

System of education in Germany

General information and current developments

Advice to see the documentary:

Look up in internet: Herr Bachmann und Seine klasse.

The music teacher teaches in a superdiversity middle school in Germany.



Germany: General information

- **Capital:** Berlin
- **Language of administration:** German
- **Territory:** 357 000 km²
- **Form of administration:** federal republic, including 16 federal states
- **Population:** 82 million
- **Population with a migration background*** (2019): 26 million

The Federal Office for Migration and Refugees defines a person as having a migration background “if the person himself or herself, or at least one parent, did not acquire the German citizenship by birth”.

(BAMF, 2019)





System of Education in Germany

History

1949

East Germany - German Democratic Republic

education system of Soviet Union

West Germany - Federal Republic of Germany

the creation of Basic Law of Germany - Grundgesetz: Education is one of the basic rights

1957

Member of European Union (former: European Communities)

Cooperations in educational system with other european countries

1999 Bologna Process – opening of European Higher Education Area

1990

Unification of German states - Federal Republic of Germany

Adaptation of the system of West Germany in East Germany

The education system is administered by individual ministries of the federal states in cooperation with Federation

Source: Secretariat of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of German, 2019)

- **Language**
 - German is the language of instruction and training at general education and vocational schools as well as institutions of higher education (monolingual habitus)
- **Compulsory school attendance**
 - usually until the age of 6 to 18
 - 9/10 years full-time compulsory school attendance
- **Federal system (16 federal states)**
 - inhomogeneous and complex structures
 - different curricula
 - different school types

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System of education in Bavaria

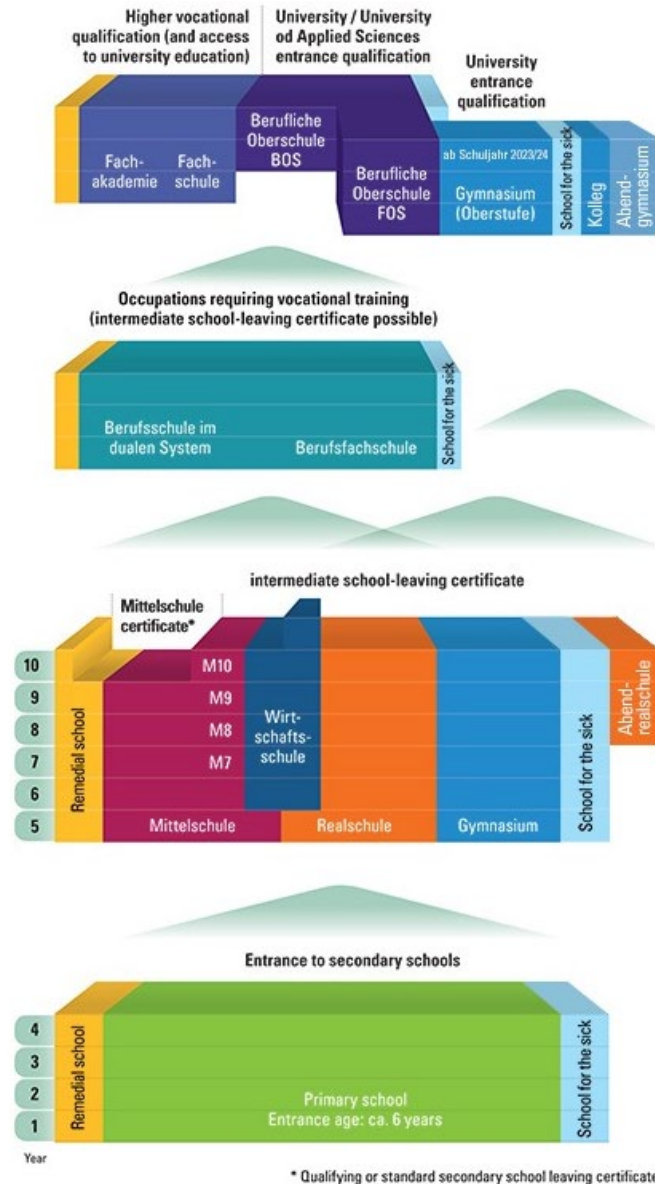


Figure: <https://meinbildungsweg.info/infografik-englisch>

- a) **primary school:** 4 years starting at age 6
- b) **secondary school** including four main types (5-8 years):
 - Middle school “Mittelschule”:
qualifying certificate of middle school, secondary school certificate of middle school
 - Secondary modern school “Realschule”:
intermediate school certificate
 - High school “Gymnasium”:
General University Entrance Qualification
 - Business school “Wirtschaftsschule”
intermediate school certificate
- a) **Special needs schools**
- b) **Tertiary education:**
vocational schools or universities



