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BuT (Education and Participation) — Educational Package in Germany

BuT is a financial support program for children from low-income families in Germany, covering school supplies, meals, field trips, transportation, and extracurricular activities.

Deutsche Begriffe: Bildung und Teilhabe | BuT | Schulbedarf | Mittagessen | Nachhilfe

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Bildung und Teilhabe (BuT) — Educational Package

What is it?

BuT is **money for education and activities for children** from low-income families.

Who can get it?

Families that receive:

- Bürgergeld
- Wohngeld
- Kinderzuschlag
- Asylbewerberleistungen
- Sozialhilfe

What does the BuT package include?

1. School Supplies (Schulbedarf)

- **€195/year** (€130 in August + €65 in February)
- Automatic if you receive Bürgergeld

2. School Meals (Mittagessen)

- **Free** meals at school/Kita
- You must submit an application

3. School Trips (Ausflüge)

- Full reimbursement of costs
- Day trips and multi-day trips

4. School Transportation (Schülerbeförderung)

- Public transport ticket
- If school is far away

5. Tutoring (Lernförderung)

- When your child is falling behind in school
- Requires a certificate from the teacher

6. Extracurricular Activities (Teilhabe)

- **€15/month** for sports, music, culture
- Football club, music school, etc.

How to apply?

1. Where:

- Jobcenter (if Bürgergeld)
- Rathaus/Sozialamt (if Wohngeld/Kinderzuschlag)

2. Form: Antrag auf Leistungen für Bildung und Teilhabe

3. Documents:

- Proof that you receive Bürgergeld/Wohngeld/Kinderzuschlag
- School certificate (for trips, tutoring)
- Confirmation of registration for activities (for Teilhabe)

Example annual BuT value:

Benefit	Amount
School supplies	€195
Meals (10 months × €60)	€600
School trips	€200
Activities (12 × €15)	€180
TOTAL	**~€1,175/year**

Important!

- Submit your application **on time** — there is no retroactive compensation
- Each child separately
- Some applications must be renewed every year