

Instruction of Future Russian Teachers in the GDR (1970)

Abstract

In the GDR the state directed and controlled all education. The goal was to shape “socialist personalities;” future career paths often were decided in grade school. While learning Russian was obligatory for all students in the GDR, a network of schools existed for gifted students, where they were trained in special skills such as the Russian language from an early age on [*R-Schulen*]. This photo shows Russian language instruction at a specialized high school for future Russian teachers at Wickersdorf, East Germany. Photo by Peter Liebers.

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