



# Educational Opportunities in the Canton Thurgau

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## Introduction

Dear parents

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

School is one of the most important life stations for children and adolescents in the first two decades. School, teachers and classmates – they are all important and characterising in childhood and adolescence to adulthood. With this knowledge it is important for us to inform you about the comprehensive educational system of the Canton of Thurgau, to advise your child and accompany it for the course of its school career. This brochure should serve you as a guide to find your way in Thurgau's educational landscape.

You, as parents, have an important role concerning the school visit of your child. Through good cooperation with your child's school and teaching personnel you can contribute a lot to the good school development of your child.

Additional to information about the educational system Thurgau this brochure also refers to more information and course offerings. We would be pleased if they awaken your interest and you are making use of them.

Councillor Monika Knill

## Most important information in brief

The primary school visit is obligatory and comprises 11 years. The visit of a public school is free of charge for children and adolescents living in the Canton of Thurgau.

The obligatory school time starts with two years kindergarten. Then the children visit the primary level for six years. Afterwards the secondary level I follows, which takes three years. After the secondary level I the obligatory school time is finished.

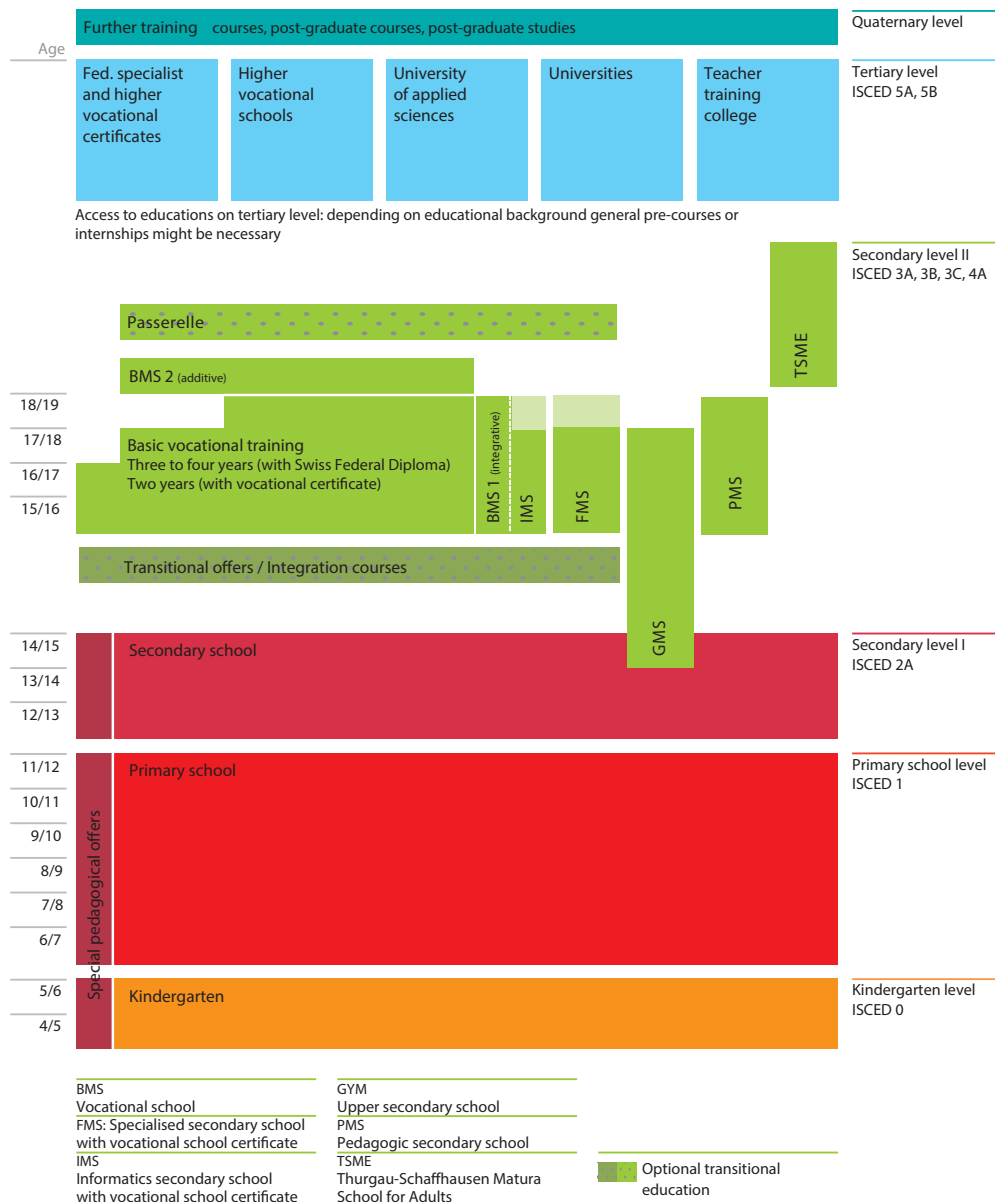
Following the adolescents can take different paths in secondary level II. About two thirds of the adolescents complete an apprenticeship which qualifies them for exercising the chosen profession. Additionally to the apprenticeship talented adolescents can achieve a vocational school-leaving certificate and thus a direct access to a university of applied sciences (tertiary level).

