

## School and Education



### Schooling

The community of Sevelen is responsible for the state school (Volksschule), in fulfilment of its educational duty and to support parents in raising their children. The organisation and financing of the school falls to the canton in conjunction with the local communities. In principle, the children attend the school nearest to where they live.

The community of Sevelen provides the full statutory educational curriculum. Further options made available by the school are warm lunches (download the PDF registration form at [www.sevelen.ch/mittagstisch](http://www.sevelen.ch/mittagstisch)) and homework assistance (download the PDF registration form at [www.sevelen.ch/aufgabenhilfe](http://www.sevelen.ch/aufgabenhilfe)).

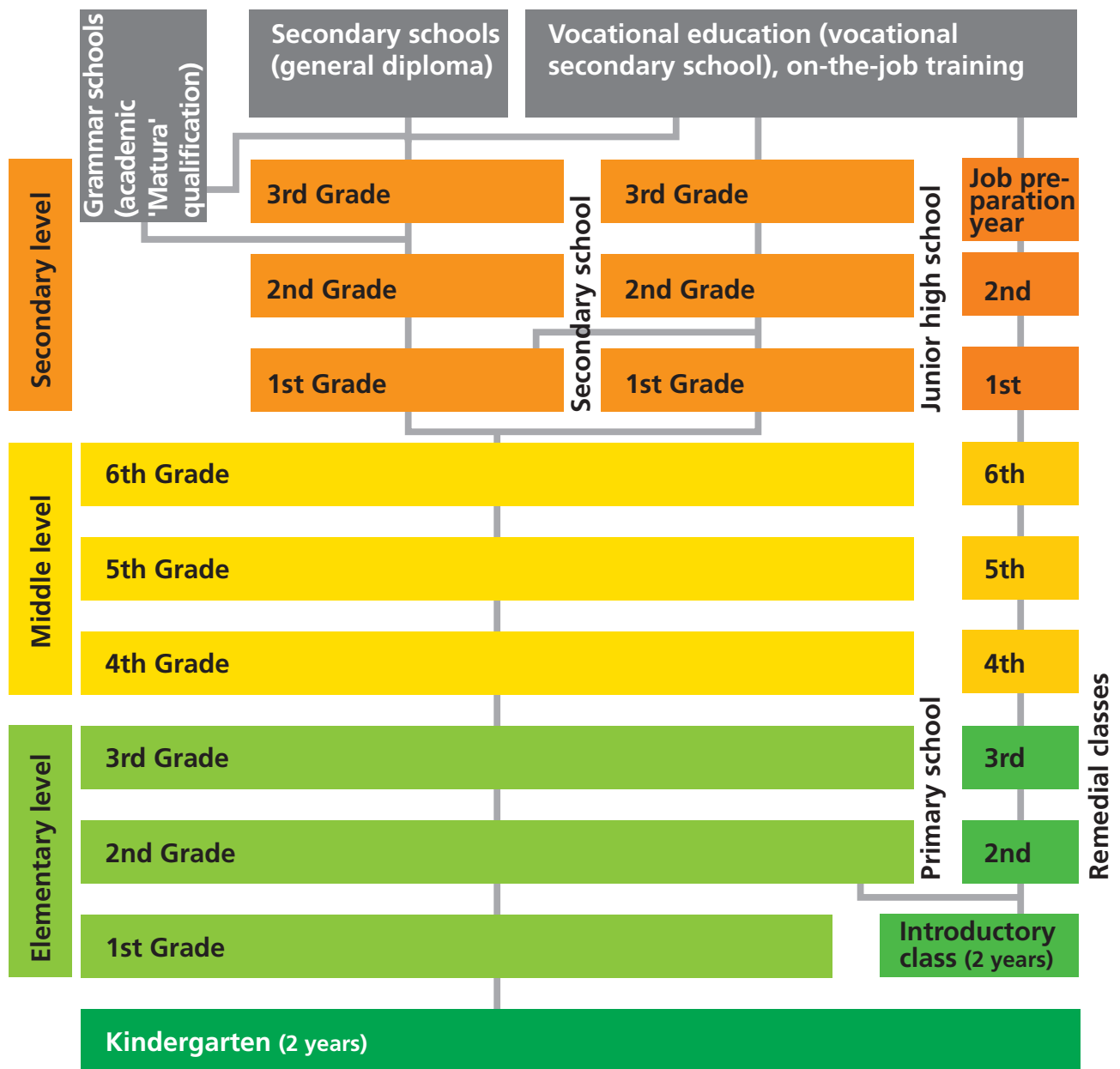
In addition, the school offers a range of supplementary initiatives, including support for gifted and talented children and other support measures (e.g. speech therapy, dyscalculia therapy). The School office, which is located at the 'Schulhaus Gadretsch', is open during school hours. > [sekretariat@schule-sevelen.ch](mailto:sekretariat@schule-sevelen.ch)

Sevelen has a range of playgroups for smaller children. Full-day and after-school care is offered by the KITAWAS group (Wartau, Sevelen and Sargans) > [kitawa@bluewin.ch](mailto:kitawa@bluewin.ch)), which charges discounted rates to Sevelen residents.

Parents also have the option of sending their child(ren) to a private school. The costs of these schools are paid by the parents themselves.

The Werdenberg region is covered by the International Scholl Rheintal > [www.isr.ch](http://www.isr.ch) and the Scuola Vivante > [info@scuolavivante.ch](mailto:info@scuolavivante.ch), both of which are situated in Buchs.

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### Kindergarten

Sevelen runs kindergartens in three locations: in Rans, at Gadretsch (the primary school centre) and at Galstramm (the secondary school centre). The kindergarten serves to develop social skills over a two-year period.

Children start kindergarten in the middle of August following their fourth birthday. Attendance is compulsory and free of charge.

### Primary school

Sevelen has two primary schools, each of which is free of charge: one in Rans and one at the primary school centre in Gadretsch. Primary school goes from the first to the sixth school year. Years one through three are referred to as the elementary level, and years four through six as the middle level.

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### Secondary level

At the end of the sixth primary school year, pupils transfer to the secondary level, where attendance is free of charge. The school they attend at secondary level is determined by teachers' recommendations and grades from year six.

The upper level is divided into secondary school (Sekundarschule), junior high school (Realschule) and remedial classes (Kleinklasse). Secondary level last three years and is taught at the 'Oberstufenzentrum' (second school centre) in Galstramm. Pupils are prepared for vocational training or to continue on to high schools (e.g., grammar school or a technical or commerce college).

### Further schooling

At the end of the compulsory education programme after the 11th school year, young people either start an apprenticeship or go on to further schooling. Schools that provide general education at high-school level are the grammar schools and the technical or commerce colleges. Education at this level generally lasts three to four years. 83% of all young people in Switzerland complete either vocational training or high-school level education. They receive either a graduation certificate or a federally recognised skills diploma.

The schools offering further educational opportunities are within easy reach of Sevelen on public transportation routes. Buchs is home to both the Vocational and Further Education (bzb) Centre > [www.bzsbuchs.ch](http://www.bzsbuchs.ch) and the Interstate University of Applied Sciences of Technology (NTB) > [www.ntb.ch](http://www.ntb.ch). The Cantonal Schools are located in Sargans > [www.kantisargans.ch](http://www.kantisargans.ch) and Heerbrugg > [www.ksh.edu](http://www.ksh.edu)

More vocational colleges and universities are available in St. Gallen, Vaduz and Chur.

Thanks to the proximity of Buchs, Sargans and St. Gallen, there is also a wide choice of adult education available.