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Handout for initial orientation

Elementary school enrollment

Englisch

The commencement of schooldays is game-changing for children as well as for their parents. The first day at school is a special moment. This is why there exists a tradition in Germany: When a child starts school, it receives a **Schultüte** or **Zuckertüte: a school cone**. That is a big, colorful paper cone filled with sweets, toys and school supplies. At school there is often held an official enrollment ceremony. The school bids the children welcome and afterwards the children get their school cones. You can get more information from the elementary school.

Before and after classes the children can attend an **after school care center**. In the care center the children are looked after by child care workers as in kindergarten. Parents need to **register** their children for the center **separate from school**. The attendance of an after school care center is fee-based. You can apply for an **exemption from costs or expenses**, if you are subsidised by the social welfare department, the unemployment agency or the job center. You can also get more information on after school care centers from the elementary school.

As in kindergarten the children can get a **daily warm lunch** at school. For that purpose parents need to enter into a contract with the **school caterer**. Usually different meals are at choice, which children and parents can choose from beforehand (online or in written form). A child can be **de-registered** if it can not attend school or the warm lunch due to illness or another reason. Then you do not need to pay for the absent days.

For lunch fees, excursions with the class, school fares, tutoring or school supplies you can get financial support by the use of the so-called **Bildungspaket – a financial support package for varied educational means**. The social welfare and housing department is in charge.

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There is more information on the Bildungspaket **online** in German, English, French and Spanish at www.magdeburg.de/otto-city-card and in many other languages on the information sheet Education and Participation at www.willkommen-in-magdeburg.de/infoblaetter.

A lot of schools are supported by **school social workers**. They offer assistance concerning applications, questions, problems or conflicts and **support** parents and teachers. You can inquire of the school who the social worker is and how to reach him or her.



More information concerning the school enrollment and everyday life at school is collected in the **Elterninformation „Schule“** by LAMSA in different languages. You can get this brochure in schools and kindergartens. Or you can take a look **online** via <https://www.lerneninterkulturell.de/schule-infothek-medien> („Mehrsprachige Informationen“)

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