

*Una mappa della didattica dell'italiano nel sistema educativo svizzero*

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ABSTRACT

This contribution focuses on the teaching of Italian within the Swiss educational System. Italian is a minority language in Switzerland and is taught as an L1 in the traditionally Italian-speaking territory, where it is the language of teaching as well as a mandatory subject. This contributes to the high degree of vitality of Italian as a territorial language. In the German-, French- and Romansh-speaking territories, Italian is taught as an L2; however, with much lower priority with respect to the majority national languages German and French and the global language English. Within obligatory education, the teaching of Italian is generally limited to the status of an optional subject. With the exception of the trilingual Canton of Grisons, competences in Italian are not generalized and are therefore not part of the multilingual repertoire of the Swiss population outside the Italian-speaking territory.