Dear SISS parents,

Thank you for expressing such a lively interest in developing an understanding of the German education system. I have prepared a summary of a few key points from Mr. Heckmann's presentation and hope that next year he can include some English slides.

When making career choices the expectations of youths, companies and parents meet. Youths are faced with their own expectations (success, earning a good living, work/family compatibility, opportunities for advancement, fun) and fears (failure, the responsibility of being an adult, pressure to perform, relocation). Parents can support them to master these obstacles by:

- Accompanying them to the BIZ
- Discussing their own career choices and experiences with them
- Helping them in decision-making without pressuring them into a career choice
- Helping with applications
- Accepting their decisions

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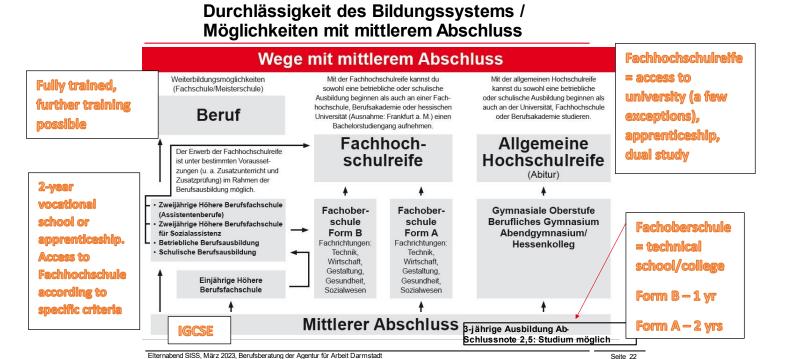
Encouraging them and giving them consolation when necessary

Some problems with parental support include:

- Parents rely on their own experiences which are outdated
- Traditional ideas women's jobs/men's jobs
- Many parents are only familiar with a small fraction of the existing jobs and occupations
- 25%-30% of parents can not effectively judge the strengths and weaknesses of their child
- Values and development of soft skills varies in families

BIZ career counselling offers families personal, neutral, free and confidential advice and support in choosing a career path and further education (vocational schools, apprenticeships, university) via face-to-face meetings and numerous digital tools (see flyer attached and links to Bundesagentur für Arbeit).

The following slide is relevant for IGCSE students and their families who are not bound for the IB program:



This slide gives an overview of what types of schooling are possible in Germany after successfully completing the IB program. Families must inform themselves of the entrance requirements and application deadlines for certain subjects (Fitness tests for Sports, portfolios, studies in medicine, law, etc.). Mr. Scheuerpflug can answer any questions on accreditation.



University – theory based studies, Fachhochschule/Hochschule – applied (sciences)

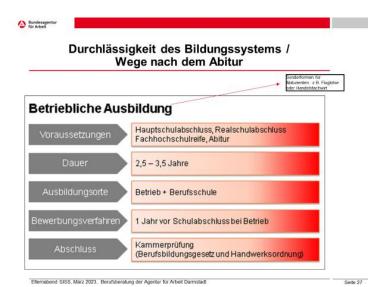
Dual study (BA/BS) — Hands-on training in a company plus schooling at partner university. Students apply at a company offering dual study. Students are paid throughout the program and often have a job guarantee/obligation.

Apprenticeship – vocational training consists of school and hands-on training in the company. (also possible after IGCSE).

Students must prove adequate German skills to study in Germany. Exceptions for programs offered in English may apply.



Further education options after IB at a glance.



Apprenticeship at a glance



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Vocational schooling with internship at a glance

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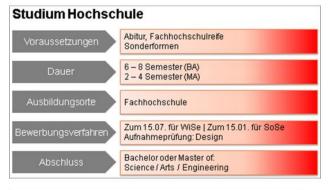
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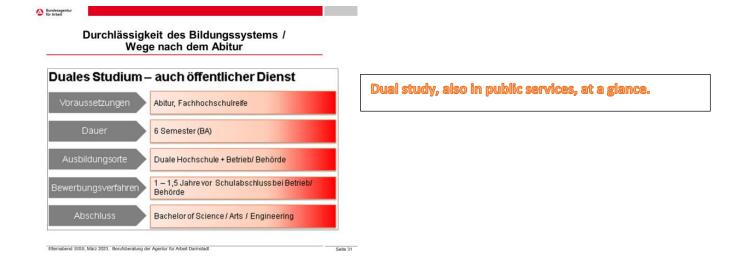
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University of applied sciences at a glance.

State exams for law, education, etc and PhD require study at university.



Mr. Heckmann can be reached for a personal, confidential meeting under the following email address. Students can also make an appointment for a meeting at school. I have the dates if they need to make an appointment.

Darmstadt.Hochschulteam@arbeitsagentur.de

Here are a few links for further information on the German education system in English.

Education in Germany | Bundesagentur für Arbeit (arbeitsagentur.de)

<u>Arbeitshilfen und Links der Berufsberatung der Agentur für Arbeit Darmstadt | Bundesagentur für Arbeit (arbeitsagentur.de)</u>

I hope you can make sense of my annotations in orange. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Kimberly Obermeier, SISS Career Orientation Coordinator

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