

All-day schooling in Hamburg

Hamburg's schools offer all-day education and supervision

Dear Parents,

All-day schooling in Hamburg's schools has been a success story over the last ten years. All Hamburg's schools offer children and young people up to the age of 14 free, high-quality, all-day education and supervision from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition, supervision is also possible during off-peak hours and during the holidays. Since 2012, the number of children taking part in the full-day programme has been increasing every year. 94 percent of primary school children now use one of the supervision offers. I am very pleased about this positive development.

Hamburg has been practicing for years what the federal government will only make a legal right from 2026. The structural foundations for all-day schooling in Hamburg's schools are now well developed. The City of Hamburg has spent a lot of money on this: we have built over 260 canteens and refectories since 2011; broad-based support programmes have helped schools to make their rooms and other facilities even better suited to the needs of children and young people; staffing levels have also improved significantly in recent years.

We will continue to work on improving all-day provision at Hamburg's schools in the future. The quality criteria set out in the school quality orientation framework for all-day schooling serve as guidelines for this. These will be regularly checked by the school inspectorate in the future. The parents' perspective is regularly incorporated into the quality development process via the all-day schooling committee set up a few years ago. As part of quality development, the opportunities for children and young people to participate and help shape the provision are also taken into account. The good cooperation between the school and the many partners who contribute to the all-day programme, e.g., child and youth welfare providers, sports clubs and cultural institutions, is equally important.

With their support, all-day schooling in Hamburg offers a wide range of leisure, hobby and support activities in addition to lessons. The children can try their hand at sports, music, crafts, art and theatre without pressure, explore their creativity and learn how to use digital media. Their needs for free play, relaxation and retreat are also addressed. Last but not least, they experience community and have time to make and maintain friendships.

As part of the all-day programme, pupils also have the opportunity to complete their homework at school. More time is available for better, more targeted support for the children. Social workers, educators and other educational specialists support the teachers at the school.

In this way, all-day schooling at Hamburg's schools contributes significantly to parents being able to better combine family and work.

This leaflet provides information about the various options for all-day activities.

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All-day schooling offers at Hamburg's schools

As part of the all-day programme at Hamburg's schools, pupils receive high-quality education and support beyond lessons. It offers your children development and learning opportunities in line with their own interests and needs. Extracurricular all-day provision can also have a positive impact on your child's learning. Free space and shared activities throughout the day enable children and young people to have satisfying social relationships and maintain friendships.

The following applies to all forms of all-day schooling at Hamburg's schools: The core hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. are always free to use (the only exception is the preschool class). There are also supervision services available before 8 a.m., after 4 p.m. and during the holidays. They can also be booked without your child being registered for the core hours. Fees apply for these additional times. Discounts are possible depending on your family situation and income. From preschool up to the 4th grade, the price of lunch is also adjusted according to family situation and income.

If there is a very low requirement for all-day programmes at individual schools, the school organises these together with other schools.

The following all-day schooling options are available:

All-day provision at primary schools in collaboration with a youth welfare provider: **GBS**

- ➔ Classes five days a week from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ➔ All-day education and supervision provision five days a week from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and during the holidays by a cooperation partner at the school.
- ➔ Voluntary participation in extra-curricular education and supervision provision. Children registered for the core hours can make use of supervision on at least three days of their choice until at least 3 p.m.

All-day provision at all school types provided by the school: **GTS**

The open all-day school

- ➔ Classes five days a week from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. At secondary schools, lessons usually extend beyond 1 p.m. on one or more days.
- ➔ All-day education and supervision provision five days a week from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., extracurricular provision from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and during the holidays by the school, if necessary, in collaboration with a child and youth welfare service provider.
- ➔ Voluntary participation in extra-curricular education and supervision provision.

Combined all-day schooling

- ➔ Lessons and leisure activities spread throughout the day, five days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ➔ Mandatory participation during core hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on four days.
- ➔ Supplementary all-day provision on the fifth day. Participation is voluntary.
- ➔ Early supervision from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., late supervision from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and holiday supervision by the school, if necessary, in collaboration with a child and youth welfare service provider.

