



Absence from school has consequences!

Compulsory School Attendance

means that students are obliged to take part in each lesson as well as in any other school event.

On the basis of section 65 of the Education Act of the State of Lower Saxony (NSchG), compulsory school attendance generally ends after

12 years.

This means that schools must be attended for at least 9 years at primary and lower secondary education level.

After that, compulsory school attendance for the upper secondary school level must be complied with by attending a general or vocational training school (including pre-vocational schools and vocational colleges).

Special cases (deviations from that) are regulated on the basis of section 69 or section 70 NSchG.

A violation of compulsory school attendance is an

administrative offence

in terms of section 176 sub-section 1 no. 1 NSchG. This means that days of absence from school for which no or insufficient valid excuse is provided result in proceedings on the basis of section 176 sub-section 2 NSchG.

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