
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 boasts many institutes, tertiary programs and an internationally-competitive university.

Schools

Luxembourg offers a broad choice of state, international and privately-run schools. School is compulsory from ages four to 16.

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

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

The following organizations offer more information on the education 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	Notes
Primary	Fundamental school (Cycle one)	3	— Optional pre-school-equivalent year (age three) — Mandatory (ages four to six)
Primary	Fundamental school (Cycles two to four)	6	— Three cycles of two years each
Classical secondary education (ESC)	Lycée classique (classical secondary school)	12	— Last seven years — Prepares students for university and higher education.
General secondary education (ESG)	Lycée technique (technical secondary school)	12	— Last six to eight years — Prepares students for working life



Travelling to school

Pupils can use either Luxembourg's school bus network or its fare-free public transport system. Around one-third of parents drive their children to school.



International and private schools

International schools cost around €8,000–€15,000 per year, although three free options have opened in Junglinster, Mondorf and Clervaux since the 2018–2019 school year. Well-regarded and established institutions include:

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



Availability

Waiting lists for both private and international schools can be long, so the earlier you apply, the better.



Back-to-school allowance

Every August, a back-to-school allowance is paid as a lump sum to

eligible parents whose children are at least six years old and haven't yet finished secondary school:

- €115 for each child aged 6 to 12.
- €235 for each child aged over 12.

Children admitted to the second cycle of basic education (formerly known as the first year of primary) and who are not yet six years old at the beginning of the school year can receive the back-to-school allowance on presentation of a school certificate.

The allowance finishes and is no longer paid out in the calendar year that their secondary education or equivalent is completed.



University of Luxembourg

The University of Luxembourg is ranked among 251-300 in World University Rankings by Times Higher Education and has an overall score of 4.0 stars, according to student reviews on Studyportals. Located in Belval, near the country's second city of Esch-sur-Alzette, welcomed 1,000 students in 2021 from many different nationalities. It offers students three research and interdisciplinary centers, 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 18 bachelor degree programs and 49 master degrees, as well as 16 vocational training and lifelong learning courses and four doctoral schools.