About a third of the adolescents visit an upper or specialised secondary school at secondary level II, which prepare for educational courses on tertiary level.

With a secondary level II graduation various universities can be visited at tertiary level – depending on whether an apprenticeship, a higher vocational school-leaving certificate or a school education at a secondary school or specialised secondary school has been completed.

## HIGH ACCESSIBILITY OF EDUCATION

The Swiss educational system is characterised by a high accessibility: There are different ways to start or change to an education or school and to catch up and complete an education.



## Pre-school remedial offers

### Facilitating a perfect start

First of all the parents are responsible for the education of their children. The family is the first and most important place of early support. With offers for early learning, support and education young children and their families are supported on demand. These include the advice for mothers and fathers, educational counselling and parental education as well as family-complementing offers and playgroups.

Learning experiences in the first years of life are fundamental for all learning processes to come. Concerning school visit it is especially important for foreign-language children to learn the German language. A great possibility therefore is the language-learning group, which is conceptualised in particular for children with migration background. But also the visit of a nursery or playgroup is an important contribution for learning the German language.

### Offers/contact

Individual offers can be found on the following website:  
[www.familienplattform-ostschweiz.ch](http://www.familienplattform-ostschweiz.ch)  
or inform yourself directly at your school and municipality.

## Kindergarten

### Room for playing, experiencing and learning

Kindergarten is organisationally and pedagogically tightly connected with primary school as first educational level. In Kindergarten children are educated according to a holistic approach. In a playful manner concerning perception, thinking and feeling the child is led to the goal-oriented learning at primary school and achieves the prerequisites for learning to read, write and calculate. A broad range of remedial offers is available for children with developmental deficits.

### Age group

Children from 4 – 6 years. Children who reached the age of four before the 31st July are obliged to visit the kindergarten at the beginning of the new school year. Parents can declare that the child will start one year later.

### Duration

2 years

### Class size

Standard: 20 pupils

### Timetable

Monday – Friday, at least Wednesday afternoon is free  
20 – 24 week lessons (depending from the age of the child)

### Place of school

The kindergarten needs to be visited in the school community in which the child is living. If a child obliged to visit school is visiting no public kindergarten, an adequate visit of another facility has to be evidenced to the school authority of the community.

### Remedial and support

For children various supplementing and supporting remedial offers such as speech therapy, offers psychomotor activity or courses for German as a second language and in native language and culture are available.

### Contact

Amt für Volksschule  
Spannerstrasse 31, 8510 Frauenfeld  
Phone 058 345 57 70, [av.tg.ch](mailto:av.tg.ch)

## Primary school

### Basics for life-long learning

Primary school has a holistic educational and training mission. It teaches important, fundamental knowledge and skills, fosters the individual mental, musical and physical abilities of children and raises them for independent and responsible behaviour in our society. The pupils develop competencies to increasingly inform themselves and learn independently.

Primary school is thereby setting an important basis for the following school education.

### Age group

Children from 7 – 12 years. Primary school starts directly after two years in kindergarten.