Recent developments

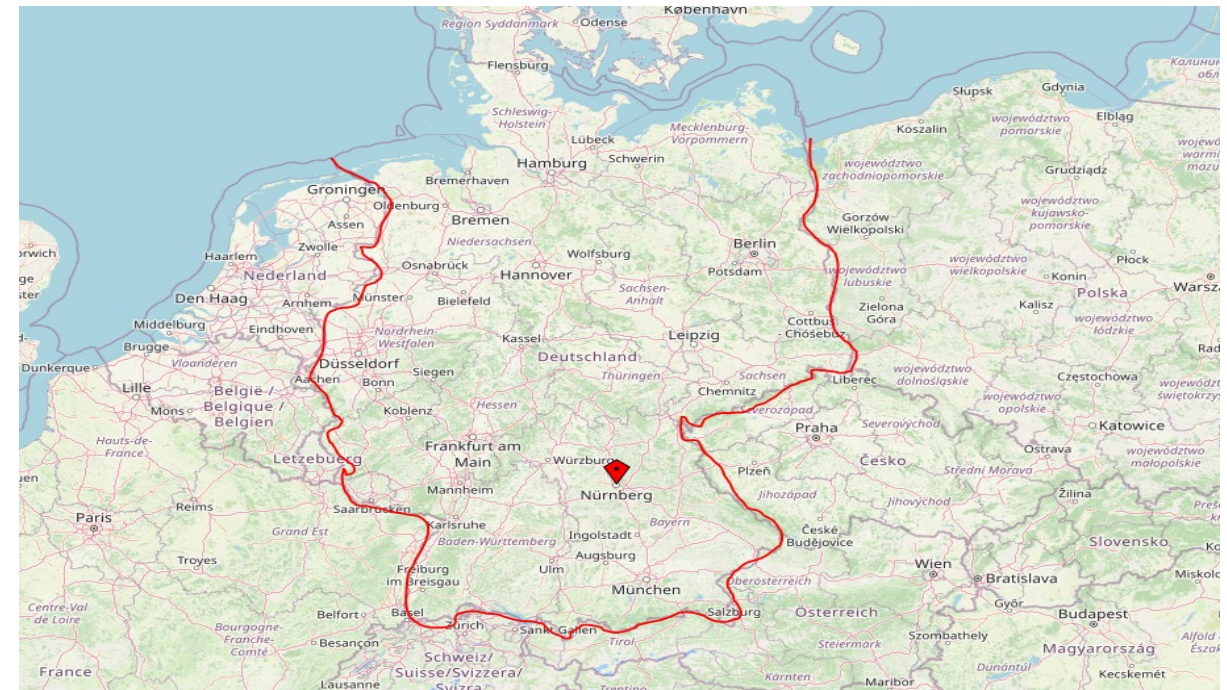
Ideas to overcome teacher shortage:

- simplified recognition of foreign trained teachers (SWK 2023)
 - recognition with one subject
- second career teachers -> specific form of dual training
 - evaluation of existing programmes (SWK 2023)
- students teaching on their own -> risk of failing to combine theory with practice (SWK 2023)

City of Nuremberg

Nuremberg: General information

- **Territory:** 186,44 km²
- **Population (2020):** 515.543
- **Population with a migration background*** (2021):
47,7% (Stadt Nürnberg, 2022b)





Schools in Nuremberg

- 147 schools in total
- 52.919 pupils (school year 2021/22)
- Current developments
- aiming at improving full-day-care regarding quantity and quality
- Need for more schools and room and schools (Stadt Nürnberg 2022a)

Schulart	
	Anzahl Schulen
Grundschule	58
Mittelschule	28
Förderzentrum	15
Realschule	12
Wirtschaftsschule	3
Gymnasium	17
Abendrealschule	1
Abendgymnasium	1
Kolleg	1
Fachoberschule	7
Berufsoberschule	2
Weitere Schularten	2
Gesamt	147



Schools with an international profile

international schools (IB Schools) mostly private schools → English language lessons; international Baccalaureate (IB) about 83 schools in Germany, as of Mai 2020

