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## Kindergarten, school and education

### Childcare

#### Daycare ("Kita")

Kita is a term for children's day care facility (in German "Kinder-Tages-Einrichtung"). Your child can attend a day care centre before attending school, from one to 12 years. At the Kita your child is looked after by educators and learns many important things. Some facilities also accept children under one year of age. "Krippe", "Kindergarten" and "Horts" are different types of day care centres for different age groups.

#### Kindergarten

**Children aged from 3 years up to school entrance age** are looked after in **nursery school (kindergarten)**. Here, your child can form friendships, learn German by being with carers, children and other parents and explore new things. Visiting a child-care facility is very important and good preparation for school.

Since your child is very well looked after there, you can attend to your own needs during this time. For example, you will have more time to attend a German course and later to get a job.

The federal program "Kita-Einstieg" has published a flyer with information on child daycare in 12 languages. Among others, [German](#), [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Persian](#), [Romanian](#) and [Turkish](#) are offered. The flyer can be found [here](#).

**[Here](#) you can find more information on the subject of children's day-care facilities (multilingual).**

**[Here](#) you can find a multilingual explanation video.**

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#### Kindergarten registration

Unfortunately there are not always enough places in the kindergartens. Sometimes it is necessary to make enquiries at several kindergartens and to have your child put on the waiting list. If you are staying in district council (Landratsamt) accommodation, the assigned social educational counsellors and support workers will help you.

For the following kindergartens there is the possibility of online registration:

[Heidenheim](#) (You can find an overview of all the kindergartens in Heidenheim [here](#).)  
[Gerstetten](#)

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#### Kindergartens in the district of Heidenheim

On this portal you will find all kindergartens in the district of Heidenheim: <http://www.bw-kita.de/Heidenheim>

[Giengen](#)

[Herbrechtingen](#)

[Gerstetten](#)

[Steinheim](#)

[Niederstotzingen](#)

[Sontheim](#)

[Königsbronn](#)

[Hermaringen](#)

[Nattheim](#)

[Dischingen](#)

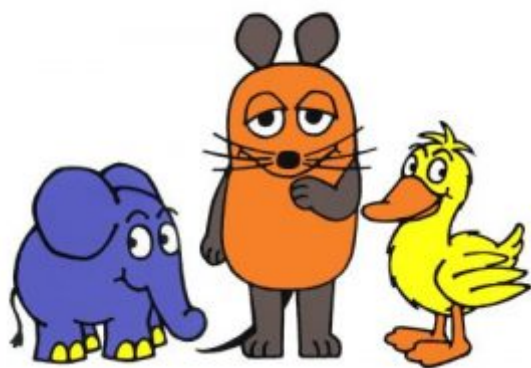
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## Kindergarten costs

It is worth visiting the kindergarten.

Under certain circumstances, the cost of the kindergarten can be covered, for example, if you do not have work and are receiving benefits from the Landsratamt or the job centre. To do this, you must submit an application at the **youth welfare office of economic aid** in the [Landratsamt](#). Their expert social educational advisors and support workers will be happy to assist you.

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**Incidentally:** One of the best-known German children's programmes, [“Die Sendung mit der Maus International”](#)

explains many things you need to know about Germany, and is also available in Arabic, Kurdish and Dari.

Although the programme is primarily aimed at children, adults can also get some useful tips about life in Germany from it.

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## Types of childcare

### Child day care ("Kindertagespflege")

The "Kindertagespflege" is aimed primarily at children under 3 years of age. In day care, qualified childminders look after children by the hour or all day as required. The care of the children takes place in the home of the day care parents, the family or other suitable rooms. You can find more information [here](#).

### Krippe

The so-called "Krippe" is a facility for children from one to three years of age. In the day nursery, specially trained staff encourage the children in their development in small groups. Attention and care by the caregivers are especially important.

### Kindergarten

The kindergarten is a facility for children from 3 years of age until school entrance. In the kindergarten children can play, paint, do handicrafts and learn with other children. In the last year of kindergarten, the children also have regular pre-school lessons to prepare for school. There are private and public kindergartens. Whether attending kindergarten costs you anything depends on the kindergarten and your place of residence.

### After-school care for school children up to 12 years ("Horts")

There are also after-school care options for school children from six to 12 years, so-called "Horts". There are many different childcare models such as after-school care, lunchtime childcare or all-day school. In all models the children are supported in doing their homework. Your primary school or the Youth Welfare Office ("Jugendamt") will tell you which care model exists for (primary) school children in your city.