### Duration

6 years

### Class size

Standard: 24 pupils

### Timetable

Monday-Friday, Wednesday afternoon is free

1st – 2nd class: 24 lessons each

3rd class: 29 lessons

4th – 6th class: 30 lessons each

### Place of school

The primary school needs to be visited in the school community in which the child is living. If a child obliged to visit school is visiting no public school, an adequate education has to be evidenced to the school authority of the community.

### Remedial and support

For children various supplementing and supporting remedial offers such as school enrolment classes, offers special classes, speech training, psychomotor activity or courses for German as a second language and in native language and culture are available. Special workshops and stimulus days will be offered for particularly motivated, gifted students.

### Contact

Amt für Volksschule, Spannerstrasse 31, 8510 Frauenfeld

Phone 058 345 57 70, av.tg.ch

## Secondary school

### Finding the individual educational path

Pupils extend and deepen their knowledge and skills acquired at primary level and are supported in their progression and personal development. The adolescents are also supported at the choice of their further vocational or school career (secondary level II).

The education on secondary level I is offered for different performance levels.

### Age group

Children from 13 – 16 years.

### Duration

3 years (change to matura schools is possible after 2 years)

### Class size

Standard: 24 pupils

### Timetable

Monday to Friday, one afternoon is free

1st class: 33 lessons

2nd class: 33 lessons

3rd class: 31–33 lessons possibly additional optional courses

### Place of school

The secondary school needs to be visited in the school community in which the pupil is living. If a child obliged to visit school is visiting no public school, an adequate education has to be evidenced to the school authority of the community.

### Remedial and support

For adolescents various supplementing and supporting remedial offers such as special classes, offers speech training, psychomotor activities, German courses for foreign language-speaking adolescents in native language and culture, talent programs in sports, music and dancing as well as the vocational and study counselling are available. Special workshops and stimulus days will be offered for particularly motivated, gifted students.

### Contact

Amt für Volksschule, Spannerstrasse 31, 8510 Frauenfeld

Phone 058 345 57 70, av.tg.ch

## Special education

### Support for children with special needs

For the education of children and adolescents with physical, sensorial or psychical impairments offers are available, which have been especially tailored for their needs.

If possible impaired children are visiting the ordinary school at their place of living and are integrated like all other children in regular school. These children are supported with curative education or by other means. The school community is deciding about the necessity of a so-called integrative special school.

In case an integrative special school is impossible, the respective children are visiting a special school. Special schools are specialised on certain forms of disabilities or learning and behaviour difficulties.

### Contact

Amt für Volksschule, Fachstelle Sonderschulung

Spannerstrasse 31, 8510 Frauenfeld, Phone 058 345 57 70

av.tg.ch → Handbuch Volksschule → Sonderschulung

## Bridge offers / Integration courses

### Stepping stone for career start

There are a range of opportunities on offer for young people who have gaps in their education due to a migration background, or who are unsure of what to do after finishing school. These help them prepare for vocational training or further education.

### BRIDGE OFFERS

A preparation year can help young people expand their basic knowledge and personal skills. They will be given proactive guidance in choosing a career. Cantonal opportunities are divided between bridge offers with a focus on academic education (type A) and bridge offers with a focus on practical application (type P).

Duration  
1 year

Admission conditions  
Can be found on the following website:  
[abb.tg.ch](http://abb.tg.ch) → [Brückenangebote](#) → [Richtlinien](#)

Registration deadline  
February until 20th April at latest

Additional information can be found on the website of the respective schools:

- [Brückenangebot Weinfelden](#)  
[www.gb.w.ch](http://www.gb.w.ch) → [Brueckenangebote](#)
- [Brückenangebot Frauenfeld](#)  
[www.bztf.ch](http://www.bztf.ch) → [Brückenangebote](#)
- [Brückenangebot Romanshorn](#)  
[www.sbw.edu](http://www.sbw.edu) → [Bildungsangebot](#) → [Bildungsstufen](#) → [Sekundarstufe II](#) → [SBW Brückenangebot](#)

Contact  
Amt für Berufsbildung und Berufsberatung,  
Aufnahmestelle Brückenangebote, Grabenstrasse 5, 8510 Frauenfeld  
Phone 058 345 59 99  
[abb.tg.ch](http://abb.tg.ch) → [Brückenangebote](#)

### CANTONAL INTEGRATION COURSES

The canton of Thurgau offers cantonal integration courses for young people living in Thurgau who do not speak German as a first language. The focus is on learning German and general education. The aim is to supply participants with the qualifications for an apprenticeship (Federal VET Certificate or Diploma) or further education. Weekly internships will take place where possible.

