



Understanding the German School System

A Guide for Parents

Three main types of secondary schools

all in one system

Hauptschule

Realschule

Gymnasium

Hauptschule



First Secondary-School Education



Graduation after Year 9



One oral and one written final exam (German and Math)



Possibility to proceed to year 10 and intermediate Education



offers a practical-oriented curriculum and prepares students for vocational training or entry-level jobs

Realschule



Middle-Level Secondary-School Education



Graduation after Year 10



One Oral and One written final exam (English and/or Math and/or German)



Qualifies students for vocational training



Access to technical colleges for specialized training.



Possibility to proceed to „gymnasiale Oberstufe“ and highest Secondary School Education

Gymnasium

Highest Secondary-School Education

Graduation after Year 12

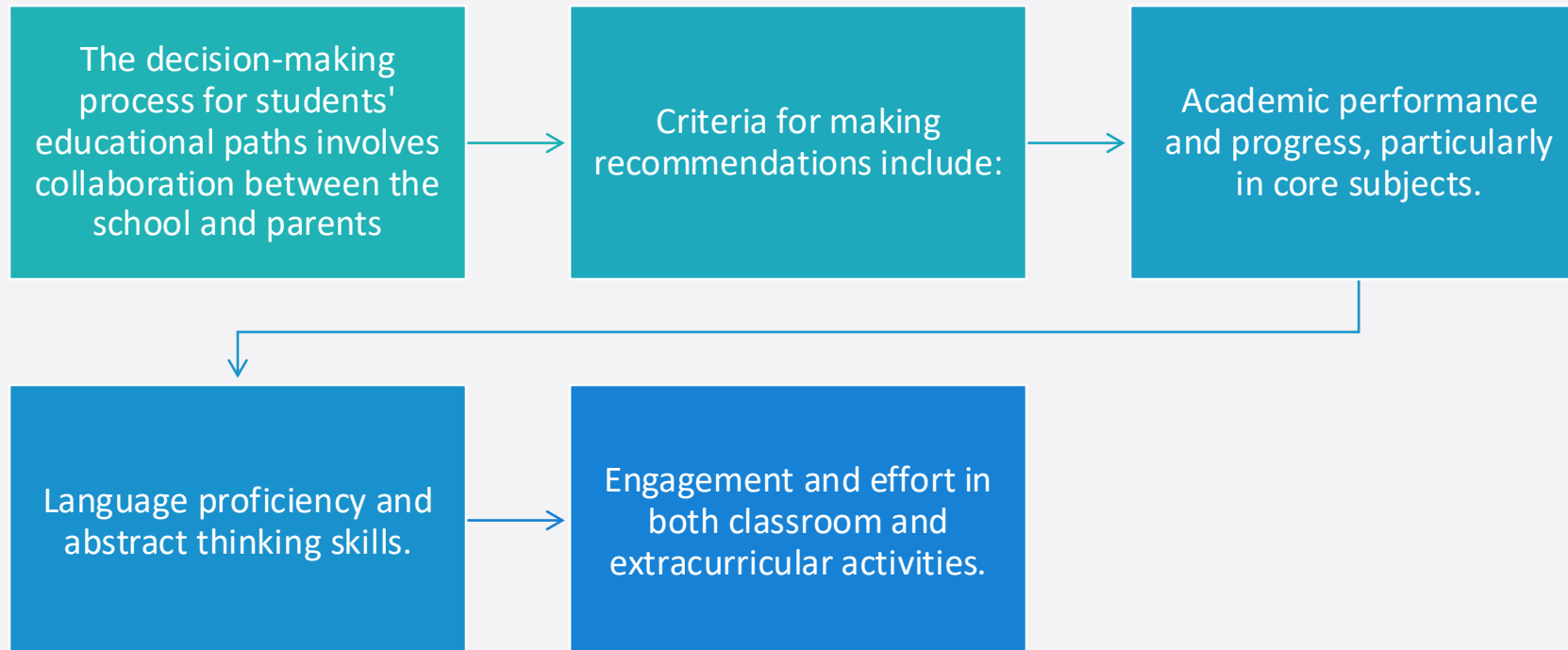
Offers an academically oriented curriculum

Leads to the (international) Abitur, which is the university entrance qualification in Germany

Qualifies students for vocational training

Who decides and when?

Schul-laufbahn-entscheidung



Decision in Class 6



Recommendations are provided by the class conference at the beginning of year 6.



