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Information for Parents or Legal Guardians regarding the Language Proficiency Assessment starting in March 2025

Dear parents or legal guardians,

In either March or April 2025 and for the very first time, a mandatory language proficiency assessment will take place for all children born between 01/10/2019 and 30/09/2020, who are therefore generally scheduled to start school in September 2026.

The legal basis for this assessment, as laid down in Art. 37(3) of the Bavarian Education Act (BayEUG) and Sec. 2(1) of the Ordinance on Primary Schools in Bavaria (Primary School Ordinance—GrSO), came into effect on 17/12/2024.

Your child, who will reach compulsory school age in the 2026/2027 school year, needs to take part in this language proficiency assessment unless an exemption applies.

1. Is my child required to participate in the language proficiency assessment?

Yes, taking part in the language proficiency assessment is generally mandatory.

Exemptions:

- ✓ Your child attends a state-funded nursery, and this facility has provided you with a written statement (form) confirming that your child does not require additional support in the German language to be submitted to the district primary school.
- ✓ Your child attends a pre-school preparatory facility (SVE), and this facility provided you with a written statement (form) confirming attendance to be submitted to the district primary school.
- ✓ Your child attends a remedial-education day care facility (HPT), and this facility provided you with a written statement (form) confirming attendance to be submitted to the district primary school.

In any of these cases, please forward the original written statement (form) or an officially certified copy of it to the state primary school that provided you with this notice (your district primary school, see subpar. 3) as soon as you receive it. You may submit the statement for example by post, by dropping it off in the school's post box, or by handing it in at the school office. Submitting an uncertified copy of the written statement does not suffice.

- ✓ Once the aforementioned statement has been received by the competent state primary school, your child will no longer need to take part in the language proficiency assessment. In this case, no further action is required on your part.
- ✓ There are no other exemptions available. Should your child be ill or otherwise unable to attend with valid excuse on the scheduled assessment date, the primary school will arrange a new date.



2. Why is my child required to participate in the language proficiency assessment?
 - ✓ Language is the pivotal element to successful academic learning and social participation.
 - ✓ Children with language support needs will receive mandatory early language support to allow for a strong start in school.

3. When and where will the language proficiency assessment take place?
 - ✓ The state primary school that provided this notice—and in whose district your child usually resides and is expected to fulfil compulsory education—is going to inform you of the location, date, and time of the language proficiency assessment.
 - ✓ The language proficiency assessment will take place between March and April 2025.
 - ✓ You will receive an invitation to it no later than February 2025.
 - ✓ Please bring either your household family register or your child's birth certificate (original or copy) to the appointment for verification.

4. Who is going to conduct the language proficiency assessment, and what does it involve?
 - ✓ A qualified school adviser (primary school teacher) or a school psychologist is going to conduct the language proficiency assessment with your child. You may be present during the assessment.
 - ✓ The language proficiency assessment will use Bavaria's Screening for Individual Language Skills programme (BaSiS).
 - ✓ BaSiS is a child-friendly, age-appropriate procedure that was scientifically developed and tested in advance.

5. How long does the language proficiency assessment with BaSiS take?
 - ✓ The entire assessment process takes approximately 30 minutes (introduction, conduct, conclusion).
 - ✓ BaSiS is tailored to your child's language abilities to ensure your child will not be overwhelmed.

6. What happens after the language proficiency assessment?
 - ✓ The primary school will inform you of the results of the language proficiency assessment within one week of the appointment.

7. Where can I find additional information
 - ✓ Please find additional information on this assessment at <https://www.km.bayern.de/einschulung#sprachstandserhebung>