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# School route map

VS BIPS-Krones, Graz

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## Foreword

This school route plan was created in cooperation with the AUVA (Allgemeine Unfallversicherungsanstalt – General Accident Insurance Institution), the KfV (Kuratorium für Verkehrssicherheit – Austrian Road Safety Board), the school management, and the city of Graz.

### The first path to independence!

The journey to school is much more than just a way children have to walk. It is the first path to mobile independence – a journey full of discovery, an adventure and at the same time a joint project. A first educational trail for a safe and self-confident mobility in the day-to-day life in the city. The school route maps can help to make these first experiences safe and to recognize and avoid danger zones. We hope this is a motivation and help for parents, as well as for children, so that the journey to school can be seen as an enrichment and can be met with joy.

Yours, City of Graz

## School route map

Dear parents! The way to school is often the first journey that children make on their own on foot. Not only is it fun and healthy, but it also reduces car traffic in school areas.

It is important to us that your child gets to school and home safely. One measure to increase the safety on the way to school is this school route plan, which shows safe walking routes to the primary school and is intended to support you in training the school route with your child. If something should happen: School children are insured against accidents with AUVA free of charge.

If your child has an accident on the way to school or on the way home from school – regardless of whether the journey was made on foot, by bus, by scooter or other means of transport – please inform the school administration. They will report the accident to us.  
**Yours, AUVA**



## Primary school

The VS BIPS-Krones elementary school is located between Münzgrabenstraße and Kastelfeldgasse. The school entrance is located in Kastelfeldgasse.

In the close vicinity of the school, there are mostly sidewalks on both sides of the streets. Ideally, children should cross busy roads at points equipped with traffic lights.

Children using public transport should, if possible, avoid Jakominiplatz as a transfer point. Children arriving by car cannot be dropped off directly in front of the school in Kastelfeldgasse. On school days, from 07:15 a.m. to 07:45 a.m., a school street regulation („Schulstraße“) is in effect in this area and driving is therefore not permitted.

Parents are kindly requested to have their children get out in the designated parent drop-off zones („Elternhaltestellen“) in Schießstattgasse and in Brockmannngasse during this time.

## AUVA tips for getting to school

### Move actively together

Walk with your child as much as possible! Show and explain to them how to behave correctly in traffic. Only through practice will your child gain confidence.



### Be a role model!

Children learn through observation and imitation. Cross only when the traffic light is green, so even the youngest children internalize the right behavior in traffic.

### Good visibility for everyone

Choose well-visible crossing points, where there is good view for everyone. Your child must be able to see the drivers – the drivers must be able to see your child. Avoid visual obstructions such as curves, parked cars, and bushes. Never cross in front of or behind a bus!



### Stop – Look – Go

„Stop“ before every crossing is the most important rule for your child. Before every crossing – even at traffic lights and zebra crossings – consciously look both ways. Also, look over your shoulder and watch out for possible turning vehicles. Only cross when the road is clear, or the drivers stop!

### Rolling to school

Also practice the route to school with the scooter (the use alone is permitted from the age of eight). Sidewalks are allowed, bike paths and roads are off-limits. It's important to ride slowly and show consideration for pedestrians. Before each crossing point remember: Stop in time and look in advance! Don't forget the bike helmet!

### Visibility

Reflective materials and high-visibility vests increase visibility, not only at dusk and in poor visibility, but also during the day. Make sure these are worn!



### Avoid a hectic pace

Plan enough time in the morning! A stressed-out child is distracted and mistakes can easily happen.



**1**

**Jakominiplatz:**

If possible, avoid this square because it is very busy. Always pay attention to tramways; they always have the right of way! Do not cross the road between stationary buses or tramways. You could be overlooked easily when doing so. Best cross when you have a clear view of the road.



