The Swiss Education System

Flexible and full of opportunities

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The Swiss Education System is known for its high quality and exceptional flexibility. There are no dead ends: the system is highly permeable, allowing pupils to move between vocational and academic pathways or combine the two.



Many paths lead to the same goal

Whether your child attends Loreto Lower Secondary School or a Baccalaureate school, the future remains flexible. Many pathways remain open after lower secondary level. Whether they choose upper secondary school or start an apprenticeship, Switzerland's dual vocational education and training system offers pathways to universities of applied sciences and with the appropriate qualifications, to universities.

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Lower secondary level

After Year 6 of primary school, pupils have a range of pathways to choose from. All four pathways provide opportunities for further education, with access to tertiary education depending on the pathway and subsequent qualifications.

Sekundarschule

The ideal foundation for young people who are strong or **very strong academically.** At this type of school, **abstract thinking** is encouraged and pupils receive a **broad education.**

Realschule

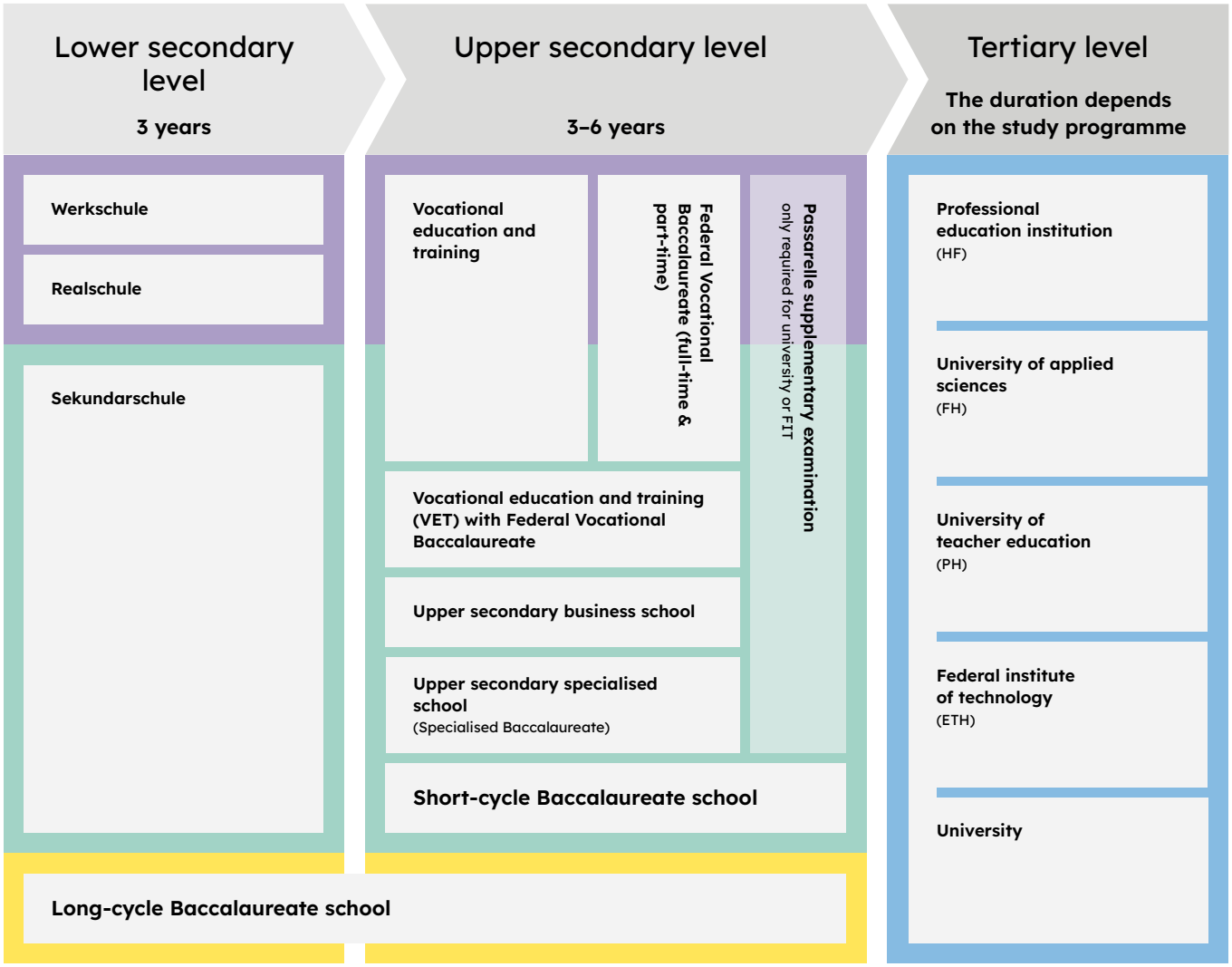
The right type of school for young people whose **academic performance is solid. Practical learning** is combined with targeted **preparation** for an **apprenticeship.**

Werkschule

Werkschule pupils are **integrated into Realschule classes.** They receive **closer guidance** and **targeted support,** to help them build on their strengths.

Baccalaureate school

Focus on in-depth **academic preparation** specifically geared towards studying at a **university** or **federal institute of technology (ETH).**



Note: Pupils may move between educational pathways if they meet the relevant performance requirements. Some transitions are subjects to additional requirements, such as a work placement.

Special characteristics or features of lower secondary education

In mathematics and English, pupils are also taught in A and B ability levels. This cooperative model allows Realschule pupils to attend the higher Level A if their performance is of the required standard. At Level B, Sekundarschule pupils receive targeted support that builds on their level and helps them develop academically. Pupils have the opportunity to change levels at the end of each semester.

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