

The Cycling Proficiency Test

The Cycling Proficiency Test at schools in Baden-Württemberg is an important element in traffic safety education. It is usually carried out in year 4 of the Grundschule and aims to give pupils basic knowledge and skills in using a bicycle.

The Cycling Proficiency Test is made up of a theoretical and a practical part. In the theoretical part, the pupils learn the traffic rules and traffic signs. They learn how to behave correctly in street traffic and the condition that their bicycle needs to be in, if they are to ride it safely in traffic.

In the practical part, the pupils negotiate a parcours on which they need to cope with different traffic situations. The test is carried out by specially trained teachers or police officers.

After successfully completing the Cycling Proficiency Test, the pupils receive a certificate or a cycling licence (Fahrradführerschein). This serves as proof that they have learned the required knowledge and skills to ride a bicycle in street traffic.