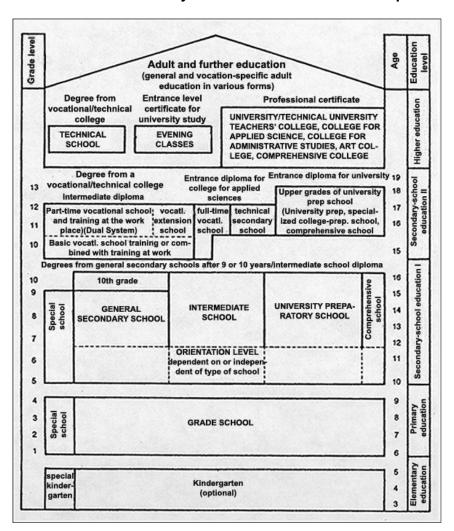


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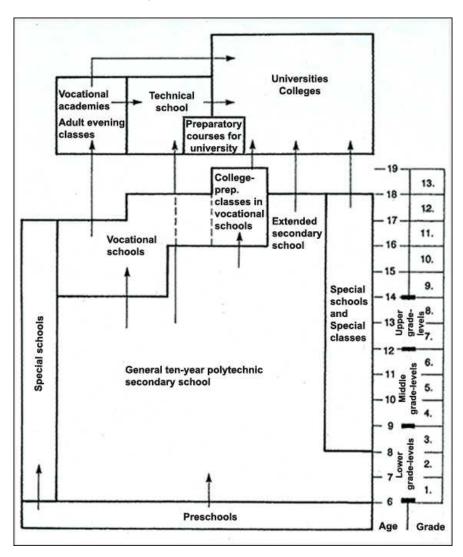
These charts provide an overview of the education systems of the two German states: in the GDR, the paths to education were relatively uniform, whereas the Federal Republic of Germany offered many different types of educational opportunities.

I. Basic Structure of the Educational System in the former Federal Republic



Schematic illustration. There are variations in individual states. Transfers between school forms (i.e. from *Realschule* to *Gymnasium*) are ensured in principle though the fulfillment of particular prerequisites. Nine years of mandatory schooling (ten years in Berlin and North Rhine-Westphalia), part-time mandatory schooling for three years.

II. Structure of the Educational System in the former GDR



Source: Federal Office of Statistics [Statistisches Bundesamt], ed., *Datenreport 1992. Zahlen und Fakten über die Bundesrepublik Deutschland* [Data Report 1992. Numbers and Facts about the Federal Republic of Germany]. Bonn, 1992, pp. 60-61.

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