

TOP TIPS

LODGE RELOCATION

10 CONSIDERATIONS TO HELP YOU ANALYSE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOLING NEEDS

The success of an international move is highly dependent on the family settling well into the new environment. Amongst a variety of important considerations, schooling is one of the **burning topics**.

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Consider the comparative facts between private and state schools provided in the table below.

	Private schools	State schools
Admission	Depending on availability	Depending on the residence address
Age	As of 4 years old <i>Most schools offer an Early Childhood programme available as of 3</i>	As of 4 years old <i>Child must be 4 before 31 July</i>
Cost	Private school fees apply	Free education <i>Fees apply for afterschool care</i>
Curriculum	International, American, English, French... <i>Each school offers specific programs</i>	Swiss education system
Diplomas	International diplomas <i>IB, IGCSE, French baccalaureate...</i>	Swiss Maturity <i>Internationally recognized/Automatic access to Swiss universities</i>
Integration	Less integrated into the local community <i>Multiculturalism</i>	Easier integration into the local community
Language	Bilingual schools, French schools, English schools...	French/German <i>German/French and English are the 2nd and 3rd language</i>
Location	Depending on the choice of the school	Depending on the residence address
Transport	School bus for most schools <i>Extra fees - specific pickup location</i>	Pedibus, school bus for some schools

WHAT QUESTIONS SHOULD I ASK MYSELF?

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How old will my child be when relocating to Switzerland? For how long will I be living in Switzerland?

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What is my child's personality, flexibility, preferred learning method and interests?

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Would I prefer my child to grow up in an international environment or to integrate into the Swiss community? Is it important that my child learns to speak French while living in Switzerland?

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Do I agree with the fact that my child's school is determined according to my residential address? Or would I like to have the choice?

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How important are afterschool facilities on school premises? Am I ready to organise additional care for my child and how much would I pay for it?

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Do I know what direction my child would like for post-compulsory school and what would be the best way to get there?

IMPORTANT POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND

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In Switzerland, both public and private schools have an excellent level of education.

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The Swiss education system offers very good alternatives to preparation for university studies (for example apprenticeships).

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Children completing the high level of schooling in Switzerland allows them to automatically enter Swiss universities.

