

Language classes during the school holidays

Information leaflet for the parents

School-age children and teenagers, that have recently arrived in Germany, need intensive language practice in particular to enable them to participate in class and ensure that they are able to obtain a qualitative education.

For that reason, since 2009, school-age children who come to Germany during the school year with insufficient or no language skills are offered intensive language classes at the "Volkshochschule" (VHS) or "Kreisvolkshochschule" (KVHS) (community college) in the school holidays.

This initiative complements the daily language practice at school and is aimed at making everyday school life easier for these children, as well as increasing their participation in class.

The need for additional language practice regarding particular students is established by the schools. They can sign those students up for holiday classes at the nearest VHS or KVHS with parental consent.

Please be aware that direct enrolment at the VHS/KVHS by the parents is not possible. The enrolments are managed exclusively by schools.

The holiday class is two weeks long and consists of forty lessons. It takes place every Easter, summer and autumn vacation. The classes can take place in the morning or afternoon. The target groups are children and teenagers who have been living in Germany for less than a year and speak little to no German.

The focus lies on teaching oral language competence.

The class size varies between six to eight participants.

Age structure: There are two different classes, the primary school level class for children from years one to four (approximately ages 6-10) and the secondary school level class for teenagers from years five to ten (approximately ages 11-16)