- Franconian international school (FIS) in Erlangen

UNESCO-Project-Schools: internationally networked schools, specific curriculum with an international profile, intercultural learning, introduction language: German

- Sigmund-Schuckert-Gymnasium in Nuremberg
- Hans-Sachs-Gymnasium in Nuremberg
- Bertol-Brecht-Schule in Nuremberg



Network “Internationalization of Education in the Nuremberg Metropolitan Region “

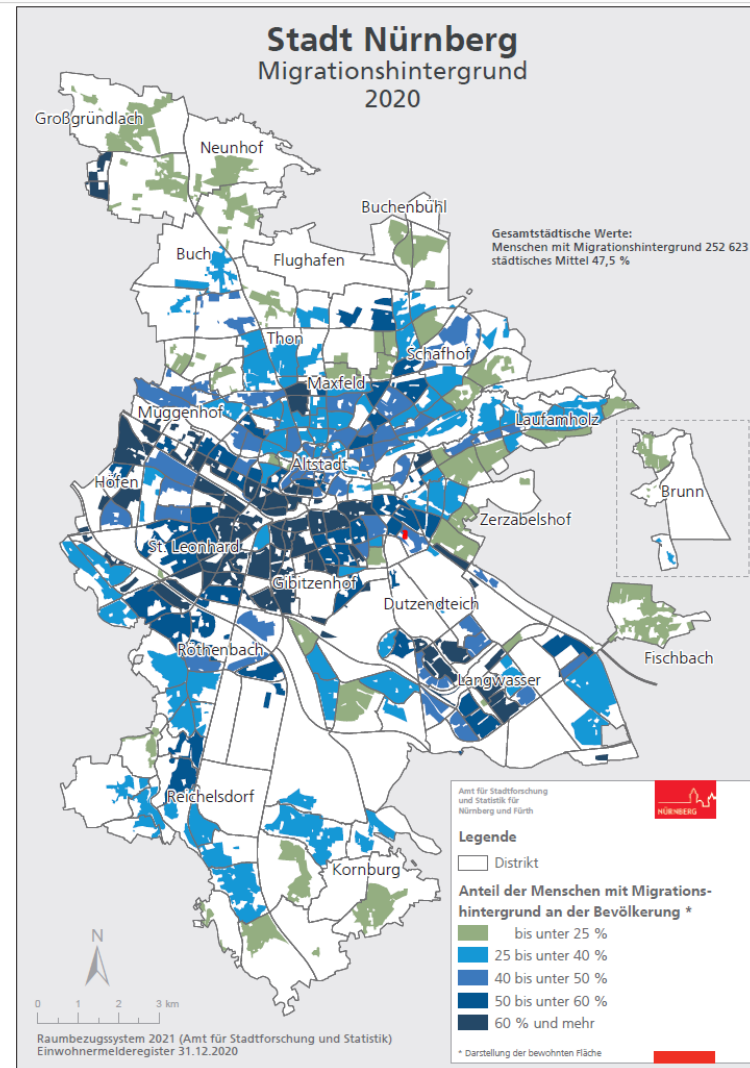
The Network brings together diverse actors and stakeholders of formal and non-formal International Education in the Nuremberg Metropolitan Region. It facilitates the cooperation of actors and stakeholders, supports the organizational development and the professionalization in the field of international education, and promotes the development, implementation, and evaluation of concepts of Diversity Management in the context of internationalization. The Network contributes to the professional development of students in Teacher Education and of in-service teachers and other professionals in the thematic area of International Education (international projects, student and youth exchanges, bilingual teaching, etc.) and fosters the development of the regional educational landscape.

Activities within the Network

- information sharing (newsletter informing about international activities organized by our networking partners, new research and trainings, funding opportunities for international activities, tenders, etc.)
- professional development in the thematic area of International Education in the Metropolitan Region of Nuremberg
- research and development projects in cooperation with students of the FAU
- joint projects, events, and publications
- exchange of best practice and development of projects for regional networking in the thematic area of International Education
- scientific support and coordination of the network by the Research and Teaching Unit Diversity Education and International Educational Research (FAU)



Nuremberg: General information





City districts

- Gostenhof
 - Plärrer (big public transportation hub)
 - Nuremberg trials
 - Diverse community
 - ‘Bronx’ of Nuremberg —> gentrification
 - Alternative district
 - Little destruction in WW II



City districts

- Südstadt
 - High population density
 - Multicultural
 - former working class district
 - High destruction —> functional buildings



