



**Germany's Turkish Teachers Association ATÖF and Germany's Turkish parents Association FÖTED inform about the importance of turkish speaking children to learn their mother tongue and culture; and the position of the Turkish language in Germany's education**

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For 60 years Turkish migrant workers have been coming to Germany; by fact Germany has become a country of immigration. After German, Turkish is the second most spoken mother tongue in Germany; Turkish as mother tongue belongs to Germany.

Public Institutions have accepted that Germany meanwhile has become a multi linguistic country. The committee of the federal education departments published a report in 1996 that acknowledges multilingualism as part of German culture and emphasis that the languages of immigrants should be supported. This report was updated in 2013 by this committee and republished by several immigrant associations.

Based on the facts above we have listed our demands below in order to support

Turkish speaking children to learn their mother tongue and culture:

1. Turkish language classes should be established in Kindergarten already.
2. Turkish education in elementary school and middle school; beside Turkish language classes, electives taught in Turkish should be offered. Also, Turkish classes supposed to be evaluated equal other classes and matter equally in order to passing classes.
3. Turkish should be added into the list of offered foreign languages at schools. Turkish should be offered for non Turkish speaking students, too. Turkish should be an elective in the Abitur.
4. To make sure it can be taught properly, it needs specialized teachers Therefore it is required from the federal states to set up new programs to teach Turkish language teachers.
5. The quota at university departments for Turkish language education should be extended instead of being reduced. Therefore we ask to withdraw the closing of the Turkish education department at Hamburg University
6. Set up a comprehensive curriculum for Turkish language classes that is effective for all federal states.