**2**

**Pedestrian crossing at Ortweinplatz:**

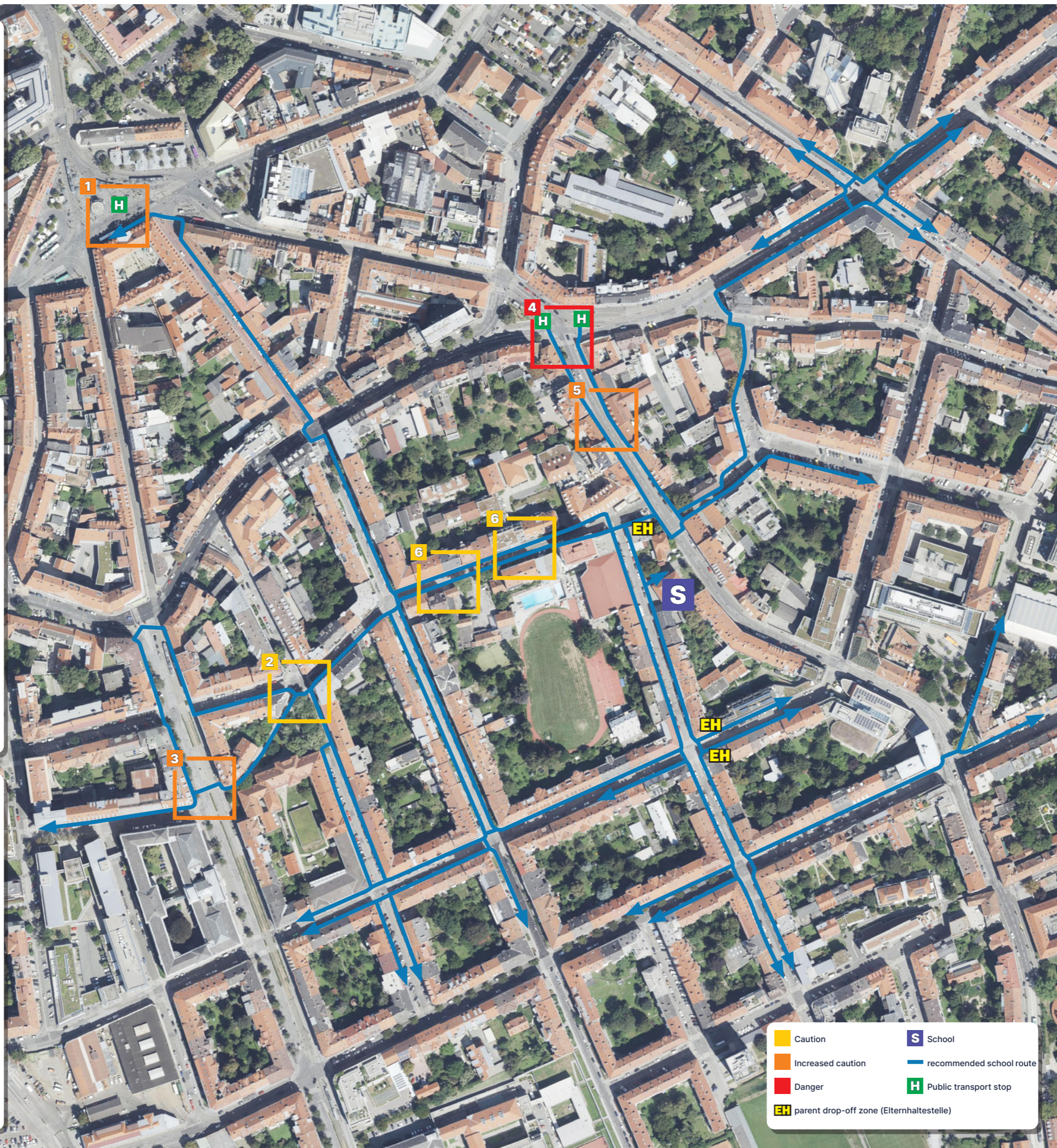
You have to cross two roads when using the zebra crossing at this point. Stop at the side of the road and look in both directions, as usual. First, cross one road and stop before crossing the second one. Look in both directions once more. You may only cross if the road is clear or the cars have stopped for you.



**3**

**Conrad-v.-Hötzendorf-Str., in the area of the tax revenue service ("Finanzamt"):**

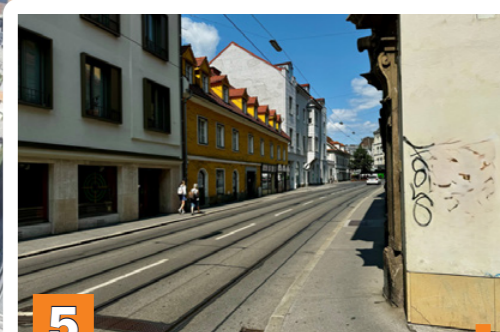
Here, you have to apply caution three times: When crossing the road, the tramway line and the bicycle path. Stop before crossing every single road section and look in both directions. Pay special attention to tramways. You are safer on the road if you use the traffic lights at Grazbachgasse!



**4**

**Dietrichsteinplatz:**

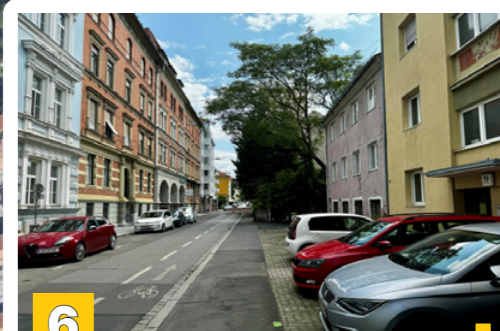
Avoid using the zebra crossing to cross Münzgrabenstraße! Traffic is very heavy at this point and the road is very wide. You should walk all the way to the school and cross the road at the push-button traffic light. Wait until your light has turned green and the cars have stopped. This route is indeed slightly longer, but much safer.



**5**

**Münzgrabenstraße:**

Lots of people are walking here and the pavement is very narrow in places. Walk as close as possible to the walls of the buildings. When walking with other children, walk behind one another. Under no circumstances step onto the road! If a lorry or bus is approaching, stop in a wider area and wait until it has passed, if possible.



**6**

**Schießstattgasse - parked cars:**

Pay attention when passing behind the back of parked cars. If someone is sitting behind the steering wheel and the tail lights are illuminated in white, the car is about to reverse out of its parking space. In case you are not sure whether the car's driver has seen you or not, better stop and let the car reverse out of its parking space.

Caution	School
Increased caution	recommended school route
Danger	Public transport stop
parent drop-off zone (Elternhaltestelle)	