

How do you get the benefits?

Recipients of Recipients of Citizen's Benefit:

When applying for Citizen's Benefit, the application form for education and participation benefits is automatically included.

You have to **provide proof of need** for payment. E.g., you have to submit the bill for lunch or for an excursion. Or the provider submits the bill (e.g. the school canteen).

Recipients of Basic Income Support, Housing Benefit or Children's Allowance:

Please submit an **application** to Ortenau Jobcenter.

Recipients of benefits according to the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act (AsylbLG):

Please submit an **application** to the Migration Office.

Exception:

The money for school materials is automatically paid for children and teenagers between 7 and 14 years of age. This applies to children from families who receive Basic Income Benefits, Citizen's Benefit or Asylum Seeker Benefits.

How is the money paid out?

The money is **usually** paid to the provider of the services. For example, to the school canteen, the music school or the sports club.

In **justified exceptions**, the money will also be paid to the parents, children or teenagers.

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Do you have any further questions?

The website of the Ortenau Jobcenter has more information:

www.ortenaukreis.de/jobcenter

Do you have any specific questions about your individual case?

You are welcome to send an e-mail to bildungspaket@ortenaukreis.de

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The Education and Participation Package

Participate and be a part of it, at school, in the club, in leisure time

Financial Support for Children and teenagers



What is the Education and Participation Package?

All children, teenagers and young adults should receive a good education. All should be able to participate in leisure activities and events.

The Education and Participation Package pays for school events and for participation in leisure activities, sports and cultural activities.

Who is entitled to benefits from the Education and Participation Package?

Young people whose parents receive one of the following allowances:

- Citizen's Benefit (in accordance with Book II of the German Social Code – SGB II)
- Basic Income Support (in accordance with Book XII of the German Social Code – SGB XII -)
- Children's Allowance
- Housing Benefit
- Benefits according to the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act (AsylbLG)

The following persons are entitled to benefits:

- School pupils up to the age of 25 years (for leisure activities up to the age of 18 years)
- Children attending day centres or day care facilities
- School pupils who are not in receipt of a training allowance

Which benefits are available from the Education and Participation Package?

Day trips and class excursions



- trips lasting one or more days
- the whole class or a group takes part in it

Which costs are covered?

- the costs for the trip
- not pocket money, not personal items

School materials



- e.g., exercise books, pencils, sports clothes, school bags

Which costs will be paid for?

- 130.00 € as per 01 August every year
- 65.00 € as per 01 February every year

From 2024, these amounts will be adjusted regularly.

What do you have to do?

- For children younger than 6 years and teenagers older than 15, a school certificate is required

Transportation to/from school



- transportation by bus and train
- to the closest school of the chosen school type
- if the school cannot be reached on foot or by bicycle
- if nobody else pays for these costs

Which costs will be paid for?

- bus and train tickets

Learning support



- if school-leaving certificate level or class targets are otherwise not achieved

What costs will be paid for?

- private tuition outside school, help with learning (if the school does not provide any support services)

What do you have to do?

- submit an application
- present a written confirmation by the school that support is necessary

Lunch



- Lunch at school or at the day care centre

What will be paid for?

- costs for lunch

Leisure, sports, cultural activities



- sports and cultural activities (e.g., football club, theatre group)
- music lessons, courses provided by Volkshochschule
- leisure and group trips (e.g., scouts, theatre visits)
- for children and teenagers up to 18 years

How much will be paid?

- up to 15 € per month
- the money can be accumulated over one year (e.g., for holiday camps or membership fees for clubs).