

Benefits for education and participation in day-care centres, schools and leisure activities

Who do I need to contact?

For personal visits, recipients of citizen money ("Bürgergeld") should go to the counter of their respective Jobcentre location (Mölln, Ratzeburg, Schwarzenbek or Geesthacht).

All applications are processed centrally at the Mölln location:

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(Jobcenter Duchy of Lauenburg)
Team Bildung und Teilhabe
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If you are a recipient of **social welfare assistance, housing benefit, child supplement or asylum seeker benefits**, the local social welfare offices or housing benefit offices and authorities at municipal level are responsible for you.

Detailed information and application forms are available for download on the Jobcenter website (www.jobcenter-ge.de) as well as on the website of the District of the Duchy of Lauenburg (www.kreis-rz.de).

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Education & Participation



That's how easy it is!

Parents have the opportunity to apply for additional financial support for their children from the state. The education package ("Bildungspaket") promotes and supports children and young people from families on low incomes. The aim of the education package is to enable children to participate in necessary educational opportunities and to ensure social participation.



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Which benefits are included in the "Bildungspaket" (educational package)?

Excursions and trips with schools, day care centres and day nurseries for children

Costs for joint excursions and trips for several days, such as school trips, are covered, with the exception of pocket money.

Lunch at school, in day care centres, day nurseries and after-school care centres

The costs of lunch taken together in the group are covered.

School supplies

For school supplies such as school bags or writing material, a lump sum of € 130.00 is paid for the first half of the school year on 1st August of the year in question, and 65,00 € are provided for the second half of the year on 1st February of the year in question. Deviations in payment dates are possible.

Learning support

If a pupil's achievement of the main learning goals is at risk, the costs for learning support may be covered. However, this learning support must be necessary, adequate and suitable.



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Pupil transport

The costs for a pupil's transport may be covered if the costs are not already covered elsewhere and if the school is more than two kilometres (1st-4th grade) or more than 4 kilometres (5th-13th grade) away, while the pupil does not live in the school town. This also applies to courses of education or profiles that are not offered at the nearest school, e.g. Waldorf School, Ev. Schule Gülzow (a Protestant school), schools with a scientific, musical, bilingual or sports profile as well as vocational training centres. In individual cases, a personal conversation is recommended.

Benefits for participation in social and cultural life in the community

Subsidies are available for activities in the area of sports, games, culture and socialising, lessons in artistic subjects and activities that promote leisure activities for children and young people in their peer groups, such as club memberships, music lessons, swimming courses or camps. 15.00 € per person and month are available for this purpose. This amount may be divided among various offers or saved for a larger activity.



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Who may claim these benefits?

Children, adolescents and young adults who receive one of the following benefits:

- Citizen money ("Bürgergeld") as per German Social Code Book II ("Sozialgesetzbuch", "SGB II")
- Social welfare assistance ("SGB II")
- Housing benefit or child supplement (§ 6 b "BKGG"; "Bundeskindergeldgesetz"; Federal Child Benefits Act)
- Asylum seeker benefits (§ 2 or 3 "AsylbLG", "Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz", Asylum Seekers Benefits Act)

Those who do not receive any of the above-mentioned benefits but cannot cover the costs for education and participation themselves have the opportunity to have their individual entitlement to education and participation benefits reviewed.

The entitlement to benefits applies to children, adolescents and young adults up to the age of 25 (completed 25 years). Needs for education are only taken into account for pupils who attend a general or vocational school and who do not receive a vocational training pay. Benefits for participation in social and cultural life in their peer groups are subsidised up to the age of 18 (completed 18 years).