



The Hamburg educational package

Hamburg children, young people and young adults can benefit from educational and participation package.

You already receive or you are entitled to ...

- Benefits in accordance with the Social Code, book II (unemployment benefit II or income support)
- Benefits in accordance with Social Code, book XII (social welfare or basic income)
- Benefits as part of the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act
- Housing benefit
- Child benefit in accordance with the Federal Child Benefit Act.

Then you or your child may receive the following additional benefits:

- **Funding for excursions and trips with school, nursery and day-care centre**
- **School supplies for school children**
A grant of a total of 150 Euro is paid to school children each year for study materials. Of this 100 Euro is paid at the beginning of each school year and 50 Euro at the beginning of the second half of the school year.
- **Cost of school transport**
The necessary travel costs to the nearest school for the selected course of education will be paid, depending on the distance. Student fare regulations apply.
- **Funding for lunchtime meals in school, nursery and day-care centre**
- **Learning support**
School children will receive free additional support (extra tuition), if the school considers that there is a risk that essential learning objectives will not be achieved.
- **Culture, music, sport, leisure-time activities and items of equipment**
Grants for membership fees, registration fees or similar fees for community cultural, musical, sport opportunities, leisure-time activities or the purchase or hire of items of equipment for these activities at a rate of 15 Euro per month.

Special instructions for those in receipt of housing benefit and child benefit:

For the benefit to be granted please provide the relevant up-to-date information about housing benefit or child benefit as a copy from your relevant authority for basic income and social affairs or the social services centre.

How will you receive these benefits?

- **Excursions and trips with school, nursery and day-care centre**
If the particular institution does not cover the costs directly with the administration, please proceed as follows:
 - For **one-day excursions** please provide evidence of the costs on the “Cost confirmation form” (you can get this on the internet from www.hamburg.de/bildungspaket or from the relevant authority). If you receive benefits in accordance with the Social Code, book II, please send the form to the relevant authority for basic income and social affairs, Accounts Department, Eimsbüttel District Office, Grindelberg 62-66, 20144 Hamburg. If you should receive other benefits, please submit the form to the authority for basic income and social affairs or social services centre in your district.
 - For **trips which last several days** please submit the cost confirmation form either to the appropriate job centre (for Social Code, book II benefit receipt) or to the relevant authority for basic income and social affairs and the social services centre (for other benefit receipt).

➤ **School supplies**

The benefits for personal school supplies are usually provided automatically. As long as your child is below 7 or over 15 years of age or you receive housing benefit or child benefit, you must prove attendance at school by providing a school certificate to the relevant authority for you. For those entitled to benefits in accordance with the Social Code, book II this is the appropriate job centre and for those entitled to other benefits it is the authority for basic income and social affairs and the social services centre in your district office.

➤ **Cost of school transport, lunchtime meals in schools and learning support**

You will receive these three benefits direct through your child's school. For further information please contact the school office.

➤ **Lunchtime meals in nurseries and day-care centres**

Please provide proof of entitlement to benefits when applying for nursery vouchers or day-care centre approval.

➤ **Culture, music, sport, leisure-time activities and items of equipment**

Here there is a difference, depending on whether the activity costs more or less than 15 Euro per month.

▪ **The activity/items of equipment costs less than 15 Euro per month:**

You must have participation in the activity you have found confirmed by the service provider and fill in the so-called participation form (you can get this on the internet from www.hamburg.de/bildungspaket or from the relevant authority). Send the form to Eimsbüttel District Office, Grindelberg 62-66, 20144 Hamburg. You will then receive 15 Euro per month and you must pay the service provider yourself with this money. The selected activity may also be free of charge (e.g. free football training) and your child uses the money for purchasing the necessary items of equipment (e.g. football boots) or attending a leisure-time activity.

▪ **The activity/items of equipment costs 15 Euro or more per month:**

In these cases you can contact the service provider, who is offering the activity direct (for example, sports club). In this case you will need to prove your entitlement to benefits (provision of approval or brief information). The 15 Euro is then invoiced direct to the authorities by the service provider. If the activity costs more than 15 Euro, you must pay the difference yourself.

For further information contact

- your child's school
- at www.hamburg.de/bildungspaket,
- or by telephone to the Hamburg Service, telephone 040 - 115.