#### INTEGRATION COURSE 1B

The integration course 1b focuses on learning German and dealing with everyday situations.

Admission conditions  
Age: 17-34  
German language level: CEFR 0 or A1

Duration  
Two years; eight half-days a week

Cost  
CHF 3,500 per term

Contact  
Amt für Berufsbildung und Berufsberatung, Schulische Bildung, Aufnahmestelle Integrationskurse, Grabenstrasse 5, 8510 Frauenfeld  
Telefon 058 345 56 91, [abb.tg.ch](http://abb.tg.ch) → [Integrationskurse](#)

#### INTEGRATION COURSE 2

The integration course 2 builds on the integration course 1b and focuses on teaching lower-secondary level content.

Admission conditions  
Age: 17-34  
German language level: CEFR A2

Duration  
One year; eight half-days per week

Cost  
CHF 3,500 per term

Contact  
Amt für Berufsbildung und Berufsberatung, Schulische Bildung, Aufnahmestelle Integrationskurse, Grabenstrasse 5, 8510 Frauenfeld  
Telefon 058 345 56 91, [abb.tg.ch](http://abb.tg.ch) → [Integrationskurse](#)

#### INTEGRATION COURSE 3

The integration course 3 builds on from the integration course 2, and prepares participants both practically and academically for an apprenticeship or further education.

Admission conditions  
Age: 17-34  
German language level: CEFR B1

Duration  
Six months to one year; five days a week

Cost  
Free

Contact  
Amt für Berufsbildung und Berufsberatung, Schulische Bildung, Aufnahmestelle Integrationskurse, Grabenstrasse 5, 8510 Frauenfeld  
Telefon 058 345 56 91, [abb.tg.ch](http://abb.tg.ch) → [Integrationskurse](#)



## Basic vocational training

### Vocational training

A vocational training is the basis for life-long learning and opens numerous career perspectives. More than two thirds of adolescents choose this way after their obligatory school time.

Thurgau's economy ensures a broadly ranged training offer by its extensive willingness to train in all occupational fields. The adolescents work in a teaching operation and visit additionally the supra-company courses. They gain their theoretical knowledge in a vocational school. The basic vocational training is completed with a certificate of competence or a vocational certificate.

### Duration

The basic vocational training with Federal vocational certificate (FVC) takes two years; the vocational training with the Federal certificate of competence (FCC) takes three or four years.

### Admission conditions

valid apprenticeship contract

### Apprenticeship occupations

Information about the apprenticeable occupations can be found on the following website: [www.berufsberatung.ch](http://www.berufsberatung.ch)

Additional information can be found on the websites of the respective schools:

- Bildungszentrum für Wirtschaft Weinfelden: [www.bzww.ch](http://www.bzww.ch)
- Gewerbliches Bildungszentrum Weinfelden: [www.gbw.ch](http://www.gbw.ch)
- Bildungszentrum für Gesundheit und Soziales Weinfelden: [www.bfgs-tg.ch](http://www.bfgs-tg.ch)
- Bildungszentrum für Technik Frauenfeld: [www.bztf.ch](http://www.bztf.ch)
- Bildungszentrum für Bau und Mode Kreuzlingen: [www.bbm.tg.ch](http://www.bbm.tg.ch)
- Bildungszentrum Arbon: [www.bza.tg.ch](http://www.bza.tg.ch)
- Bildungs- und Beratungszentrum Arenenberg: [arenenberg.tg.ch](http://arenenberg.tg.ch)

### Contact

Amt für Berufsbildung und Berufsberatung, Betriebliche Bildung  
Grabenstrasse 5, 8510 Frauenfeld, Phone 058 345 59 30  
[abb.tg.ch](http://abb.tg.ch) → schulische Bildung → Bildungszentren

## VOCATIONAL MATURITY

The vocational school teaching complements the vocational training and comprises a very demanding extended general education. Together with the Federal certificate of competence (FCC) of a three- or four-year basic vocational training the vocational school-leaving certificate allows for an exam-free access to a university of applied sciences (UAS). The vocational maturity can be visited during the vocational training (VM1) or also after completing the basic vocational training (VM2).

