EDUCATION IN NAMIBIA AND GERMANY

NAMIBIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM

The Republic of Namibia is a country in southern Africa and includes 14 regions. Namibia has a population of 2.6 million people on an area of 825,000 km². Its official language is English. 13 national languages are registered in the constitution of Namibia. The responsibility for the education system in Namibia lies with the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture. There are about 1500 schools in Namibia. Basic education in Namibia encompasses pre-primary education as well as primary and secondary education levels. School fees are not allowed for pre-primary and primary education. School attendance is compulsory through primary school or until age 16, whichever comes first. Until grade 4, learners are taught in their home language with a switch to English-only instruction after grade 4.

FIRST GRADE

The grading scale

**From A to E, with A being the best grade and E the worst.**

**From 1 to 6, with 1 being "very good" and 6 being "insufficient".**

**LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION AT GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS**

Pre-primary until grade 4: Afrikaans, English, German, Iju, Tsamis, Khoekhoegowab, Oshiwambo, Oshindonga, Oshembe, Rukwango, Rukunina, Setswana, Siswati, Tshivenda, (Portuguese)

From grade 5 on: English, with the first language as a subject

GERMAN EDUCATION SYSTEM

The Federal Republic of Germany is a country in central-western Europe. It includes 16 federal states. Germany has a population of 82.6 million people on an area of 357,000 km². Its official language is German. In some states other languages are officially recognized as minority languages. The responsibility for the education system in Germany lies primarily with the 16 states, while the federal government plays a minor role. There are approx. 35,000 schools in Germany. Basic education in Germany includes pre-primary education as well as primary and secondary education levels. There are no school fees for state schools. School attendance is compulsory in most German states until age 18. The language of instruction is German, except for foreign language classes: English, French, Latin, and Spanish are most common.

**PRIMARY EDUCATION**

**Official entry at the age of 6**

**Duration: seven years**

Two phases: primary (grades 0-3) and upper primary (grades 4-7)

**SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Two cycles: lower secondary (junior secondary) consists of grades 8 - 9, and upper secondary (senior secondary) consists of grades 10 - 12

**TERTIARY EDUCATION**

After grade 12, students receive the Abitur. This certificate allows them to attend a German university. There is a government system that offers vocational training for all learners, who do not want or are not yet able to go to university. Usually, learners have to pay for this training.

In Germany each of the 16 federal states has its own school system with its own school books and curricula.

In Germany there is no national education system for primary education. Each of the 16 states organizes its education system.

Germany has a network of schools for children with special needs and disabilities, but also to include people with special needs more into regular schools.

In Namibia there are a few combined schools for 0-12 grade. Pre-primary is part of the Namibian school system. Pre-primary classes are offered at schools.

Namibian aims to provide inclusion of persons with disabilities of regular schools.

In Namibia there is no formal education for children under grade 12.

After grade 12, students receive the Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC). This certificate allows them to attend a Namibian university. Some private institutions offer a vocational training for learners who do not want or are not yet able to go to university or college. Usually, learners have to pay for this training.

**FIRST GRADE**

**Vocational and tertiary education**

UNAM NOSCO College, Woodstock Training Center

**SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**Pre-school**

Early Childhood Care and Development

**Primary School**

Primary School

**Secondary School**

Lower Primary and Pre-Primary

Upper Primary

Secondary School

Secondary education outside the schools

**TERTIARY EDUCATION**

**Post secondary education**

Postsecondary and tertiary education

**UNAM Special School**

**University**

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