## Schools in the district of Heidenheim

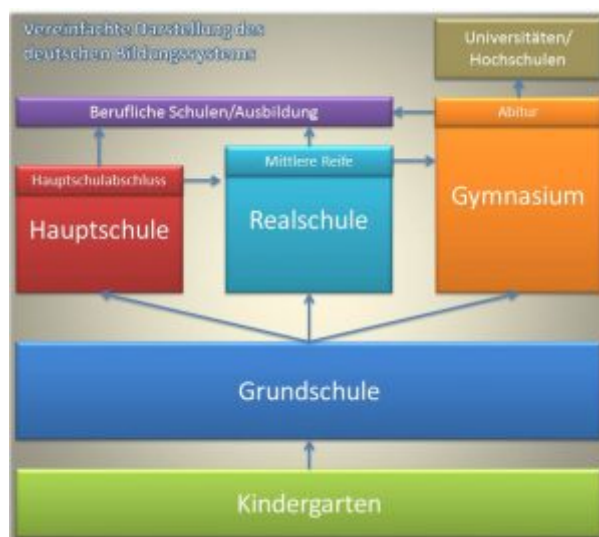
### School

#### General school education

In Germany, **all children between 6 and 18 years of age** have to go to school (**compulsory schooling**). If you have school-age children, you should register them immediately at an appropriate school. If you are staying in Landratsamt accommodation, the responsible supervisor will register your child directly at a school. You will then receive an invitation to register at this school. After that, your child can go to school.

#### Types of schools

There are **different types of schools** in Baden-Württemberg. The school your child goes to depends, among other things, on how old he/she is, but also about his/her school performance:



## Primary school

The primary school is a comprehensive school, which runs from the **1st to the 4th class**. After primary school, you move up to a **secondary school**. There are four different secondary schools, which lead to different leaver's certificates: **Hauptschule (basic secondary school, Realschule (standard secondary school), Gymnasium (grammar school) and Gesamtschule (comprehensive school)**.

After the basic or standard secondary school ("Hauptschule" or "Realschule") certificate there are many ways to acquire more advanced qualifications (standard or higher secondary school certification "Abitur") in Germany.

## Hauptschule and Werkrealschule (Basic secondary school)

The Hauptschule is intended for students who want to do an apprenticeship after leaving school. This school prepares pupils for their working life. Besides theoretical knowledge, the emphasis is on practical knowledge and skills. Hauptschule lasts **5 years**. After successfully completing the final examination, pupils receive a **secondary school leaving certificate**.

## Realschule (Standard secondary school)

Pupils here can, for example, learn a second foreign language. More independent learning is expected than in the basic secondary school and you acquire a more advanced general education. Compared to the higher level grammar school ("Gymnasium"), students in a standard secondary school have a more job-related education. The final secondary school leaving certificate from the Realschule (known as the "mittlerer Bildungsabschluss" or "**mittlere Reife**") generally provides the basis for higher professions of all kinds.

## Gymnasium (Grammar school)

Compared to a Realschule and Hauptschule, the pupils here are expected to take even more responsibility. The goal is to prepare for **academic study**. The Gymnasium lasts **8 or 9 years** finishing with a final exam, the university entrance certificate (also called the "**Abitur**").

## Comprehensive schools

In comprehensive schools pupils from the 1st class up to the 10th class are **taught together** regardless of their level of performance. As a rule, **all qualifications** which can also be taken at the above mentioned general education schools can be obtained here. Comprehensive schools are always **all-day schools**. You can find more information about comprehensive schools [here](#).

### **Special needs education**

There are special educational institutions for children and young people with disabilities and high special educational needs. You can find more information [here](#).

In principle, higher school certificates can also be completed later. For example, you can also take the Abitur at a Gymnasium after obtaining your intermediate secondary school-leaving certificate (Mittlere Reife). This can also be done, for example, in [vocational schools](#) or at [night school](#).

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**You can find an overview of the schools of every type in the district at the following links:**

[Heidenheim](#)

[Giengen](#)

[Herbrechtingen](#)

[Gerstetten](#)

[Steinheim](#)

[Niederstotzingen](#)

[Sontheim](#)

[Königsbronn](#)

[Hermaringen](#)

[Nattheim](#)

[Dischingen](#)

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### **VKL classes**

When you are new to Germany, your child usually first attends what is called a “VKL” preparation class. VKL classes are available in all types of schools. In these classes the pupils are there above all to improve their German. The goal is to be able to successfully participate in normal classes as soon as possible. When a student progresses to the normal class, the decision is made in close collaboration between the school management, the teachers, the parents and the student concerned.