Part-combined all-day schooling

- ➔ Lessons and leisure activities spread throughout the day, up to five days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ➔ Compulsory participation in the core hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on less than four days and open provision on the other days, or compulsory participation in the core hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on four days only for some of the pupils (as with combined all-day provision) and open provision for other pupils (such as open all-day schooling).
- ➔ Participation in the open provision is voluntary.
- ➔ Early supervision from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., late supervision from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and holiday supervision by the school, if necessary, in collaboration with a child and youth welfare service provider.

All-day provision at secondary schools

Secondary school pupils can take advantage of full-day programmes up to the age of 14.

At district schools you can generally have your child supervised after class until 4 p.m. If there is sufficient demand, late supervision is provided by the district school itself. The same applies to holiday supervision. If not enough pupils register, provision in the school environment can be used, e.g., supervision at a nearby school. If necessary, early supervision is offered by the district school from 7 a.m.; before 7 a.m., supervision is provided in a neighbouring primary school.

All secondary schools offer educational and supervision services until 4 p.m. These usually include optional courses and homework help. If you need additional supervision for your children before 8 a.m., after 4 p.m. or during the holidays, this will usually be provided in a neighbouring school.

Holiday supervision

Up to 11 holiday weeks and a so-called base week can be booked. You don't have to commit to specific holiday periods at first, just book the number of holiday weeks you probably need. You can clarify the exact period later with the school or the cooperation partner.

The **holiday weeks** can be taken individually or consecutively. Supervision can begin on any day of the week during the holidays. The booked holiday week then ends on the 7th day (example: start on a Thursday – end on a Wednesday).

The **base week** includes six days of supervision that you can use flexibly during the holidays. They can be used on individual holiday days or consecutively. The base week must be paid in full even if you do not use all six days.

Schools and providers can close for up to four weeks during the holidays. During this time, holiday supervision can be provided at a local school if required.

Fees for education and supervision services outside of core hours

The core hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. are free for everyone (except preschool class). Fees are charged for additional supervision times. The supervision services generally have to be booked for an entire school year. Fees are calculated for one school year and then collected monthly to spread the costs evenly. For example, a week of holiday supervision from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. costs 90 euros, payable in twelve monthly instalments of 7.50 euros each.

The following table shows the monthly costs for the individual services:

Supervision times	1st to 8th grade monthly fees (100%)	Preschool class monthly fees (100%) plus surcharge, if applicable (see below)
6 a.m. to 7 a.m.	30 euros	12 euros
7 a.m. to 8 a.m.	30 euros	12 euros
1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (core hours)	free of charge	5 euros (fixed minimum fee, no discount)
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.	30 euros	12 euros
5 p.m. to 6 p.m.	30 euros	12 euros
1 week holiday period from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	7.50 euros/90 euros per year	3 euros/36 euros per year
1 week holiday period from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 euros/120 euros per year	4 euros/48 euros per year

How the fees are calculated as follows (see also page 5):

The fees are divided into five levels: 100% (maximum rate), 75%, 50%, 30% or 20%. These discounts also apply to lunch up to the 4th grade. They depend on the family's net income and the number of family members. If you would like to claim a reduction in fees, please state your net income. A form is available to you in the school office or online to determine your monthly income. When calculating income, the family should include: the supervised child, guardians and their other children if they live in the same household as the supervised child or if maintenance is paid for them.

You can find out which family income is used to calculate the fee in your case on our homepage (www.hamburg.de/infos-fuer-eltern/). You can then use the fee calculator to check whether you can claim a reduction in fees or lunch costs.

Child discount: You only pay the full fee for the youngest child. If this child supervision attracts a fee, you pay a third of the fee for the second youngest child. For each additional child you only pay a fifth of the fee. It doesn't matter whether the supervision takes place in a daycare centre (even for 5 hours), with a childminder or at school. These reliefs also apply to those paying the highest rate.

Hamburg education package: If you receive state benefits and your child is eligible for the education and participation package, then lunch, six weeks of holiday supervision and all supervision services in the preschool class are free.