Recommendations are made in consideration of students' overall development and potential.

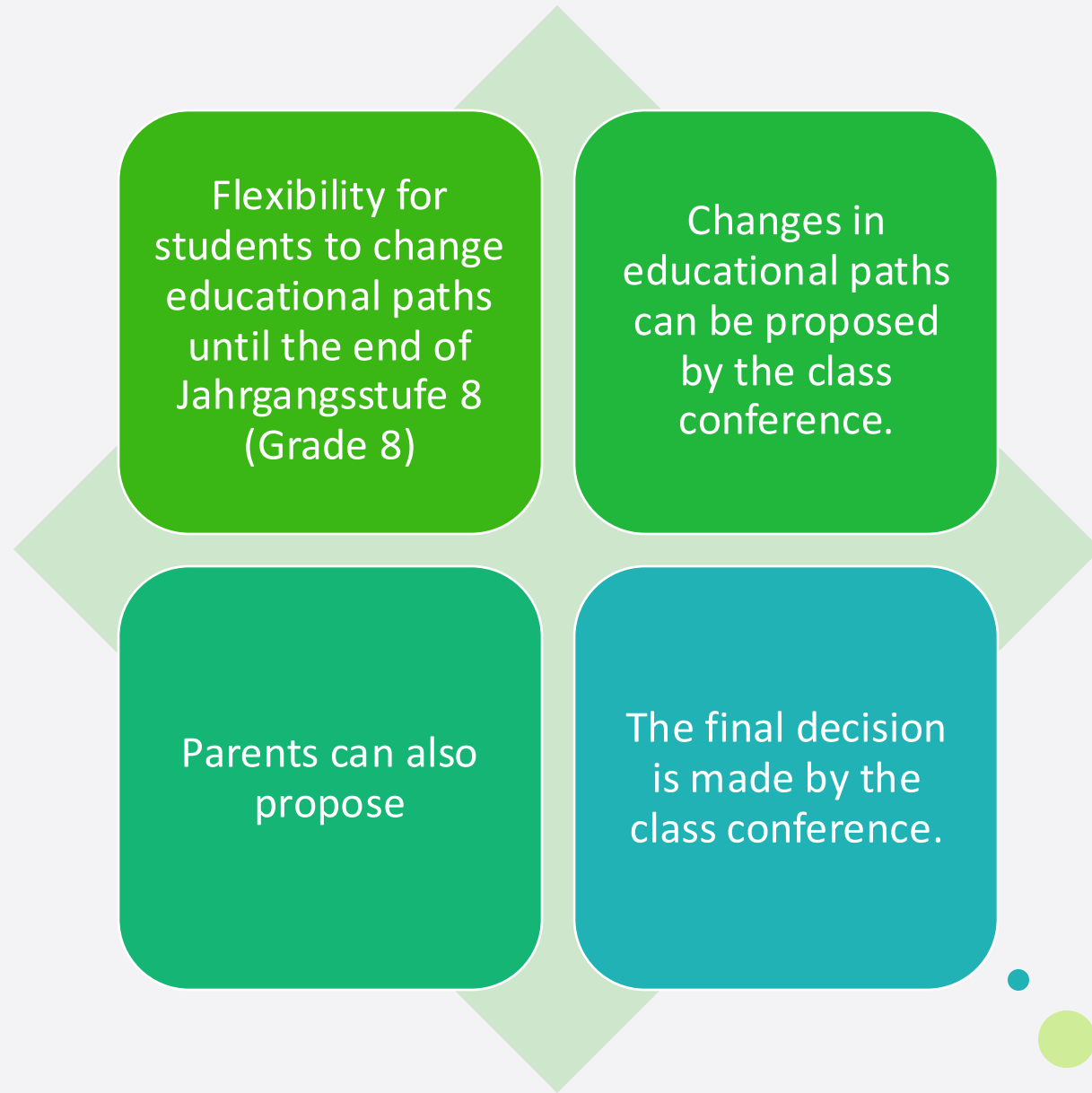


Parental input is valued and taken into account in the decision-making process.



Final decision is made at the end of the second term in year 6 by the class conference.

That's it?



Scholarship Programme



Scholarship recipients are considered gymnasial (Gymnasium-level) students.



Same educational opportunities and pathways as other gymnasial students.



The school provides support and resources to ensure the academic success and holistic development.

Questions? Yes