You can find a list of preparatory classes in the district of Heidenheim [here](#).

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## General information

### Compulsory education:

The parents of children have a duty to ensure that their children **attend school regularly**. If compulsory education is not respected, the parents will be held accountable. A fine can be imposed, since it is considered a misdemeanour.

### Reporting ill at school:

If your child is ill, he/she should not go to school. You have to **excuse him/her from attending classes**. To do so, please call the secretary at the school before the start of the lesson and give the name and class of your child. Also say how long your child will not be in class.

### Holidays:

You can find a holiday calendar for the current school year [here](#).

### School materials:

You usually get a list of things your child needs at school from the school (for example, pens and paper). Please make sure that your child always takes his/her school material to school!

### Meeting the costs:

School supplies, bus tickets or school trips cost money. Under certain circumstances, the costs may be borne by the Landratsamt or job centre. To do so, you must submit an **application for education and participation (BuT application)** to the relevant authority. Their expert support workers will be happy to assist you.

## School explained in 15 multilingual videos

It is important that **parents support their children in school**. Here you will find **15 videos** explaining different aspects of school. This will show you **how school works** in Baden-Württemberg. You will also learn **how to support your child** and **how parents can get involved in school**.

The videos are available in [German](#), [English](#), [Arabic](#) and [Farsi](#).

- [Parents and school: How to work together?](#)
- [Werkrealschule \(basic secondary school\)](#)
- [Realschule \(standard secondary school\)](#)
- [Gymnasium \(grammar school\)](#)
- [The way to school](#)
- [School bag](#)
- [sick note for school](#)
- [Breakfast](#)
- [Packed lunch for school](#)

- [Learning at home](#)
- [Language](#)
- [Parent-teacher conference](#)
- [Parent representative](#)
- [Parents' association](#)
- [School conference](#)

## Vocational schools

Vocational schools offer various possibilities for adolescents and young people over the age of 15 who **no longer attend general education schools**. You can **prepare for a profession** here and it is also possible to complete **general [school certificates](#)**.

### Vocational schools in the district of Heidenheim:

- [HEID-TECH /Technische Schule Heidenheim](#)  
Clichystraße 115  
89518 Heidenheim  
☎ [07321321 7960](tel:073213217960)  
✉ [info@heid-tech.de](mailto:info@heid-tech.de)
- [Kaufmännische Schule Heidenheim](#)  
Heckentalstraße 86  
89518 Heidenheim an der Brenz  
☎ [07321 321 7831](tel:073213217831)  
✉ [info@ks-heidenheim.de](mailto:info@ks-heidenheim.de)
- [Maria-von-Linden-Schule](#)  
Heckentalstraße 86  
89518 Heidenheim  
☎ [07321 321 7800](tel:073213217800)  
✉ [info@mvl-hdh.de](mailto:info@mvl-hdh.de)
- [Progenius-Schule Heidenheim](#)  
Robert-Bosch-Straße 2  
89520 Heidenheim  
☎ [07321 20284](tel:0732120284)  
✉ [heidenheim@progenius.org](mailto:heidenheim@progenius.org)

There are also **special offers for new immigrants**. These offers are **useful** if you **do not have a [training place](#)** and **do not attend a general school**. **Children and youths** up to the age of 18 **must attend school in Germany** (compulsory schooling )!

If you live in district council (Landratsamt) accommodation, the social educational support services will help you with the registration.

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## VABO: Pre-qualification year work and occupation - without knowledge of German

The young people there mainly **learn German**. The target is [level A2 or B1](#). There are also **practical parts** in factories.

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There are VABO classes in the following schools in the Heidenheim district:

- [Maria-von-Linden-Schule](#)  
Heckentalstraße 86  
89518 Heidenheim  
☎ [07321 3217800](tel:073213217800)  
✉ [@info@mvl-hdh.de](mailto:info@mvl-hdh.de)
- [HEID-TECH](#) /Technische Schule Heidenheim  
Clichystraße 115  
89518 Heidenheim  
☎ [07321 321 7960](tel:073213217960)  
✉ [@info@heid-tech.de](mailto:info@heid-tech.de)

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## VABR: Pre-qualification year work and occupation in regular form

Here, more **German is learned** and pupils **prepared for their profession**. There are also **practical parts** in factories. Other subjects are also taught. You can also take a [secondary school leaving certificate](#). This helps when beginning a [training course](#).

