

# **Sustainability in Vocational Education**

**Biodiversity & Travel** 

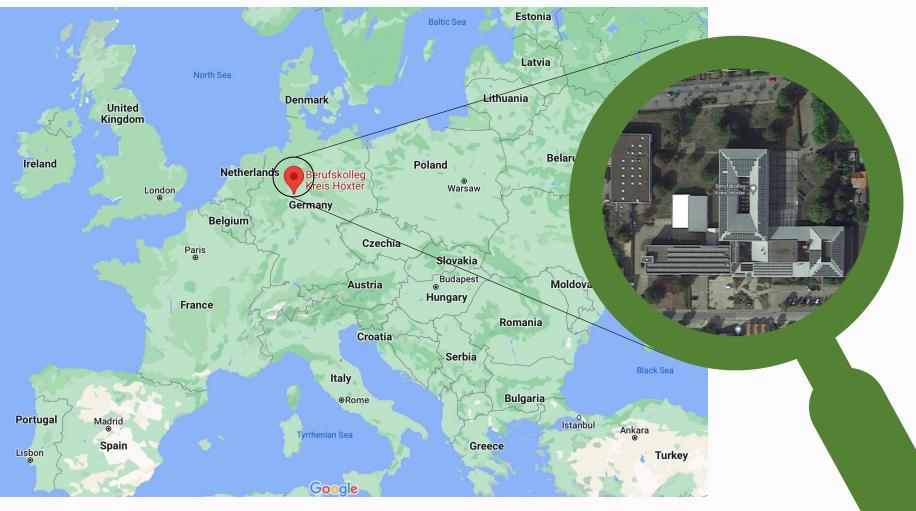


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# **Our School – Berufskolleg Kreis Höxter**





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- 1.722 students
- 95 staff



**Brakel** 

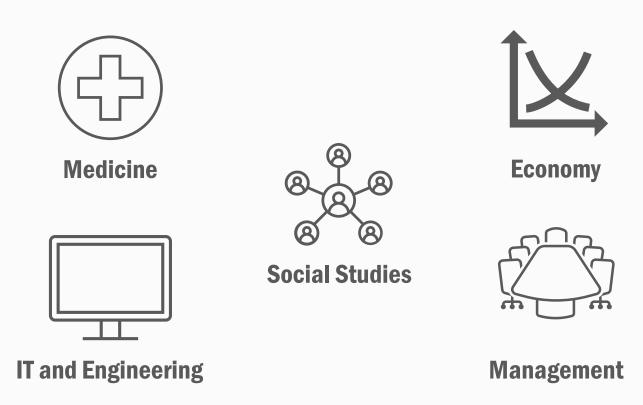


- 662 students
- 41 staff
- 2.384 students
- 136 staff



# **Our School – Berufskolleg Kreis Höxter**

**Five fields of study** 





### **Current project: School garden**

#### before...







## **Current project: School garden**

**Purposes** 





More nature

More sustainability



More user orientation



### **Current project: School garden**

#### after...





## **Current project: School garden**

after...

 $\checkmark$  Only native species of plants

✓ Chill-out-area for students

 $\checkmark$  Habitat for birds and insects

 $\checkmark$  Possibility to do practical (biology) lessons





**Future plans** 

...for the school garden



- Beehives
- Natural nesting aids
- Herbal snail
- Corp plants: Blueberries, Raspberries, Strawberries
- Birdbath



## **Future plans**

#### ... for the school garden



- Transforming the rock garden into a second school garden
  - Increase the consciousness of biodiversity





## **Future plans**

#### ... NABU

What is the NABU (Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union)?

- Oldest and largest environment association in Germany
- Founded in 1899
- Main objectives: preservation of habitats and biodiversity, promotion of sustainability in agriculture, forest management





Future plans

The NABU helps to seed and raise wildflowers...





# Future plans

...NABU

...so we can transform this grassland with trees...







