

Offers of support in education sector – „Bildungspaket“ (education package)

Children and juveniles in need of support do have a legal right to participate – in day trips and lunch in kindergarten and school, in music, sports and games in associations and groups. The education package of the Federal Government is supporting 2.5 million children and juveniles, whose parents are covered financially due to SGBII (unemployment benefit or social benefit) or get financial support due to § 2 AsylbLG, social assistance, child supplement or housing benefit. Therefore it is opening better chances of living and development. Everybody who gets support due to § 3 AsylbLG, is also allowed to have entitlement to the education package.

Offerings:

- Lunch in kindergarten, school and afterschool care: a grant for the meal in the group is given, if extra costs are required. The injection of own resources remaining is 1€ per day and meal.
- Promoting learning: pupils in need of support are able to take promoting learning, if the main learning objective can be reached. Condition is, that school confirms the need and no similar offers from school itself are given.
- Culture, sports, taking part: children in need of support should not be excluded from taking part in sports, games and culture. Therefore it is possible to get a monthly support for music or sports club up to 10 €.
- School material and day trips: To make sure, that children in need of support own the proper learning material, families get a subsidy twice a school year: at the beginning of the school year they get 70 € and in the following February 30 € - all in all 100 €. In addition an assumption of costs of one day trips in school or kindergarten is given. Class trips over several days are paid as before.
- School transport: Especially those who are attending a secondary school often do have a long school way. It is possible that these costs are being paid.

The payment method should be as uncomplicated as possible. The districts and independent towns take the costs, for example they give a coupon or they transfer the money directly to the provider(e.g. membership fee of a club). The concrete method can differ in detail.

- Recipients of unemployment benefit II or social benefit have to talk to the Jobcenter for offers of the education package. There they can make a request and the money is transferred monthly to their account.
- For families who are recipients of social benefit, housing benefit, children benefit or offerings due to AsylbLG, the „Landkreisverwaltung“ is responsible.