

COMPARING EDUCATION SYSTEMS

AUSTRIA & ROMANIA

GROUP NAMES

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School start, structure, types

AUSTRIA

- Start age: 6 years old
- Structure: Primary (Volksschule, 1-4), Lower secondary (5-8), Upper secondary (9-12/13)
- Types: Academic secondary school (AHS), vocational schools (BHS/BMS), apprenticeship system

ROMANIA

- Start age: 6-7 years old (preparatory class "clasa pregătitoare")
- Structure: Primary (0-4), Lower secondary (5-8), Upper secondary (9-12)
- Types: Theoretical high schools, technological schools, vocational schools



Subjects, hours, homework

AUSTRIA

- **Compulsory subjects:** German, Math, Sciences, English, History, PE, Arts, etc.
- **Hours/week:** ~20 30 (varies by school type)
- **Homework:** Common, but usually less intense than in Romania

ROMANIA

- **Compulsory subjects:** Romanian, Math, Sciences, History, Geography, Foreign languages, etc.
- **Hours/week:** ~20 30 (depending on level)
- **Homework:** Very common, often extensive



TEACHER STUDENT RELATIONSHIP

AUSTRIA

ROMANIA



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- More relaxed and student-centered
- Open communication and mutual respect are encouraged

- More formal and authority-based
- Teachers are respected, but interaction can be less open

Assessment, exams, failure Romania

AUSTRIA

- **Assessment:** Tests, oral participation, continuous assessment
- **Final exams:** Important (e.g., Matura)
- **Failure:** Support systems exist; repeating a year is possible but less common

ROMANIA

- **Assessment:** Written tests, oral exams, frequent grading
- **Final exams:** Very important (e.g., Bacalaureat)
- **Failure:** Students may repeat the year



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ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

AUSTRIA

- **✓ Focus on practical skills and real-life application**
- **✓ Flexible learning paths**
- **✗ Early specialization can limit options**
- **✗ Sometimes less academic depth**

ROMANIA

- **✓ Strong theoretical knowledge**
- **✓ Solid academic foundation**
- **✗ High pressure and stress**
- **✗ Less focus on practical skills**



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OPINION

AUSTRIA

- **As a student in Austria, I think the Romanian system is more demanding and focused on theory. It seems to provide strong knowledge, but also a lot of pressure and less flexibility for students.**

ROMANIA

- **As a student in Romania, I think the Austrian system is more relaxed and practical, which seems less stressful. I like that students learn skills for real life, but I feel it might not be as academically challenging.**



CONCLUSION

Romania and Austria have different approaches to education, but both aim to prepare students for the future. While Romania focuses more on theory and structured evaluation, Austria emphasizes practical skills and flexibility. A balance between these approaches could lead to a more effective education system.



THANK YOU!