



## What does a VM (verstärkte Massnahme) involve?

(A measure that provides intensified support for your child)



For whom ?

**At school**, children do not all have the same needs.

Some of them need more help than others.

If one of them has significant needs, he / she can benefit from a VM.

A VM is a measure that provides intensified support.

A VM is a type of support for children with disabilities at school.

The student must have a medical diagnosis, such as an autism-related disorder, an intellectual disability, ...

In general, a child benefits from a VM for two years.

After two years, the situation needs to be re-evaluated, and a new decision must be made.

In the canton of Fribourg, there are 5 types of VM:

### **1. VM specialized in early childhood education**

**Support at home:** Before reaching school age, a child can already receive support. A specialized professional provides this support at home for young children aged 0 to 6.

### **2. Integrative VM**

**The child receives support at his local school (in his village or neighbourhood).** A special education teacher supports the child in his learning at the school he/she attends.

The student is integrated into his local school.

He receives **2 to 6 hours of support a week.**

### 3. VM school personal care assistant

**Practical help at the local school (in the village or neighbourhood):** a school personal care assistant helps the student with safety, mobility, dressing, eating and using the toilet.

### 4. VM specialized school

**Support in a specialized school:** a special education teacher supports the student in his/her learning **throughout the school day**.

A specialized school has small classes.

The canton of Fribourg has 9 specialized schools: Villars-Vert, les Buissonnets, St-Joseph, le CEP, le Carré d'As-CESL, Clos Fleuri, les Peupliers, CENSG, Flos Carmeli.

### 5. VM in a boarding school

The student can stay overnight at the specialized school.

## The different steps to obtain a VM :

### 1. The submission of the VM application

**The parents** apply for a VM.

Professionals (teacher-s, the school director, therapist-s or a doctor) help the parents to fill out the application.

The therapists include speech and language therapists, psychomotor therapists, psychologists, occupational therapists...

They fill out the **VM application** with the parents.

The teacher writes an educational report. It describes the student's difficulties and strengths **at school**.

A doctor or the therapists write a separate **report describing** the student's difficulties and strengths **related to the diagnosis**.



How do you prepare the request ?

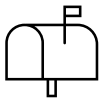


When ?

## When should the VM request be submitted?

**By January 31: School** professionals or parents submit the VM request (with the educational summary) to the SoA (Amt für Sonderpädagogik).

**By February 28:** Doctors or therapists send their reports to the SoA.



Where ?

## Where should the application form be sent?

Amt für Sonderpädagogik (SoA)  
Spitalgasse 3  
1701 Freiburg

## 2. The SoA's recommendation

A group of professionals from the SoA examines the request.

This group is called the Evaluation Team.

The Evaluation Team informs the Special Education Inspector whether the student is considered to have a disability **at school**. This is called a **recommendation**.

The recommendation is sent to the parents by post.

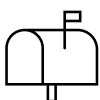
## 3. The right to be heard

**Do the parents not agree** with the Evaluation Team's recommendation?

Do they want to share information with the inspector?

In that case, they can express their views. This is called the **right to be heard**.

The parents have **10 days to contact** the inspector (by phone, email or post).



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## 4. The Special Education Inspector's decision

The Inspector for Special Education decides whether the child will receive a VM. The inspector also decides what type of VM the child will receive.

If the student needs to attend a specialized school, the inspector also chooses the school.

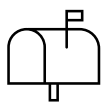
## 5. The right to appeal

**Do the parents not agree** with the decision?

They can communicate it. This is called a **right to appeal**.

The parents have **10 days to write a letter** to the legal department of the BKAD (Direktion für Bildung und kulturelle Angelegenheiten).

The decision is sent to the parents by post.



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Each student with a VM has a **Förderplan** (Individualized Educational Plan). In the Förderplan, the special education teacher sets the student's **learning goals**.

A student with a VM may work on goals that are different from those of the other students in the class.

A student with a VM receives a different type of school report. Written comments may replace grades.



### **For more information:**

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