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Seize the opportunity!
Benefits for children and young
people in Cologne

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The Education Package makes it possible for your children to take part in school and in leisure without any restrictions. You receive subsidies, e.g. for school trips, excursions and leisure activities in the holidays, sports and music courses, tuition or lunch together at school, childcare facility or at the child minder's house.

Who is entitled to the services?

All families with children and adolescents under 18 or 25 years of age who receive

- Arbeitslosengeld II (unemployment benefit) or Sozialgeld (income support) according to Social Code Book II (from the Job Centre) or
- Sozialhilfe (social assistance) according to Social Code Book XII or
- Benefits according to Article 2 and Article 3 of the German Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act or
- Wohngeld (housing benefit) or
- Kinderzuschlag (child benefit supplement),
- or whose income is only slightly higher than the above-mentioned social security benefits or the specific income limits (calculated in each individual case)



If you have a low income, your income must first of all be checked by the orientation service at the local job centre responsible for you. You can see which documents are needed to check your income and which job centre is responsible for you by using the link below:

www.stadt-koeln.de/leben-in-koeln/bildung-und-schule/bildungspaket/oft-gestellte-fragen#ziel_0_3

or by phoning 0221 / 96 44 34 01.



What does the Education Package contain?

Culture, Sport, Participation:

Taking part in cultural and social life

Children and young people under the age of 18 receive up to 15 Euro per month on application or a maximum of 180 Euro per year for club or cultural offerings.

They can use it to take part in music lessons, for example, or a school holiday leisure activity, attend a course at the adult education centre (VHS) or join a football club.

They can also save the money for holiday activities.

You will find more information online at:

www.stadt-koeln.de/leben-in-koeln/bildung-und-schule/bildungspaket/

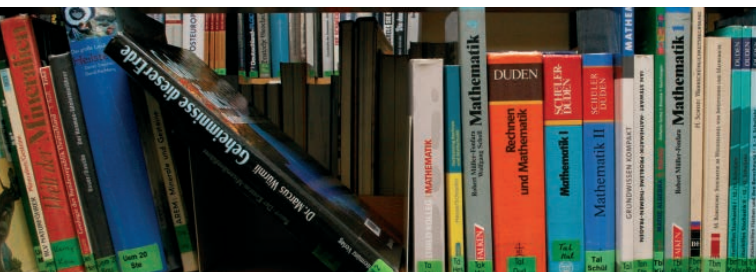
Learning support

Pupils can receive learning support/tuition if the school issues a certificate confirming that the learning support is necessary.

Have the certificate completed in school and submit it together with your application.

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School supplies

For school supplies, pupils receive 100 Euros at the start of the first half of the school year, 50 Euros at the start of the second half of the school year.

If you receive ongoing benefits, such as Arbeitslosengeld II, Sozialgeld or Sozialhilfe or benefits under the German Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act, you will receive this benefit automatically.

Families with low incomes and recipients of Wohngeld or Kinderzuschlag receive the grant for school supplies upon application from the **Amt für Soziales, Arbeit und Senioren, Wiener Platz 2a, 51065 Köln.**

School transport

Does your child have to travel a long way to school and have to use public transport to get there? In North Rhine-Westphalia, pupils' travel costs to the nearest school are always reimbursed in line with the Pupils' Travel Expenses Ordinance. These claims have precedence and are borne by the school authorities if the requirements of the Pupils' Travel Expenses Ordinance are met. Please inquire about the options in the school office. If the requirements of the Pupils' Travel Expenses Ordinance are not met, a benefit from the Education Package may be considered only in justified exceptional cases.



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Multi-day trips

in schools and childcare facilities

The costs for multi-day trips will be paid on application if the school or childcare facility issues a certificate confirming such a trip.

Please submit this certificate together with the application.

Please inquire in the school, kindergarten or all-day establishment whether an application will be submitted from there or whether you will have to submit one yourself.

One-day trips

in schools and childcare facilities

The costs for one-day trips in schools and childcare facilities will be paid on application.

You can submit an application even before you know when and how many trips there will be.

Please inquire in the school, kindergarten or all-day establishment whether an application will be submitted from there or whether you will have to submit one yourself.

Subsidised lunch

in school, childcare and day-care facilities

If schools, nurseries, crèches or child day-care facilities offer lunch, an application for reimbursement will be accepted.

Please inquire in the school or kindergarten whether an application will be submitted from there or whether you will have to submit one yourself.

How do I get the benefits?

You can submit an application for each child.

The forms are available in the Amt für Soziales und Senioren, regional social services offices, job centres, housing benefit offices and in schools and childcare facilities. You can also find the application online at www.stadt-koeln.de/leben-in-koeln/bildung-und-schule/bildungspaket/

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or by phoning 0221 / 96 44 34 01.

You will receive a certificate confirming your earnings from the job centre. This must be enclosed with the application for education and participation benefits. The application for education and participation must be submitted to

Amt für Soziales, Arbeit und Senioren, Bildung und Teilhabe, Köln-Pass, Wiener Platz 2a, 51065 Köln.

If you receive social assistance according to Social Code Book XII, benefits under the German Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act, Wohngeld, Kinderzuschlag, Arbeitslosengeld II or Sozialgeld according to Social Code Book II, send the application, together with your current notification of benefits (Leistungsbescheid) to

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