

Jahrgang: 8 **Fach:** Englisch E-Kurs

Ansprechpartner: Herr Aslan

Thema der Reihe : Skills Training

Kompetenzen/Ziele der Reihe	Materialien	Arbeitsaufträge/Hinweise
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Leseverstehen (Reading Comprehension): Die SuS lernen das amerikanische Schulsystem besser kennen- Schreiben (Writing): Die SuS schreiben einen Text über ihre eigene Schule	Arbeitsblätter	<p>1) Read the text about the American school system</p> <p>2) Answer the questions to Emily's letter.</p> <p>3) Write a text about your school.</p>

Sonstiges beigelegtes Material/Anmerkungen:

Day ○

LET'S READ ABOUT THE AMERICAN SCHOOL SYSTEM!

Dear Sophie,

Thank you for your letter. I will try my best to answer all your questions about my school.

When we are five years old, we usually go to kindergarten and later we visit an elementary school. Our elementary school goes from first grade to sixth grade. Afterwards, when we are about twelve years old, we go to "junior high", which is seventh and eighth grade. From ninth to twelfth grade we visit "high school". There are different names for the students at high school. When you are in ninth grade you are called a "freshman". Tenth graders are called "sophomores", eleventh graders "juniors" and twelfth graders "seniors". We graduate after senior year.

My school day starts at 8.00 am and finishes at 3.00 pm. Lots of students at my school drive to school themselves. You can get your driver's license at age 16. Some students are dropped off by their parents, others walk, but most of us get to school by school bus.

As you can see from my schedule, we have six classes every day. They are 60 minutes long with five minutes between classes. And every day is the same. In American schools the subjects are divided into requirements and electives. Requirements are subjects you must take. I'm 15 and in the ninth grade. I want to go to college later, so my requirements are English (Language Arts), American history, Math and Chemistry. Electives are subjects you can choose to take. I want to visit Germany as an exchange student next year, so I've chosen German. I'm also interested in sports, so my other elective is PE (you would say sports). Other students might choose computer studies, auto mechanics or dancing.

An important person in an American high school is the guidance counselor. His or her job is to help students and give them advice. Students can discuss their schedules for the year with a guidance counselor. Students can also go to a counselor when they have a personal problem.

Students move from classroom to classroom to their different courses. The teachers have their own classroom, but the students don't. We all have a big locker in the hallway. That is where we keep all the stuff we don't need right now. We are not always together with the same students, which I hate. I like how you get to spend the day with all your friends. I see mine at lunchtime and if we are lucky at one or two classes each day.

Like many other students, I often stay for an hour or two after classes. Our school offers a big variety of sports clubs and other extracurricular activities such as music or drama. Sports are very important in American schools and the students who play for the school teams are very popular. We do different sports in different seasons. In this year I'm one of the cheerleaders.

So the days can be pretty full. I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Write back soon and tell me about your school life, please.

Best wishes,
Emily

Emily's schedule for this year:

Springfield High School		Emily Scott	Grade 9
Period	Time	Subject	Room
1 st	8.15 – 9.15	English	31
2 nd	9.20 – 10.20	Sports	Gym
3 rd	10.25 – 11.25	German	01
lunch 11.25 – 11.50			
4 th	11.50 – 12.50	American History	28
5 th	12.55 – 1.55	Math	32
6 th	2.00 – 3.00	Chemistry	36

LET'S ANSWER THE QUESTIONS TO EMILY'S LETTER

Sophie's class takes part in a pen pal letter exchange. Her pen pal Emily sent her a new letter, in which she explains a lot about the American school system.

The American School System

Emily talks about the different names and types of schools in the USA. Fill in the table.

Name of school	Grades	Age

Answer the questions

How does Emily get to school?

How do you get to school?

When does Emily's school day start and end?

How is her school day different from yours?

Which requirements does Emily have this year?

Which electives does Emily mention in her letter?

Have a look at Emily's schedule. How is it different from yours (e.g.: days, rooms, subjects)

What does a guidance counselor do?

Which after school activity is Emily taking part in?

Which after school activity would you like to have at your school?



Day ○ LET'S WRITE ABOUT SCHOOL!

Write about your school.

- What subjects do you have?
- What's your favourite subject? Why?
- What's your least favourite subjects? Why?
- When does school start/end?
- How are your teachers?
- Do you like going to school? Why yes/no?