Sample calculations

Booked supervision times:

- During term time from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. (max. fee: €30/month)
- During term time from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (max. fee: €30/month)
- During the holidays, 8 weeks, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (max. fee: €10/holiday week = €80/month)

Total supervision costs: max. €140/month

Calculation for a single parent with one child

Family size: 2 members

Net income: €1,400/month

20% of 140 euros = €28/month

plus 87 cents/lunch at primary school

(= 20% of e.g. €4.35 per meal)

Calculation for a family with two children

Family size: 4 people

Net income: €2,500/month

75% of 140 euros = €105/month

plus 3.26 euros/lunch at primary school

(= 75% of e.g. €4.35 per meal)

The following income levels are used to calculate the fees:

Number of family members:

2 e.g. mother + 1 child			3 e.g. parents + 1 child or father + 2 children			4 e.g. parents + 2 children or father + 3 children			5 e.g. parents + 3 children or mother + 4 children			6 e.g. parents + 4 children		
from	to	%	from	to	%	from	to	%	from	to	%	from	to	%
less than	1,450	20%	less than	1,550	20%	less than	1,750	20%	less than	2,000	20%	less than	2,200	20%
1,451	1,800	30%	1,551	1,850	30%	1,751	2,000	30%	2,001	2,200	30%	2,201	2,400	30%
1,801	2,100	50%	1,851	2,150	50%	2,001	2,300	50%	2,201	2,450	50%	2,401	2,600	50%
2,101	2,400	75%	2,151	2,450	75%	2,301	2,550	75%	2,451	2,700	75%	2,601	2,850	75%
more than	2,400	100%	more than	2,450	100%	more than	2,550	100%	more than	2,700	100%	more than	2,850	100%

Supplement for preschool children only:

2,401	2,600	100%	2,451	2,650	100%	2,551	2,750	100%	2,701	2,900	100%	2,851	3,050	100%
2,601	2,750	100%+€30	2,651	2,800	100%+€30	2,751	2,900	100%+€30	2,901	3,000	100%+€30	3,051	3,150	100%+€30
2,751	2,850	100%+€60	2,801	2,900	100%+€60	2,901	3,000	100%+€60	3,001	3,100	100%+€60	3,151	3,250	100%+€60
2,851	2,950	100%+€90	2,901	3,000	100%+€90	3,001	3,100	100%+€90	3,101	3,200	100%+€90	more than	3,250	100%+€90
more than	2,950	100%+max. €120	more than	3,000	100%+max. €120	more than	3,100	100%+max. €120	more than	3,200	100%+max. €120			

Note:

For a family size of more than six people, the fee is reduced to 20 percent in all cases, regardless of income.

Fees for preschoolers (see also page 5):

A special feature is the fee for the supervision of pupils in preschool classes. A basic fee of 5 euros per month must be paid for supervision from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Supplements of up to 120 euros must be paid above a certain income limit (see table above: supplement only for preschool children). The reason for this is that the fees for afternoon supervision are the same as those for daycare. The fees for off-peak and holiday periods are lower than in grades 1 to 8 (see table).

Lunch

Your children can eat lunch every day at all state schools. To do this, the schools work with a school catering provider (caterer). The quality of the lunch is based on the "Quality Standard for School Meals" of the German Nutrition Society. The school and the caterer will inform you about lunch and the specific procedures on site. Arrangements can be made with the caterer regarding any special requirements for your child's lunch (necessary special diet, intolerances, other diet, cultural and religious eating habits).

During lunch, the pupils are supervised in an age-appropriate manner. You can give regular feedback on lunch and expect feedback on this.

There is a maximum price limit for the lunch offered, which the caterer may not exceed. This was 4.35 euros for parents in the 2023/24 school year and is adjusted annually. The price of lunch can be discounted up to the 4th grade. The same requirements and percentages apply here as for the supervision fees (see above).

Your child can also only take part in lunch and, if necessary, receive a reduction in the lunch price. When you register, it will be determined how much the caterer will charge you for a portion of food.

Register for all-day schooling

To take part in the all-day provision and additional supervision services, register your child for the coming school year between February and 31 May at the latest. Bookings for supervision services are generally valid for one school year. All bookings except core hours can be changed. The change will then take effect in the quarter after next. Short-term changes are only possible if the school or cooperation partner agrees. If there is a change, the fees will be adjusted accordingly.

You can either use the online service or the appropriate form to register and make changes. Please contact your child's school for further information.

Our online service and further online information:



[www.hamburg.de/
infos-fuer-eltern/](http://www.hamburg.de/infos-fuer-eltern/)



<https://serviceportal.hamburg.de/HamburgGateway/Service/Entry/GANZTAG>

Do you have any questions? Please feel free to contact the

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