

Distribution of lesson hours in basic education

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Subjects	Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Mother tongue and literature		14		18				10			42
A1-language		-----		9				7			16
B1-language		-----				2		4			6
Mathematics		6		15				11			32
Environmental studies		4		10							
Biology and geography ¹								7			
Physics and chemistry ¹								7			
Health education ¹								3			
<i>Environment and nature studies in total</i>				14				17			31
Religion/Ethics		2		5				3			10
History and social studies ²		-----		5				7			12
Music		2		4				2			8
Visual arts		2		5				2			9
Crafts		4		5				2			11
Physical education		4		9				7			20
Home economics		-----						3			3
Artistic and practical elective subjects				6				5			11
<i>Artistic and practical subjects in total</i>											62
Guidance counselling		-----						2			2
Optional subjects						9					9
Minimum number of lessons											222
(Optional A2-language) ³		-----				(12)					(12)
(Optional B2-language) ³		-----						(4)			(4)

--- = Subject is taught in the grades if stated in the local curriculum.

¹ The subject is taught as a part of integrated environmental studies in the grades 1-6.

² Social studies are taught in grades 4-6 for at least 2 hours per week and grades 7-9 at least 3 hours per week.

³ The pupil can, depending on the language, study a free-choice A2 language either as an optional subject or instead of the B1 language.

The pupil can study the B2 language as an optional subject. The free-choice A2 and B2 languages can, alternatively, be organised as instruction exceeding the minimum time allocation. In this case their instruction cannot be organised using the minimum time allocated in the distribution of lesson hours for optional or B1 language as defined in this paragraph. Depending on the language the pupil receives instruction in a B1 language or optional subjects instead of this B1 language. The distribution of lessons hours would be a minimum of 234 annual lessons for a pupil studying the A2 language as instruction exceeding the minimum time allocation. The corresponding number of annual lessons is a minimum of 226 for a pupil with the B2 language. The total number of annual lessons would be a minimum of 238 for pupils studying both the A2 and the B1 languages as instruction exceeding the minimum time allocation.