

Information Sheet on Benefits for Education and Social Participation

When your social benefits have been approved, you can claim the following costs from the education and social participation package:

➤ **School Supplies Package**

For a school bag, exercise books, pens and pencils, sports equipment, etc. amounting in total to €100.00 by 01/08 and €50.00 by 01/02 of the school year. The amount will be adjusted annually beginning in 2020/21 and is based on the applicable standard support requirement levels.

Documents to be handed in:

From age 15 a school attendance certificate is to be handed in yearly (issued within four weeks of the start of the summer holidays). For pupils beginning year 1 (1. Klasse), please hand in the acceptance letter from the school.

➤ **School Transport Costs**

Transport costs can be subsidised on a pro-rata basis for travelling to the closest school of the chosen type of school.

Documents to be handed in:

Copy of the ticket (Flashticket plus or Schokoticket).

➤ **School Lunches**

The costs of eating school lunches in the school / day care centre regularly are covered.

Documents to be submitted: - Form 3 -

Proof of cost of meals from the service provider (e.g., school, day care centre, institution or caterer)

➤ **School / Day Care Centre Day Trips**

The actual cost of one-day school trips that are a compulsory part of the curriculum will be reimbursed as will one-day trips with day care centres

Documents to be submitted: - Form 5 -

Letter about the day trip filled in by the school / day care centre.

➤ **Social and Cultural Participation**

Every child aged up to the end of 18 is entitled to €15.00 for each month for which it can be proven that social benefits are received. This budget can be saved up to a maximum of €180.00. The amount will be adjusted annually starting from the school year 2020/21 and will depend on the relevant standard support requirement levels. It can be used for:

- Games and sporting activities - e.g., sport club membership fees, swimming for babies, PEKIP, etc.
- Cultural and social activities - e.g., art and crafts classes outside school, guided museum tours, holiday camps, etc.
- Costs for special equipment, e.g., football boots if the child is a member of a football club, as far as the budget provides.

Documents to be submitted: - Form 4 -

Proof of costs for cultural and social participation issued by the institution / event organisers. For purchased items of equipment, a receipt clearly stating the expense must be handed in.

To be applied for separately:

➤ **Multi-day School / Day Care Trips**

The actual cost of multi-day school trips that are part of the compulsory curriculum and multi-day day care centre trips will be reimbursed.

Documents to be submitted: - Form 1 includes:

- Application for multi-day school / day care centre trips (page 1)
- Letter from the school / day care centre about the trip (page 2) concerning the costs involved, date and payment options, a parents' letter may be required.

➤ **Learning support**

Learning support can be provided both by suitable private and commercial providers. Learning support can only be granted if

- the school's resources have already been exhausted
- it is appropriate and required additionally in order to achieve learning objectives essential for education
- it has not already been implemented by the youth welfare office (Jugendamt)

Documents to be submitted: - Form 2 includes:

- Application for learning support (page 1)
- School assessment (pages 2 and 3) and
- Proof of costs from the support provider (page 4)

(if necessary, contact the social worker at your school)

Forms and further information can be found on the homepage of the District of Unna at: <https://www.kreis-unna.de/hauptnavigation/service/bildungs-und-teilhabepaket> or are available from local authorities