# The education and access package in the district of Recklinghausen

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Children, adolescents and young adults from families with a low income are funded and supported with the education and access package. This improves the future prospects of children, adolescents and young adults. Support is not only available, for example, for purchasing school supplies, additional learning support, shared lunches or for school trips, but also membership fees in a sports club or a course at a music school.





What is support from the education and access package provided for?

#### **Excursions and trips**

Costs for day trips and trips lasting several days whilst at school or a daycare centre (Kindertagesstätte/Kindertagespflege), the costs are covered in full. Pocket money or costs for personal needs are not covered.

#### **School supplies**

School supplies include, for example, a school bag, notebooks, pens, painting and drawing materials, and sports equipment. The assistance for school children from families receiving benefits under the Social Code II (SGB II) ("Hartz IV") is recognised as a lump sum and paid out in a two-thirds instalment at the start of the school year on August 1 and one-third at the start of the second school semester on February 1. In the case of children who are enrolled in school early or who are older than 15 years of age, the parents should provide school certification. Currently (as of January 2022), the support amounts to a total of 156 euros per year. The amount will be adjusted regularly for subsequent school years.

#### **Transportation of pupils**

Pupils who cannot reach their nearest school or a special school with a means of transport are reimbursed for the necessary transportation costs for the pupil if the costs are not covered by another party.



#### Learning support

If the learning support offered by a school is not sufficient, costs for suitable extracurricular learning support for the child can be covered by the education and access package. This is especially possible if the child is at risk of being transferred. However support is also possible for an overall better grade average or the achievement of a higher school leaving certificate.

### Lunch at school or the daycare centre (Kindertagesstätte/Kindertagespflege)

If the school or daycare centre that a child attends offers a shared lunch, the costs are covered by the education and access package.

#### Access to a social and cultural life

All children and young people under the age of 18 should be able to spend their free time with others in a community. The education and access package supports club memberships, swimming courses and music lessons or participation in joint leisure activities. A monthly lump sum of 15 euros is available for each child. This money can be divided among various activities or put towards a larger activity.

### What do I have to do to receive the benefits?

The benefits for education and access are basically considered to be applied for together with the application for basic social security (Grundsicherung) in accordance with Social Code II at Recklinghausen district Jobcenter. Benefits will be paid if appropriate confirmations and proof of costs are submitted. There are separate forms for excursions and trips as well as for additional learning support.

Families who receive assistance with living costs, basic security in old age, benefits in the event of reduced earning capacity, assistance under the Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act, housing allowance or child benefits should contact the municipal administration in their place of residence in the Recklinghausen district to receive benefits from the education and access package.



## Who can receive benefits from the education and access package?

Children, adolescents and young adults up to the age of 25 who receive one of the following benefits are generally entitled to benefits from the education and access package:

- Unemployment benefit (basic social security, Social Code II also known as "Hartz IV") from Recklinghausen Jobcenter
- Assistance with living costs, basic security in old age, benefits in the event of reduced earning capacity (Social Code XII or ,Sozialhilfe' benefits)
- Assistance under the Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act
- Housing benefit in accordance with the Housing Benefit Act
- Child benefit supplements from the family benefit office

#### Want to know more?



Further information concerning the education and access package in the Recklinghausen district can be found on the website linked to the QR code www.jobcenter-kreis-recklinghausen.de/but. In the case of specific enquiries, parents can send an e-mail to: kreis-bildungspaket@vestische-arbeit.de

#### Local contacts in the towns and cities

Parents can contact the relevant offices in all ten towns and cities of the Recklinghausen district with any questions concerning the education and access package in the district. The contact persons are happy to help with any questions and support eligible persons in claiming the benefits.

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