



Facts about Amberg

- Population : 45,000 inhabitants
- First mentioned in 1034 under the name of Ammenberg.
- Located in Bavaria, in the Upper Palatinate, about 40 miles east of Nuremberg.



Aerial picture

From above
the old city
centre –
today's
inner city -
looks like
an egg.



Market square & Town Hall

- the Gothic Town Hall (1358) and the so-called “wedding fountain“



Gregor-Mendel-Gymnasium



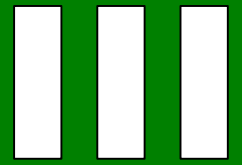




GREGOR-MENDEL-GYMNASIUM



STRUCTURE



**MITTELSCHUL-
ABSCHLUSS**
ordinary level

MITTLERE REIFE
ordinary level

ABITUR
A-levels

**MITTEL-/
HAUPTSCHULE**
secondary
school
years 5 – 9 (10)
(ages 11 – 15)

**WIRTSCHAFTS-
SCHULE**
secondary
modern school
years 7 – 10
(ages 13 – 16)

REALSCHULE
secondary
modern school
years 5 - 10
(ages 11 - 16)

Gymnasium
grammar
school
years 5 – 12
(ages 11 – 18)

GRUNDSCHULE
elementary school
years 1 – 4 (ages 6 – 10)



General facts

- Bavarian pupils have to attend school for at least 9 years before starting to work
- usually school starts at 8 am and ends at 1 pm but often there are lessons in the afternoon
- at home Bavarian pupils have to do lots of homework
- in most of the schools pupils do not wear school uniforms




subjects

Typical subjects:

- Mathematics
- German
- Foreign languages: English (1st foreign language), French or Latin (2nd foreign language)
- History
- Physics, Biology and Chemistry
- Geography
- PE (physical education)
- Music
- Arts

Other subjects:

- RE (religious education)
- Other foreign languages (optional): Spanish or ancient Greek or Italian or Russian or Chinese (3rd foreign language)
- Economics
- Social studies
- Drama group



GRUNDSCHULE elementary school

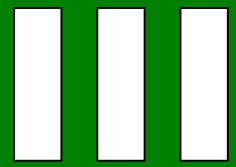
- + children start to attend school when they are 6 years old
- + at that level they are not streamed, i.e. all pupils of the same age attend the same school
- + they have lessons from 8 am to 12:15 am in years one and two and from 8 am to 1 pm in years three and four
- + after year four they are streamed: they have to decide whether they wish to attend a “Mittelschule“, “Realschule“ or “Gymnasium“



MITTELSCHULE

secondary school

- + for pupils who wish to work as e.g. a mechanic or hairdresser later
- + years 5 – 9 (ages 11 - 15)
- + pupils finish secondary school education after year 9
- + pupils can add a supplementary year (year 10)
- => more chances to get a better job



WIRTSCHAFTS- SCHULE

secondary modern school

+ three different forms

- form 1: starts after year 6

- form 2: starts after year 7

- form 3: starts after year 9 and “Qualifizierender

Hauptschulabschluss“

+ general education with a strong focus on economics

+ pupils leave school after year 10 (forms 1&2) or year 11 (form 3)



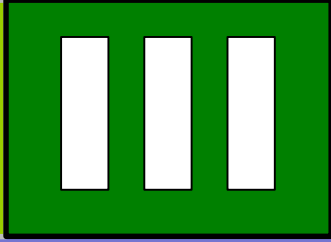
REALSCHULE **secondary** **modern school**

- ❖ starts with year 5
- ❖ extended general education (later pupils normally work in offices)
- ❖ various branches
 - promotion of the different talents of the pupils
- ❖ pupils leave school after year 10
 - then they can go to “Fachoberschule“ and get the permission to go to a specialised university

GYMNASIUM

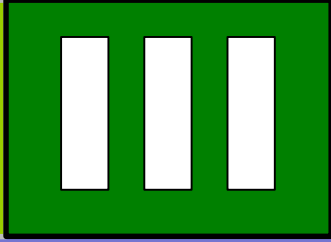
grammar

school



- + years 5 - 12
- + advanced general education
- + various branches
- + A-levels after year 12
- > then pupils can go to a university

school leaving qualifications



- + “Hauptschule“:
 - “(Qualifizierender) Hauptschulabschluss“:
 - pupils normally start an apprenticeship as a mechanic or shop assistant
- + “Wirtschaftsschule“:
 - ordinary level (“Mittlerer Schulabschluss“):
 - pupils normally start an apprenticeship in an office
- + “Realschule“:
 - ordinary level (“Mittlerer Schulabschluss“):
 - pupils normally start an apprenticeship in an office
- + “Gymnasium“:
 - A-levels (“Allgemeine Hochschulreife“):
 - pupils normally go on to university without any entrance exams