



PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE OF RHINELAND-PALATINATE IN A NUTSHELL

Mission and Service Portfolio

The Pedagogical Institute of Rhineland-Palatinate (Pädagogisches Landesinstitut Rheinland-Pfalz, PL) supports all schools and teachers in Rhineland-Palatinate. This includes professional development, advanced training, curricula, instructional materials and publications for teaching and school development. Furthermore, the PL offers pedagogical and school psychological counselling and IT services.

Tasks

- to identify school requirements systematically,
- to provide school-related support services,
- to pursue high-quality standards internally and in schools,
- to evaluate and further develop the offerings continuously,
- to conclude target agreements with the Ministry of Education,
- to deliver the Annual Report on the provided offerings (“Jahresbericht”),
- to collaborate with schools throughout development processes,
- to cooperate with partner institutions.

Core topics 2026

- Instructional development: basic skills, language support, diagnosis-guided support,
- School development: educational equity, data-based school development, school absenteeism,
- Personal development: advanced training, teacher and student well-being, school administration,
- Support for schools in digital transformation: artificial intelligence, school authority.

The basis of offer planning

- current research, knowledge and experience levels in relevant science and practice areas,
- focal points in education policy,
- the analysis of schools' demands,
- the target agreements between school inspectorates and the school, and
- the evaluation of the services already delivered.

Target groups

The PL's key audiences are teachers, educational professionals, school leaders, newly qualified teachers' training centres, school supervisory authorities, advisory staff, parents and their representatives, and students and their representatives.

Organization

- founded on August 1 2010. Current director: Dr. Birgit Pikowsky
- agency directly subordinate to the Ministry of Education of Rhineland-Palatinate. The legal entity is the State of Rhineland-Palatinate, represented by the Ministry of Education.
- headquarters in Speyer. 19 regional sites across Rhineland-Palatinate, including centres for psychological counselling for students and staff and digital competence centres.

Key web addresses

- central service and publications for educational stakeholders: <https://bildung.rlp.de>,
- search and registration for training: <https://fortbildung-online.bildung-rp.de>,
- overview of the structure: <https://pl.rlp.de>,
- annual reports <https://bildung.rlp.de/pl/unser-institut.html>.