

Report n°1

3 days before start school (specific for this college) :

- 1st day : meeting of the teachers by subjects , preparation of the school year, list of the material necessary. Distribution of the teachers schedule.
- 2nd day : meeting by student class, with 2 parents and 2 students with the teachers team, explanation of how the class will work and of the particular projects.
- 3rd day : meeting of all the teachers, speech of the headmaster with purposes from the pedagogy for this school and particular projects. Visit of the school for the new teachers, explanation of the rules (marks, sanctions, security...).

Some specificities of the German system :

For the teachers :

- Teaching 2 subjects is the general rule
- A whole week work is 25 hours.
- Absent teachers have to be supply by another.

For the pupils :

- The lessons begin at 8 h and end at 13 h on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays and until 16h30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays .
- A lesson last 45 minutes.
- There is a pause of 20 mn at 9h30 and another one of 15 mn at 11h30

Material :

- The classrooms can accept about 30 pupils.
- They are equipped with a retro projector, sometimes with a video projector or interactive blackboard. Mobile video-projectors could also be borrowed.

Referendum about the scholar system in Hamburg :

At the beginning of the summer there has been a referendum proposing to modify the scholar system in the Lander of Hamburg. The orientation of the pupils actually happen at 10 or 11 years old (they have to choose between Realschule, Hautschule or Gymnasium), the reform proposed an orientation later. The majority was against this modification. Some precisions about this choice, among other problems will be given in the next reports.