**What "School Induction Areas" Mean in Berlin**

These regions you're seeing (called **"Schuleinzugsbereiche"** in German) are **official catchment zones**. They determine **which elementary school a child is assigned to** based on their registered home address.

**So, in practice:**

* For **primary school (Grundschule)**:
  + Your child is usually **automatically assigned** to the school in your induction area.
  + This is considered your "**Einzugsschule**" (zoned school).
  + Parents can request a different school, but approval depends on **available space** and **priority rules** (siblings, special needs, etc.).
* For **secondary school (Oberschule, Gymnasium, etc.)**:
  + Catchment areas are **less strict** — there's more parental choice, though some schools are in high demand and may have selection criteria (grades, distance, etc.).

**Why This Matters for Your Project**

These **induction areas** are key if you're:

* Showing **school distribution by region**
* Comparing **social/demographic data per area**
* Highlighting which areas are underserved, overcrowded, etc.
* Making the app **useful for parents** who want to know:

"Where will my kid be assigned based on our address?"