Additional information can be found on the websites of the respective schools:

- Bildungszentrum für Wirtschaft Weinfelden: [www.bzww.ch](http://www.bzww.ch) → Angebot
- Bildungszentrum für Technik Frauenfeld: [www.bztf.ch](http://www.bztf.ch) → Berufsmaturität

### Contact

Amt für Berufsbildung und Berufsberatung, Schulische Bildung  
Grabenstrasse 5, 8510 Frauenfeld, Phone 058 345 59 30  
[abb.tg.ch](http://abb.tg.ch) → schulische Bildung → Bildungszentren

## MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTING COLLEGE

Mathematics and Computing College (IMS) offers basic vocational training within an academic structure combined with a Federal Vocational Baccalaureate. Students will obtain a Federal VET Diploma in IT and a Federal Vocational Baccalaureate certification in business and business services.

You can find further information on the school's homepage:

- Informatikmittelschule (IMS) mit Berufsmaturität Wirtschaft: [www.kanti-frauenfeld.ch](http://www.kanti-frauenfeld.ch) → IMS

### Contact

Amt für Mittel- und Hochschulen  
Grabenstrasse 11, 8510 Frauenfeld, Phone 058 345 58 30  
[amh.tg.ch](http://amh.tg.ch)

## PASSERELLE COURSE

High-performing graduates of the Federal Vocational Baccalaureate or specialist training can attend a one-year full-time preparation course at the TMSE (Thurgau-Schaffhausen Adults' Baccalaureate School) for the University Aptitude Test, which will qualify participants to apply for a university course.

### Duration

30 weeks, September to August

### Admission conditions

Vocational school-leaving certificate / Specialised Baccalaureate certificate with a good grade point average; entrance interview

### Contact

Thurgauisch-Schaffhauserische Maturitätsschule für Erwachsene  
Neuhauserstrasse 7, 8500 Frauenfeld, Phone 058 345 51 00  
[www.tsme.ch](http://www.tsme.ch) → Passerellenkurs

## Matura schools

The way to study at ETH, university, teacher training college, university of applied sciences and higher vocational school

Upper secondary schools prepare pupils for studying at ETH, university and technical teaching college. With the specialised school baccalaureate also certain opportunities at university of applied sciences arise. The specialised school qualification allows the access to higher vocational schools.

### UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Upper secondary schools convey a broad general education and prepare for a university study. The education is completed with a Swiss recognised maturity that allows for studying at all academic institutions in Switzerland (universities, Federal university of applied sciences), at teacher training colleges as well as at the university of applied sciences after one year of internship.

Each school has special offers:

- Bilingual matura in English at the Cantonal School Kreuzlingen, Romanshorn, Wil
- Bilingual matura in French at the Cantonal School Frauenfeld
- Bilingual matura (school leaving certificate) in French or Italian at the Cantonal School Romanshorn
- MINT class at the Cantonal School Kreuzlingen for enthusiasts in mathematics, informatics and natural sciences
- Pedagogic Secondary School with integrated vocational training for pupils interested in teaching professions
- Art and sports class at the Pedagogic Secondary School in Kreuzlingen for top-performing, talented pupils in the fields of sports, art and music.
- «Matura Talenta» (school leaving certificate for particularly talented pupils) at the Cantonal School Romanshorn

Additional information can be found on the websites of the respective schools:

- Kantonsschule Frauenfeld  
[www.kanti-frauenfeld.ch](http://www.kanti-frauenfeld.ch) → Gymnasium

- Kantonsschule Kreuzlingen  
[www.ksk.ch](http://www.ksk.ch) → Portrait → Bildungsangebot

- Kantonsschule Romanshorn  
[www.ksr.ch](http://www.ksr.ch) → Gymnasiale Maturitätsschule

- Pädagogische Maturitätsschule Kreuzlingen  
[www.pmstg.ch](http://www.pmstg.ch) → Matura mit Berufsbildung

- Kantonsschule Wil (for pupils from Hinterthurgau)  
[www.kantiwil.ch](http://www.kantiwil.ch) → Ausbildung

Contact

Amt für Mittel- und Hochschulen  
Grabenstrasse 11, 8500 Frauenfeld, Phone 058 345 58 30  
[amh.tg.ch](http://amh.tg.ch) → Mittelschulen

## THURGAU-SCHAFFHAUSEN MATURA SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

Working adults with the required prerequisites can make their matura as a part-time training while still working at the Thurgau-Schaffhausen Matura School for Adults (TSME).

