

**» Hours allotted to music at secondary school level I (2018)**

Federal state	Type of school	Grade						
		5	6	7	8	9	10	
Baden-Württemberg	<i>Gemeinschaftsschule</i>				9	additional 8 as elective subject		
	<i>Werk-/Hauptschule</i>				9			
	<i>Realschule</i>				9			
	<i>Gymnasium</i>				9	additional 12 as elective subject		
Bavaria	<i>Mittelschule</i>	2	2	2	2	2	–	
	<i>Realschule</i>	2	2	1	1	1	1 <sup>1</sup>	
	<i>Gymnasium</i>	2	2	2	1	1	1	
	<i>Musisches Gymnasium</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2	
plus one 'instrument' hour in each grade								
Berlin <sup>2</sup>	<i>Integrierte Sekundarschule</i>	X		2	2	2	2	
	<i>Gymnasium</i>	X		2	3	2	2	
	<i>Gymnasium (classical languages)</i>	2	2	2	1.5	2	2	
in combination with art								
Brandenburg <sup>2</sup>	<i>Gesamtschule</i>	X			4		4	
	<i>Oberschule</i>	X			4		4	
	<i>Gymnasium</i>	X			4		4	
Combination of music and art								
Bremen	<i>Oberschule</i>				12			
	<i>Gymnasium</i>			10			X	
Combination of music, art and theatre								
Hamburg	<i>Stadtteilschule</i>	4			Compulsory elective in arts (visual arts, music, theatre)			
	<i>Gymnasium</i>	4			8 <sup>3</sup> (with 45-min. lessons)			
in combination with art								
Hessen	<i>Integrierte Gesamtschule</i>	8			6		2	
	<i>Mittelstufenschule</i>	4		1	Practical programme:			
					2		1	
	in combination with art							
					Middle-level programme:			
					4			
	<i>Hauptschule</i>		6			4	2	
<i>Realschule</i>		2			4			
<i>Gymnasium</i>		8			8			
in combination with art								
<i>Gymnasium (eight grade levels)</i>		8			6		X	
in combination with art								

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Mecklenburg-West Pomerania		Arts and music area (art and design, music, theatre)		Arts and music area (music/art and design, theatre) plus compulsory elective in arts and music						
	<i>Orientierungsstufe</i>	6		X						
	<i>Integrierte Gesamtschule</i>	X		8 + 21						
	<i>Regionale Schule</i>	X		8 + 12						
	<i>Gymnasium</i>	X		7 + 5				X		
	<i>Musikgymnasium</i>	X		10 + 2				X		
Lower Saxony	<i>Integrierte Gesamtschule</i>	3	4	3	3	3	3	in combination with art		
	<i>Oberschule</i>	2		1		2		1		Without college preparation: in combination with art
		2		2		2		1		With college preparation:
	<i>Hauptschule</i>	4		3		1		1		in combination with art, crafts and textile design
		4		3		2		1		in combination with art
	<i>Realschule</i>	4		3		2		1		in combination with art, crafts and textile design
	<i>Gymnasium</i>	2		2		2		1		in combination with art
2		4		4		4		With music as elective:		
North Rhine-Westphalia	<i>Gesamtschule</i>	8		8				in combination with art		
	<i>Sekundarschule</i>	8		8				in combination with art		
	<i>Hauptschule</i>	8		8				in combination with art and textile design		
		8		8				in combination with art and textile design		
	<i>Gymnasium</i>	8		6				X	in combination with art	
Rhineland-Palatinate	<i>Integrierte Gesamtschule</i>	8		9				in combination with visual arts		
	<i>Realschule plus</i>	8		8 to 11				in combination with visual arts		
	<i>Gymnasium</i>	4		6						

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Saarland	<i>Gemeinschaftsschule</i>	2	2	1	1	1	1
	<i>Gymnasium</i>	2	2	2	–	2	optional: music or art
		Music branch:					
Saxony	<i>Oberschule</i>	2	1	1	1	1	2 optional: music or art
	<i>Gymnasium</i>	2	1	1	2 <sup>6</sup>	1	1
Saxony-Anhalt	<i>Gemeinschaftsschule</i> (eight grade levels)	4		4		2	2
	<i>Sekundarschule</i>	4		4		2	2
		in combination with art education					
Schleswig-Holstein	<i>Gemeinschaftsschule</i> (grades 5 to 9)	8		14			X
	<i>Gemeinschaftsschule</i> (grades 5 to 10)	8		18			
		in combination with art, theatre and sports					
Thuringia	<i>Regionalschule</i> <sup>5</sup> (grades 5 to 9)	10		12			X
	<i>Regionalschule</i> <sup>5</sup> (grades 5 to 10)	10		16			
		in combination with art, theatre and sports					
Thuringia	<i>Gymnasium</i> (eight grade levels)	14		14			X
	<i>Gymnasium</i> (nine grade levels)	14		20			
		in combination with art and sports					
Thuringia	<i>Gemeinschaftsschule</i>	4		4		4	
	<i>Gesamtschule</i>	2		2		2	
		in combination with art					
	<i>Regelschule</i>	2		2		2	
	<i>Gymnasium</i>	4		3		2	Special classes in music <sup>7</sup> :
				6	6		
	<i>Musikgymnasium</i>	8,5	8,5	8,5	8,5	8,5	8,5
		music <sup>8</sup>					

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Note: This table shows the hours allotted to music at secondary school level I as far as they can be determined from the websites of the educational ministries of the states involved. For information on the basic structure of the educational system in Germany, including a classification of the various states' school types, see 'Basic Structure of the Educational System in the Federal Republic of Germany'.

X = Grade level is not part of this type of school (or its secondary level I).

– = No music instruction allotted.

<sup>1</sup> Only compulsory elective group IIIb.

<sup>2</sup> Secondary schools in Berlin and Brandenburg begin at grade 7.

<sup>3</sup> Depending on the resources of the school concerned, the proportion of lessons can be increased on a subject-specific basis through the 'Compulsory elective area of informatics, visual arts, music and theatre'.

<sup>4</sup> Depending on the resources of the school concerned, the proportion of lessons can be increased on a subject-specific basis through the 'Compulsory elective area of visual arts, music, theatre, informatics and applied science'.

<sup>5</sup> Expires in the 2018-19 school year.

<sup>6</sup> Only 1 hour as of the 2019-20 school year.

<sup>7</sup> One hour each in music history, music theory, ear training, piano/guitar, voice and choral training.

<sup>8</sup> Two hours each in main instrument, music theory and ear training, chorus/orchestra; one hour each in rhythm, music education; one half-hour piano as supplementary subject.

Source: Compiled by Ortwin Nimczik using information from the state ministries of education and cultural affairs.