

The Parity School in Ladinia: How a Language Minority Preserves its Own Language(s) as well as Italian and German.

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In the shadow of the major national languages Italian and German, which each have their own schools in the Autonomous Province of Bolzano-Bozen (Italy), the Ladin language minority has created its own school system that has increasingly become a showcase for successful multilingual education. In addition to Italian and German, the minority language(s) Ladin (Badia Valley idiom) and Ladin (Gardena Valley idiom) are consistently promoted in Ladin kindergartens and schools across all school levels. By the end of their school careers Ladin pupils are stably trilingual. This approach is now already being applied to bilingual learning in the Italian and German schools of South Tyrol and beyond.