



Ab und zu haben wir einen Wandertag, wo die Klasse irgendetwas unternimmt.



The class show is listening to a talk

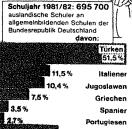
The class above is listening to a talk by a Förster (ranger) about the upkeep of German forests. The boy on the left has found a new Raucherecke...

Diese Wandertage sind fast so erschöpfend wie die Schule! At least once a year each class has a **Wandertag** (hiking day). They go off with their **Klassenlehrer(in)** (class teacher), for a long walk in the country, or sometimes to a zoo or other form of entertainment. The class usually has a picnic at their destination.

Did you know?

The German equivalent of our Scholastic Aptitude Test is the **Abitur** (in Austria it's called the **Matura**), which encompasses a number of subjects. The average mark of





all your **Noten** on your **Abiturzeugnis** decides whether you can go on to post-secondary education.

If you leave school at 15 or 16, you receive an

Abschlußzeugnis (final report), with your grade for that year on it.

Many children of Gastarbeiter (foreign workers) attend German schools. What

Numbers of foreign pupils in West German schools 1981/82. What nationality are the majority? Below: a lesson in a polytechnische Schule. special problems do you think these students may have?

In East Germany students of 6 to 16 attend a polytechnische Oberschule (comprehensive school where technical and scientific subjects are emphasized). At the age of 10 they start their first foreign language, which is Russian. From the age of 13, several hours a week are spent on a farm or in a factory. There are also special schools for pupils with a particular talent in some subject or sport.



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