

# The Hamburg Education Package

Hamburg's children and young people can benefit from the education package.

## Do you receive / are you entitled to

- Benefits according to Social Security Code II (unemployment benefit II or social benefit)
- Benefits according to Social Security Code XII (income support or basic social security)
- Benefits according to the German Asylum Seekers Benefits Act
- Housing benefit
- Child benefit according to the Federal Child Benefit Act

Then you and your children may be entitled to the following additional benefits:

- **Excursions and trips with schools, nurseries, childcare centres, educational lunch clubs and childminders**  
The costs will be assumed.
- **Learning materials for pupils**  
School pupils receive 100 euros per year for learning materials – 70 euros at the beginning of the year and 30 euros in February.
- **School travel expenses**  
The required travel costs to the nearest school at an appropriate distance are assumed. Pupil transport cost regulations apply.
- **Lunch in schools, nurseries, childcare centres and with childminders**  
Costs for school lunches will be assumed for all benefits recipients.  
(Lunches in Hamburg nurseries are free for all children).
- **Learning support**  
Pupils who, in the school's opinion, would otherwise not achieve the key learning objectives can receive extra tuition.
- **Cultural, music and sports activities / equipment for these activities**  
Maximum 10 euros paid per month for membership fees or similar for cultural, music, sports activities / clubs or purchase or hire of equipment for such activities.

## Special notes for recipients of housing benefit and child benefit:

To ensure that benefits are paid, please submit a copy of your latest notification of housing benefit / child benefit to your social welfare authority or social services centre.

## Where can you apply for this service?

You can apply for the benefits for **cultural, music and sports activities** by presenting your proof of benefits entitlement (letter of notification) directly to the provider/facility. If you would like to use the benefit for purchasing **equipment**, you must present your application to the benefits provider and then send this completed by post to: Eimsbüttel district authority, Grindelberg 62-66, 20144 Hamburg.

Benefits for **personal school requirements /materials** are provided automatically. If your child is under 7 or older than 15 years you must apply for this at the office responsible for you:

- the job centre (for persons eligible for benefits in accordance with Social Security Code II)
- the social welfare authority / social services centre of your local authority (others).

Please apply for these benefits directly at the school:

- **School lunches**
- **Extra tuition**
- **Transport costs**

Costs for **school day trips or excursions lasting several days** need to be certified by the school on the cost confirmation form. This form then needs to be handed in to the office responsible for you. Persons eligible for benefits in accordance with Social Security Code II (SGB II) must send the application for day trips direct to: Eimsbüttel district authority, Grindelberg 62-66, 20144 Hamburg. Benefits for **day trips or excursions lasting several days with nurseries**, childcare centres or as part of childminder care should be applied for directly with the facility / relevant day care persons.

For **free lunches** in nurseries, childcare centres or with childminders, please submit your proof of benefits entitlement (letter of notification) when applying for the nursery voucher at your local authority.

## Further information available from:

- Your child's school
- On the internet on: [www.hamburg.de/bildungspaket](http://www.hamburg.de/bildungspaket)
- Hamburg Service hotline: Tel. 040 - 428 280