

## The students front and centre

### Our pedagogical specialists

- **work**, counsel and mediate for the students
- **animate** close contact between students, parents, and the school
- **strengthen** the cooperation with parents
- **offer** support with group-dynamical and individual conflicts
- **encourage** cultural diversity at school
- **offer** help to self-help

## Further information in multiple languages and contacts



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# School social work at secondary schools in Mainz

## *What is school social work?*

School social work is organized by child welfare for schools and forms a link to the Youth and Family Office. It improves educational opportunities of children and teenagers, the participation in communal life and is part of integrative life at schools. Our social-pedagogically trained specialists are points of contact for all children, teenagers, their parents, legal guardians or other caregivers as well as teachers.

## *What is important to us*

The goal of our work is to support students in their development to become independent and sociable but also contribute to create or uphold positive living conditions. Overall, we want to facilitate a positive work climate so that everyone who is part of school life can feel comfortable.

## *What we do*

**School social work offers counselling and support**

- **for students** on all questions, in crises and conflicts inside and outside of school
- **for parents and caregivers** on all questions relating to their children and questions on the topic of children's well-being
- **for teachers and participants** with preventative work in class and with school developmental processes

To achieve this, we utilize a wide spectrum of preventative and intervening methods and tools of social work, these include individual case work, social pedagogic work with classes and groups, and networking.

Examples for our work are social learning, projects or workshops, like stage productions or assertiveness training, as well as referrals to specialists for further counselling.

## *Our work is based on the following operational principals*

- **Confidentiality**  
Our work is bound to secrecy, takes place in a protected space, and entails transparent consultations.
- **Bias**  
The students are always the centre of our work.
- **Voluntariness**  
Our work is based on voluntariness.
- **All round approach**  
Our work takes the entire human as well as their social surrounding into account.
- **Low threshold**  
We are easy to reach and in tune with school life.
- **Reliability**  
Our work is a permanent offer.