Duration

7 semesters

Admission conditions

The admission for the first semester is in general open for everyone having a secondary qualification (extended level) and an evidence for at least two years occupational experience. Apprenticeship, internships, recorded unemployment, household and childcare are recognised.

Contact

Thurgauisch-Schaffhauserische Maturitätsschule für Erwachsene  
(Thurgau-Schaffhausen Matura School for Adults)  
Neuhausstrasse 7, 8500 Frauenfeld, Phone 058 345 51 00  
[www.tsme.ch](http://www.tsme.ch) → Maturitätsausbildung

Passerelle course:

See page 7

### SPECIALISED SECONDARY SCHOOL AND SPECIALISED SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE

The training for the specialised school baccalaureate, which usually takes 4 years, prepares for university of applied sciences studies in the fields of health, social work and communication as well as informatics. With the pedagogic specialised school baccalaureate graduates can study at the teacher training college. Those who don't want to learn for a specialised school baccalaureate can continue their education at a higher vocational school. The specialised school baccalaureate in pedagogics is only offered at the Cantonal School Frauenfeld.

Specialised secondary schools are available at the Cantonal Schools Frauenfeld and Romanshorn.

Additional information can be found on the websites of the respective schools:

- Kantonsschule Frauenfeld  
[www.kanti-frauenfeld.ch](http://www.kanti-frauenfeld.ch) → FMS

- Kantonsschule Romanshorn  
[www.ksr.ch](http://www.ksr.ch) → Fachmittelschule

Contact

Amt für Mittel- und Hochschulen  
Grabenstrasse 11, 8500 Frauenfeld, Phone 058 345 58 30  
[amh.tg.ch](http://amh.tg.ch) → Mittelschulen





## Higher vocational training

Professional training and specialisation of professionals

The higher vocational training prepares for demanding specialised or leading positions. It allows a specialisation and deepening of specialist knowledge and conveys qualifications in the fields of management.

The higher vocational training comprises:

- the Federal examinations (professional exam PE and higher professional exam HPE)
- the training courses at the higher vocational schools (HVS)

### FEDERAL EXAMS – PROFESSIONAL EXAM PE AND HIGHER PROFESSIONAL EXAM HPE

Professional exams allow professionals a first deepening and specialisation after the basic vocational training in an occupation. The successful passing of a professional exam is principally an admission criterion for the higher professional exam. This qualifies professionals as experts in their occupation and prepares them for managing a company.

Additional information about the Federal examinations can be found on the website of the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI:

[www.sbf.admin.ch](http://www.sbf.admin.ch) → Bildung → Höhere Berufsbildung → Berufsprüfungen BP und höhere Fachprüfungen HFP

### HIGHER VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Training courses at the higher vocational schools have a high practical orientation. Specific problems from service, operation, workshops and production are in the focus of attention. Graduates of a higher vocational school are often employed in middle management.

In the Canton of Thurgau the following training courses can be visited at higher vocational schools: higher vocational school of care, higher vocational school of economics and higher vocational school technology engineering

#### HIGHER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OF CARE

Graduation

Graduate health care specialist HVS

Duration

3 years. The training takes places by 50% as an internship and by 50% at the higher vocational school.

Admission conditions

Completed education at secondary level II (three-year apprenticeship, secondary school or a similar education).

Contact

Bildungszentrum für Gesundheit und Soziales  
Falkenstrasse 2, 8570 Weinfelden, Phone 058 345 77 11  
[www.bfgs-tg.ch](http://www.bfgs-tg.ch) → Tertiäre Bildung

#### HIGHER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Graduation

Graduated business economist HVS

Duration

3 years

Admission conditions

Completed education at secondary level II (three- or four-year apprenticeship, secondary school or a similar education, at least two years occupational experience in the economical field). Concerning English knowledge the language level B1 of the Common European Reference for Languages is recommended.