**Future plans** 

... NABU

#### ... into a wildflower meadow for even more biodiversity.



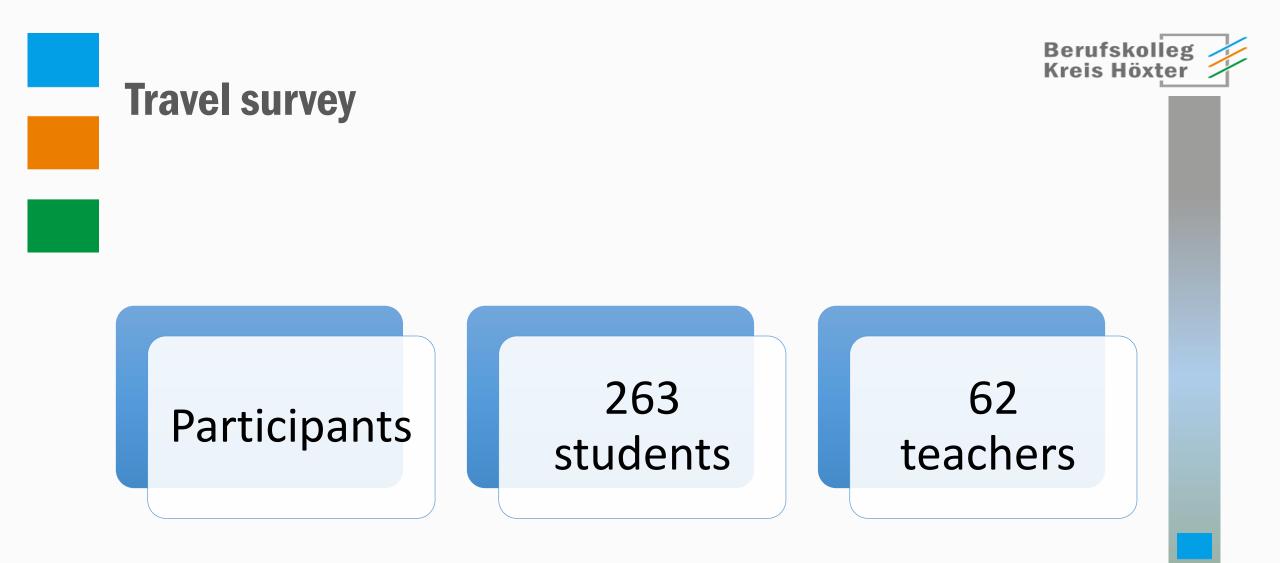


- in classes of domestic science students learn to cook with regional and seasonal products
- in the cafeteria are also selled organic products, Fairtrade coffee
- but also energy drinks and a lot of sweets
- creates a lot of waste



**Future plans** 

- ... Sustainable story telling
- \* conveying information and values about sustainability by telling a story
- well-told story can inspire and bind the reader or listener
- draw attention and raise awareness
- $\succ$  increase the consciousness of biodiversity
- > should be part of the classes (especially language lessons)

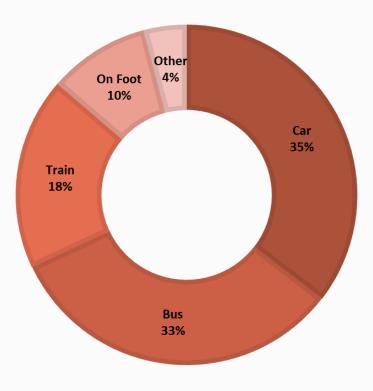


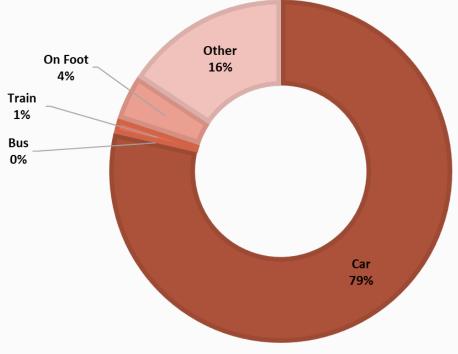


#### Which form of transportation do you use to come to school?

**RESULT STUDENT'S SURVEY** 

**RESULT TEACHER'S SURVEY** 







"No one who could bother me during the ride to school." Especially students say: "No alternatives that could payoff."