City districts

- Old town
 - Medieval buildings
 - Well known, e.g. for the christmas market

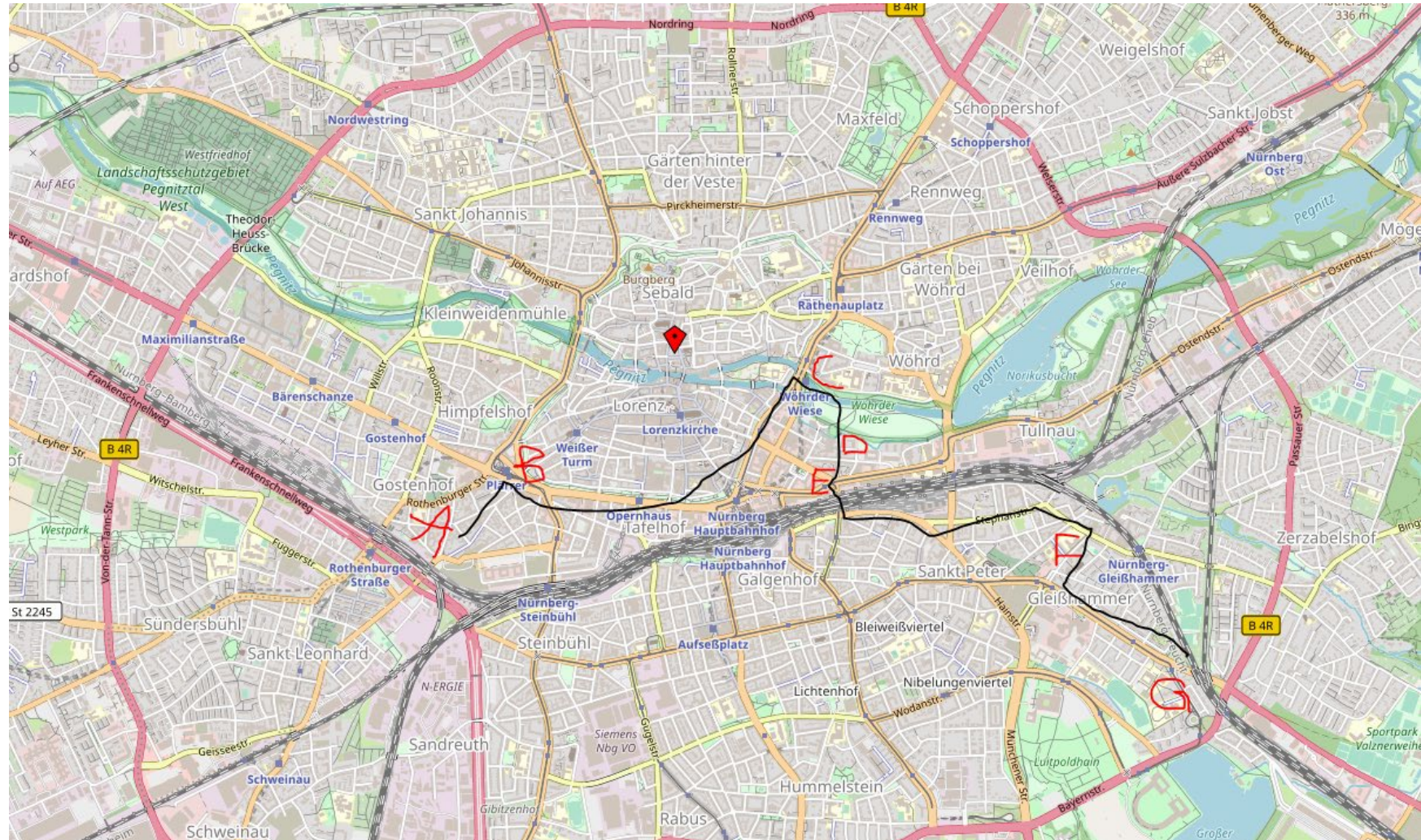


Urban tour

- We will start the tour together in Gostenhof
 - Tram line „6“ (Direction: „Nürnberg Landgrabenstraße“) to station „Aufseßplatz“ and change to subway line 1 (Direction „Fürth Hardthöhe“) → leaving at station „Bärenschanze“

