

# German Schools

## **PART 1**



Where do you think this student is going?

What is the student holding in her hand?

Why do you think she is holding this item?

# *Schultüte*

The most important part of every German child's first day of school is the *Schultüte*, or school cone. To “sweeten” the next 12–13 years of school, parents fill the cones with homemade or purchased treats, school supplies, and small gifts. This tradition dates back to the early nineteenth century.



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## **PART 2**

# Starting School



Students usually start school at age 6.

# First Day at School



Students do not have classes on the first day of school; instead, they are shown around the school to see the classrooms, the gym, and the playground.



# *Schulranzen*



First-graders usually have special backpacks called *Schulranzen*.

# Going to school



Students usually walk, take public transport, or ride a bike to school.



# *Federmappe*



The pride of every first grader is a very special pencil case called a *Federmappe*.

# Picture Please!



On the first day, students will take a class picture with everyone holding their own *Schultüte*.