

Lehrplan Volksschule Kanton St.Gallen



What applies now?

**Kanton St.Gallen
Bildungsdepartement**



Dear parents

Do you still know, what you have learned in school? What about your children? The curriculum defines, what pupils need to know and be capable of at the end of school time.

As much is changing, the curriculum for primary school is updated from time to time. New things – for example the work with computers – shall be learned. Thus there is a new curriculum as of this year. Your child shall learn, what it needs for a good start into occupational life or a secondary school.

With a successful cooperation of parents, schools and authorities children and adolescents in the Canton St. Gallen receive an ideal education.

« With the curriculum for primary school our children are well prepared to successfully cope with the requirements of today's society »

Good to know

Much your children and adolescents have learned until now will still also be taught in future. It is still valid and important. But there are also several changes:

- **Subjects:** New subjects are added or receive a new designation. As of the 5th primary class your child visits for example the new subject «media and informatics».
- **Writing during class:** Your child learns now with the «Deutschschweizer Basisschrift» (Engl. German-Swiss basic writing) its personal handwriting and no longer with capital letters and the former Swiss school writing. As of the 3rd primary class pupils are also getting familiar with typing with the computer.
- **Homework:** Your child practises at home with its homework the content taught in the school lessons. They are like a window into school and give you an insight into the lessons of your child. In primary school there is no homework from Friday to Monday anymore.
- **School report:** The report map and forms are designed in a new way. As of the end of the 2nd primary class your child receives a graded report at the end of each semester. The teachers also invite you to an assessment conversation every year.

Look into the curriculum

At the beginning of school time – in kindergarten – your child learns in a playful and interdisciplinary way. In primary school and secondary school the content taught in school is divided into various subjects.

1. Zyklus KG und 1./2. Klasse Primarschule	2. Zyklus 3.–6. Klasse Primarschule	3. Zyklus 1.–3. Oberstufe
Deutsch		
Englisch		
Französisch		
Mathematik		
Natur, Mensch, Gesellschaft		Natur und Technik
Wirtschaft, Arbeit, Haushalt		
Räume, Zeiten, Gesellschaften		
Ethik, Religionen, Gemeinschaft Schule Ethik, Religionen, Gemeinschaft Kirchen		
Gestalten (Bildnerisches Gestalten / Textiles und Technisches Gestalten)		
Musik		
Bewegung und Sport		
Medien und Informatik		
Berufliche Orientierung		

At which time your child needs to be in school on which days is defined with the timetable. You receive it from your child's school.

Your child learns in this way

Your child is getting into contact with different topics in school and extends its knowledge. It learns various skills and abilities such as for example writing or arithmetic.

Your child is encouraged to make use of what it has learned. For example the school class is learning about the weather. When planning the school excursion the pupils can already make practical use of what they have learned by checking at which day there will be most likely the best weather.

By making frequent use of what it has learned your child becomes more secure and is making use of its knowledge in a more self-confident manner. When dealing with new topics it benefits from what it has learned so far. Your child is becoming competent.

The teachers support your children and adolescents in school in different ways. They make use of suitable teaching materials. With their good relationship to your child and their expertise knowledge they assure that the pupils are learning well and motivated.

« When learning previous knowledge is used to further develop it »

Further information

- If there are any questions you might have, you can direct them at your child's teachers.
- Further information about the curriculum for primary schools can be found at www.lehrplan.sg.ch