrangers*)
- CASNA
- Intercultural mediators

State school system in Luxembourg

Education type	School type	Age	Comment
Primary	Fundamental school (Cycle 1)	3	— optional pre-school-equivalent year (age 3) — mandatory (ages 4-6)
Primary	Fundamental school (Cycles 2-4)	6	— 3 cycles of 2 years each
Classical secondary education (ESC)	Lycée classique (classical secondary school)	12	— 7 years — prepares students for university and higher educational studies
General secondary education (ESG)	Lycée technique (technical secondary school)	12	— 6-8 years — prepares students for working life



Travelling to school

There are school buses of course, but additionally public transport is free for anyone under 12 (no ticket required). Around one third of parents drive their children to school.

Secondary schools also issue a school card ("myCard") to their pupils, which permits them free travel on public transport to school and back.



Back-to-school allowance

A lump-sum back-to-school allowance is paid every August to eligible parents whose children are at least 6 years old and haven't yet finished secondary school:

- €115 per 6-12-year-old child
- €235 per >12-year-old child



International and private schools

International schools cost around €8,000-€15,000 per year, though three free ones are due to open in 2018, respectively in Junglinster, Mondorf, and Clervaux. Well-regarded, established institutions include:

1. International School of Luxembourg – ISL (English-speaking)
2. St George's International School Luxembourg (English-speaking)
3. Ecole et Lycée français de Luxembourg (French)
4. Over the Rainbow International School
5. École Internationale de Differdange (English, French, and German streams)



University of Luxembourg

Luxembourg's only university features among the world's top 200 (according to Times Higher Education). Located in Belval, near the country's second city of Esch-sur-Alzette, it welcomes nearly 6,200 students from 120 different nationalities every year. It has three research and interdisciplinary centres, and three faculties:

- The Faculty of Science, Technology and Communication (FSTC)
- The Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance (FDEF)
- The Faculty of Language and Literature, Humanities, Arts and Education (FLSHASE)

The university offers 12 bachelor degree programmes and 42 master degrees, as well as 13 vocational training and lifelong learning courses and four doctoral schools.



Availability

Waiting lists for both private and international schools can be long: applying earlier is better.