

## 2\_6\_5\_11 INFORMATIONS on GERMAN as a SECOND LANGUAGE ( DaZ )

Ordinance for kindergarten and elementary school:

### **§ 44 Principle**

Foreign-language schoolchildren who have recently moved here are usually admitted to the school class that corresponds to his or her age. Schoolchildren with an insufficient or lacking knowledge of the German language are entitled, regardless of the time of moving into the German-speaking area, to attend support offerings for foreign-language speakers.

The school administration decides on the admittance to a course in German as a second language, to an intensive course in German or to an integrated class.

### **§ 45 Courses in German as a second language**

Foreign-language schoolchildren with an insufficient knowledge of the German language attend courses in German as a second language while in kindergarten and elementary school. Those courses are held in groups of 2 to 6 schoolchildren.

In individual cases, the school administration can authorize one-to-one tuition.

The courses can be attended for two school years during kindergarten, and subsequently for another three school years during elementary school. For each course, 2 lessons per school week in kindergarten and 1 to 2 lessons in elementary school are provided.

### **§ 46 Intensive course in German**

Foreign-language schoolchildren without knowledge of the German language attend an intensive course in German while in kindergarten and elementary school, which will be held in groups of 2 to 4 schoolchildren. In individual cases, the school administration can authorize one-to-one tuition. The intensive course consists of (per school week): a. 4 lessons in kindergarten; b. 4 to 6 lessons in the 1st and 2nd grades of elementary school; c. 4 to 8 lessons in the 3rd to 5th grades of elementary school.

Its maximum duration is one year. After the intensive course, the schoolchildren can attend courses in German as a second language for 3 school years.

- In kindergarten, the lessons are held during the regular kindergarten hours.
- A specialist teacher is responsible for the courses in German as a second language. He or she will send a letter at the beginning of the school year informing parents about the time when their child can attend the German lessons.
- During the German lessons, standard German is spoken.
- With the use of pictures, objects, activities, games and songs, the children will learn the German language in a playful way.