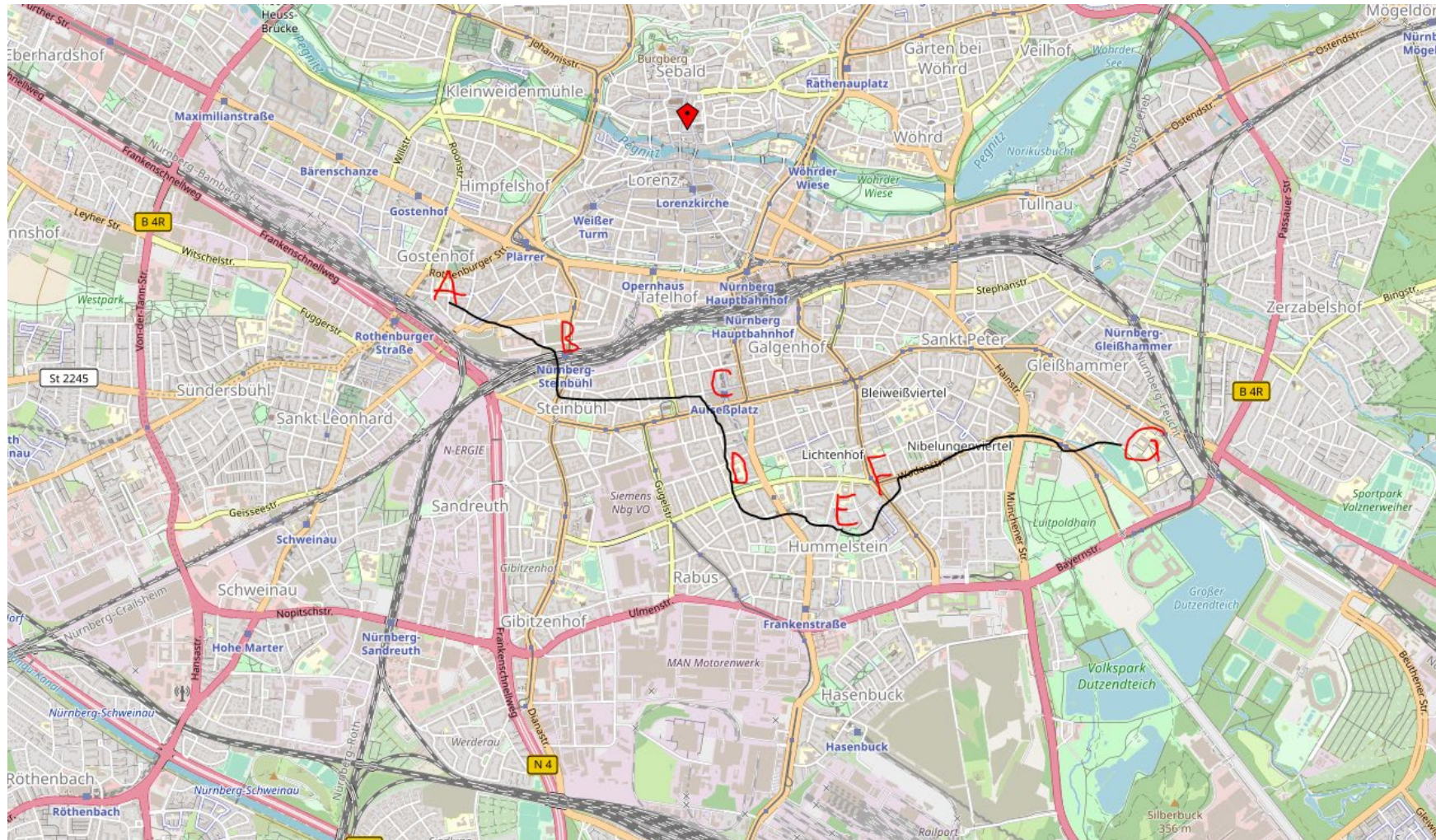
Urban tour

Route 1



Urban tour

Route 2





Urban tour *Tasks*

- Take a photograph of every school building you are passing
- Take a photograph of a kindergarten/playground
- Think about challenges for schools in Nuremberg based on your impressions on the walk
- Think about differences and similarities between Nuremberg and your hometown

Thanks for your attention!

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Three stages of Teacher Education in Germany

First stage-> University

- mainly theoretical knowledge
- day- long and week-long practical experiences (Arnold & Hascher 2014, Bach 2020)

Second stage (*Referendariat*)

- guided training in school
- teaching independently
- practical implementation of theory required in the first stage of teacher education (Schubarth & Wachs 2020, Patry 2014)

mandatory

Third stage: “advanced training”