

Is the language level survey (Sprachstand-erhebung) compulsory?

No. Most families take part in and benefit from the survey.

What can I do with the results?

The results will provide you with guidance on how to support your child's language development, with detailed information about childcare services (Betreuungsangebote).

Is any financial support available for my child's language development?

This depends on your gross income. Please contact your playgroup (Spielgruppe) or daycare centre (Kindertagesstätte), or the Office of Early Childhood (Fachstelle Frühe Kindheit).

Does my child have to be able to speak Swiss German or High German in kindergarten?

No. Your child does not have to speak German, but it is important that they can understand the kindergarten teacher and communicate their own needs.

Should I speak my own native language with my child?

Yes. It is very important for children to learn the language(s) spoken by their parents. The easiest way for your child to come into contact with German is at a daycare centre (Kindertagesstätte) or playgroup (Spielgruppe).

We speak Swiss German or High German at home. Why should we complete the questionnaire?

Development varies greatly from one child to another. Your child may also be able to benefit.

What will the Office of Early Childhood (Fachstelle Frühe Kindheit) do with the data?

The data will be used for statistical purposes and for developing preschool services.

Is the Office of Early Childhood (Fachstelle Frühe Kindheit) responsible for kindergarten allocation?

No. This is the responsibility of the school authority (Schulamt).

Will the results affect my child's kindergarten allocation next year?

No. The results will inform you about your child's German language skills.