Contact

Bildungszentrum Wirtschaft, Weiterbildung  
Schützenstrasse 11, Postfach 112, 8570 Weinfelden  
Phone 058 345 75 75

[www.wbbzww.ch](http://www.wbbzww.ch) → Kursangebote → Wirtschaftsschule →

Höhere Fachschulen

#### HIGHER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING, SPECIALISATION ON PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY

Graduation

Graduated technician HVS engineering, with specialisation in production technology

Duration

3 years

Admission conditions

Completed vocational training as polytechnician, constructor, automation engineer or completed vocational training as production mechanic with 2 years occupational experience; equivalent occupations on clarification. A minimum occupation of 50% in a relevant professional activity in the mechanical-technical field is required.

Contact

Bildungszentrum für Technik  
Kurzenracherstrasse 8, 8500 Frauenfeld  
Phone 058 345 65 00

[www.bztf.ch](http://www.bztf.ch) → Weiterbildung → HF Maschinenbau → Dipl. Techniker HF

#### ADDITIONAL HIGHER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Additional higher vocational school that offer education in the field of higher vocational training are also near to the Canton of Thurgau. A listing of educational courses at HVS by cantons can be found on the website of the State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation SERI:

[www.sbf.admin.ch](http://www.sbf.admin.ch) → Bildung → Höhere Berufsbildung →

Höhere Fachschulen → Studierende und Absolvierende

## Academic institutions

### Better qualifications with a study

Switzerland offers different types of academic institutions: universities, university of applied sciences and the teacher training college.

The first are primarily active in the field of basic research, in which also their university education is based. University of applied sciences are on the contrary focussed on the occupational practice and the applied research and development. The teacher training colleges educate teachers for the different school levels, offer further training and conduct research in particular in educationally relevant and didactic fields.

## TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE THURGAU

The only college in the Canton is the Teacher Training College Thurgau (PHTG) in Kreuzlingen, where teachers are educated for all school levels. The educational courses for the secondary level I and II are offered in cooperation with the University of Constance.

### KINDERGARTEN/PRE-SCHOOL LEVEL

#### Duration

3 years. For graduates of the Pedagogic Secondary School Kreuzlingen 2 years.

#### Admission conditions

Secondary school certificate, vocational school-leaving certificate with passerelle course, degree from a university of applied sciences (possibly with restraints), vocational school certificate in pedagogics, diploma of a three-year specialised secondary school.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL LEVEL

#### Duration

3 years. For graduates of the Pedagogic Secondary School Kreuzlingen 2 years.

#### Admission conditions

Secondary school certificate, vocational school-leaving certificate with passerelle course, degree from a university of applied sciences (possibly with restraints), vocational school certificate in pedagogics

### SECONDARY LEVEL I

#### Duration

at least 4,5 years or 2 years after receiving the teaching diploma for primary teachers. Variable duration of study for part-time studies.

#### Admission conditions

Secondary school certificate or similar graduation or teaching diploma for primary level

### SECONDARY LEVEL II

#### Duration

1 year full-time study, up to 3 years part-time study

#### Admission conditions

Academic specialised study at master level (master, diploma, licentiate or magister study) in a subject that is educated at Swiss secondary schools.

### MASTER EARLY CHILDHOOD

#### Duration

2 years full-time study, 3 years part-time study

#### Admission conditions

Bachelor of a university, teacher training college or university of applied sciences in psychology, pedagogics, social or sports pedagogics or another relevant field of study.

Additional information about the individual study programmes can be found on the website of the Teacher Training College Thurgau:

[www.phtg.ch](http://www.phtg.ch) → Studium

## OTHER UNIVERSITIES

### Switzerland

The Canton of Thurgau is surrounded by numerous universities with a broad range of study programmes in near distance. Important universities in the region are the University of Applied Sciences of Eastern Switzerland (FHO) and the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW). An overview of all universities, universities of applied sciences and teacher training colleges in Switzerland can be found at [www.swissuniversities.ch](http://www.swissuniversities.ch).

For students from Thurgau the access to all universities is assured by inter-cantonal arrangements. According to these arrangements the Canton of Thurgau is paying considerable sums for its students (school fees).