"I do not have a car."

# Why have you chosen to use that form of transportation?

"Missing public transport connections." "I feel more comfortable when driving myself."

Some students and teachers named environmental aspects as a reason "flexibility and independence"



"More buses so it's less crowded."

"Better routes."

### What needs to change for you to switch?

"cheaper tickets"

"Better public transport connections."

"charging station for e-bikes"

"Better cycle path."



## The "9€ Ticket"

- valid for all regional forms of transportation
- costs 9€ per month
- only available from june-august to relieve the high costs due to inflation
- crowded trains and bus







## - the cheap ticket makes it more likely to use public transport





## - but it is used more in bigger cities and by younger people

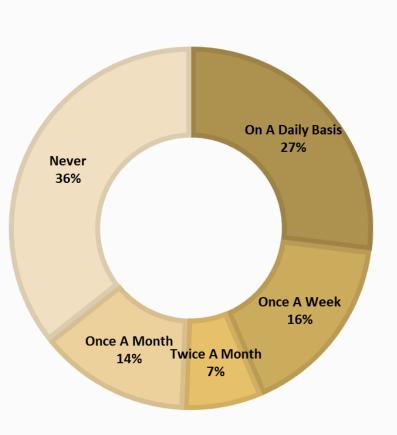
#### 9€-Ticket – Wer profitiert am meisten?



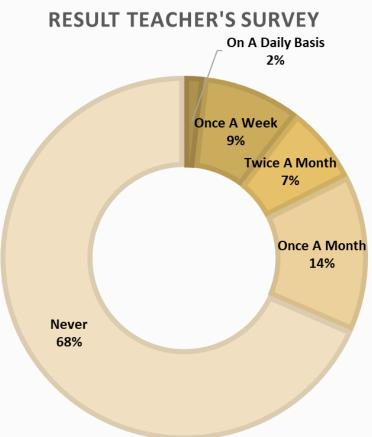
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#### How often have you used the 9€ ticket?



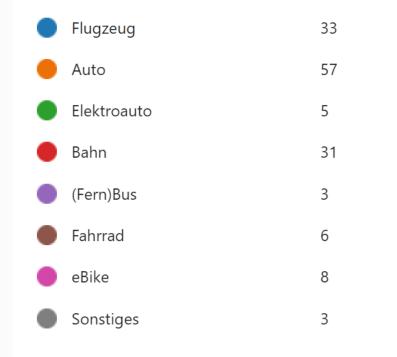
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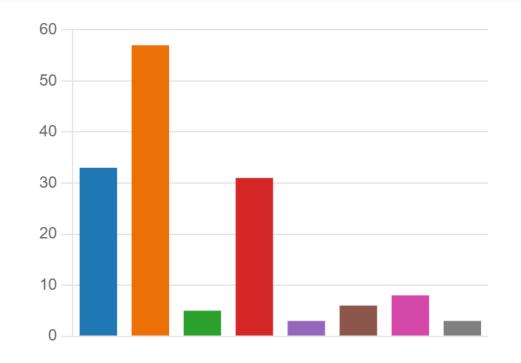




#### A survey

### - teachers were also asked how they travel on holidays







## **Charging stations for electric cars**

- Several charing stations around our school
- Staff can use them free of charge
- Often used by students





### **Charging stations for electric cars**



- Initially only the headmaster had an electric car
- In June we have already seen 10 to 12 e-cars in front of the charging stations
- The number of students using the charging stations is still increasing



## **Class trips**

Last year the 12<sup>th</sup> grade of the vocational high school traveled to the Lake **Garda by train** 





- 778 km
- 30 320 g CO<sub>2</sub>
- Starting from 250€ •
- ca. 13 h

> 545 760 g CO<sub>2</sub> had been saved



# **Thank You For Your Attention!**

