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BuT — Bildung und Teilhabe: Learning Support, School Materials & Sports

Benefits from the education and participation package: learning support, €195 school materials, school meals, €15 monthly for sports and culture.

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The Bildung und Teilhabe Package (BuT)

The **Bildung und Teilhabe** package supports children and young people from low-income families. Goal: No child should be disadvantaged in education and leisure due to lack of money.

Who is eligible?

Children and young people under 25 (under 18 for Teilhabe) whose families receive one of these benefits:

- **Bürgergeld** (SGB II)
- **Sozialhilfe** (SGB XII)
- **Wohngeld**
- **Kinderzuschlag**
- **Asylbewerberleistungen**

The 7 Benefits at a Glance

1. Schulbedarf — €195 per year For notebooks, pens, school bags and school materials:

- **€130** from August 1st (start of school year)
- **€65** from February 1st (2nd half of year)

- Automatically paid for Bürgergeld and Sozialhilfe

2. Lernförderung (tutoring) If school performance is insufficient and the school **confirms** that tutoring is necessary:

- Tutoring costs are **fully covered**
- Also for small group or individual tutoring
- Application at Jobcenter/Sozialamt with school confirmation

3. Mittagessen at school, daycare or after-school care

- Costs for **communal meals** are fully covered
- No personal contribution required (waived since 2023)
- Applies to schools, daycare centers and after-school facilities

4. Teilhabe in sports, culture & leisure — €15/month For children and young people **under 18 years**:

- **€15 monthly** for club memberships (soccer, swimming, music school, etc.)
- Also for holiday camps or equipment
- Paid directly to club/provider or as voucher

5. School transportation Costs for school commute not covered elsewhere (e.g., monthly pass).

6. Multi-day school trips

- **Actual costs** of school trips are fully paid
- Also covers daycare excursion costs

7. Day trips Costs for school and daycare outings (admission fees, transportation costs).

How to apply — where and how?

- **Bürgergeld recipients**: Apply at **Jobcenter**
- **Sozialhilfe/Asylum**: Apply at **Sozialamt**
- **Wohngeld/Kinderzuschlag**: Apply at **municipal office** or city Sozialamt

Forms are available at citizen offices, Jobcenter or for download on your city's website. Many benefits can be applied for **retroactively**.

Tips

- Ask **school social workers** — they help with completing applications
- Many cities have **dedicated BuT offices** for consultation

- Eligibility also applies to **children with tolerated stay or asylum application status**

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