### Constance

For Thurgau the University of Constance ([www.uni-konstanz.de](http://www.uni-konstanz.de)) and the University of Technology, Economics and Design HTWG in Constance ([www.htwg-konstanz.de](http://www.htwg-konstanz.de)) are of particular importance.

### International University of Lake Constance

The secretariat of the International University of Lake Constance (IBH) is located in Kreuzlingen ([www.bodenseehochschule.ch](http://www.bodenseehochschule.ch)). This university federation owns 30 universities, teacher training colleges and universities of applied sciences around Lake Constance. Among others combined study programmes (in particular on master level) and certified further education are offered.

## Further education

Keeping on the ball with occupationally oriented and individual further education

Numerous educational institutions offer a versatile range in the field of further education. These promote the personal and occupational development.

The different further education offers – from the occupational further education and the university offers to the general adult education – can be found in the following database:

[www.berufsberatung.ch](http://www.berufsberatung.ch) → Aus- und Weiterbildung → Weiterbildung – Kurse, Lehrgänge

## Additional offers for all educational levels

### PARENTAL EDUCATION

Parental education aims at all mothers and fathers, grandparents and all other interested persons who are living together with children. Parental education strengthens educating persons in their task and shows how children are developing and in which way this development can be supported. Parental education considers the resources of educating persons and aims at a careful and respectful course of interaction.

The Thurgau Working Group for Parents' Organisations (TAGEO) is the cantonal umbrella organisation of regional and local parents' organisations. Twice a year respective offers for parents are published in the parental education calendar. It can be found at:  
[www.tageo.ch](http://www.tageo.ch) → Eltern & Bildung

### SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AND SPEECH THERAPY

A free of charge school psychological or speech therapy evaluation can be used in case of difficulties at school. Parents and schools receive hints for working with the strengths and weaknesses of a child and recommendations for suitable remedial measures. The offer aims at children and adolescents from early childhood to the age of 18.

Additional information can be found on the website of the Department for Primary School:  
[av.tg.ch](http://av.tg.ch) → Angebote und Beratung → Schulpsychologie und Logopädie

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### VOCATIONAL AND STUDY COUNSELLING

The vocational and study counselling helps adolescents and adults by means of information and personal counselling with their vocational and study choice as well as with the organisation of their professional career.

Additional information can be found on the website of the Department for Vocational Training and Counselling:  
[abb.tg.ch](http://abb.tg.ch) → Berufs- und Studienberatung BIZ

Berufsinformationszentren (BIZ)  
BIZ is the contact point for all questions about vocational choices, study and career.

Opening hours  
Monday-Wednesday 08.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.  
01.30 p.m. to 05.30 p.m.  
Thursday 08.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.  
01.30 p.m. to 06.30 p.m.  
Friday 08.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.  
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Only for adolescents from the school communities:  
Affeltrangen, Bichelsee-Balterswil, Eschlikon, Fischingen, Rickenbach-Wilen, Sirnach and Schönholzerswilen

## EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SCHOOLS OUTSIDE THE CANTON

### Student grants and loans

If the financial means for education are insufficient, the Canton may offer support by means of student grants and loans. Student grants are usually permitted for initial education on secondary level II (apprenticeships, secondary schools etc.) and tertiary level (study at higher vocational schools and universities). Loans are in particular granted for further education.

The financial circumstances (tax display) of the parents or the applicant are decisive for the calculation.

Additional information can be found on the following website:  
[stipendien.tg.ch](http://stipendien.tg.ch)

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### School fees

By means of different regional and inter-cantonal agreements it is assured that citizens of Thurgau have free access to all important educations the Canton is not directly offering and which have to be therefore completed at institutions outside the Canton. If the educations are recognised in Switzerland and/or the Canton and are included in an agreement, the Canton of Thurgau is paying the school fee (not to be confused with semester fees that need to be paid by the students themselves). In cases in which a Thurgau citizen needs to pay higher school fees than students from the sitting canton, the Canton is reimbursing these additional costs if there is no comparable offer in the canton.

Additional information can be found on the following website:  
[stipendien.tg.ch](http://stipendien.tg.ch)

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## FURTHER DETAILS AND CONTACT POINTS

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Canton's statute book online:  
[www.rechtsbuch.tg.ch](http://www.rechtsbuch.tg.ch)

Amt für Volksschule (AV)  
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