There are VABR classes in the following schools in the district of Heidenheim:

- [Maria-von-Linden-Schule](#)  
Heckentalstraße 86  
89518 Heidenheim  
☎ [07321 3217800](tel:073213217800)  
✉ [@info@mvl-hdh.de](mailto:info@mvl-hdh.de)
- HEID-TECH /Technische Schule Heidenheim  
Clichystraße 115  
89518 Heidenheim  
☎ [07321 3217960](tel:073213217960)  
✉ [@info@heid-tech.de](mailto:info@heid-tech.de)

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## The following types of schooling exist at vocational schools:

### **career-entry (Berufseinstiegsjahr - BEJ) year or career-preparatory year (Berufsvorbereitungsjahr - BVJ)**

These are programmes for students with or without a certain type of secondary-school diploma (Hauptschulabschluss) who are not yet sure what kind of career they are interested in and do not yet have a vocational training placement (apprenticeship). They are introduced to various professions and can build on either a secondary school degree (Hauptschulabschluss) or an educational level equivalent to a "Hauptschulabschluss".

### **Vocational school (Berufsschule):**

At these schools, training is through a dual-track system. This means that part of the vocational training focuses on theory, which is learned at the school, while the other part involves getting practical experience at a company that provides vocational training.

You can find more information on this in the vocational training section or [here](#).

### **Vocational schools for specific professions (Berufsfachschule):**

This type of vocational school offers 1 to 3 years of basic vocational education, preparation for a specific profession or professional qualification. Students can obtain a degree ranging from a secondary school degree one level above the one they have to a basic secondary school degree. This type of vocational school are usually split into the following professional fields:

commercial/business professions  
home economics/socio-educational care or nursing  
business/technical professions  
You can get more information [here](#).

### **Preparatory training school (Fachschule):**

This type of preparatory training school offers one- or two-year programmes for professional development. This means that students are building on their previously completed vocational training programme and corresponding employment, and further developing the qualifications they have already acquired. These schools prepare students for mid-level management or self-employment. These schools are likewise split up into the following subject areas:

Technology  
Economics  
Social work  
Agricultural economics  
Design  
You can get more information [here](#).

### **Vocational college (Berufskolleg):**

Vocational colleges, which offer programmes of between one and three years, build on a basic secondary-school degree, and students aim to achieve a more advanced professional qualification or qualification for higher education at a technical university (eligibility for university study). There are vocational colleges for the following fields:

Technology  
Economics and administration  
Social education  
Health and nursing  
Home economics  
You can get more information [here](#).

### **Upper secondary vocational school (Berufsoberschule):**

To attend an upper secondary vocational school, you need to have already completed a vocational training programme (apprenticeship) and, at minimum, a basic secondary school degree (mittlerer Schulabschluss). These schools' programmes usually last two years and prepare students for a subject-specific university entrance certificate or, if they speak a second foreign language, a general university entrance certificate. This makes them eligible to study at a university. The following types of upper secondary vocational schools exist:

Technical upper secondary school (Technische Oberschule)  
Upper secondary school for economics (Wirtschaftsoberschule)  
Upper secondary school for social work (Oberschule für Sozialwesen)  
You can get more information [here](#).

### Vocational grammar school (Berufliches Gymnasium):

Students with a basic secondary-school degree and average grade of 3.0 in the main subjects may attend a three-year vocational grammar school. The vocational grammar school ends with a general university entrance certificate (Abitur) and makes the student eligible to study at any research university or university of applied sciences. This type of school is likewise split up into corresponding subject areas:

Technical subjects

Economics

Social work and healthcare

Agricultural sciences

Biotechnological subjects

Nutritional science

You can get more information [here](#).

### **Extra tuition and learning support**

Tutoring or learning assistance is **additional support for a school subject outside of class**. This usually has to be paid for by the student.

Tutoring and learning assistance are useful, for example, if promotion or graduation are at risk or if someone does not know a lot of the content in class. **Talk to the teachers** at school and ask whether tutoring or learning assistance makes sense. Maybe the school itself has something to offer.

It is sometimes possible to get paid learning support through education and participation. You will need confirmation from the school that this is necessary.

If you can imagine **doing voluntary tutoring yourself**, please contact the Department of Social Security and Integration at the District Office of Heidenheim ([ehrenamt@landkreis-heidenheim.de](mailto:ehrenamt@landkreis-heidenheim.de)).

Individual tutoring and learning assistance institutes are presented here (subject to a fee):

### **Heidenheim**

- [ABACUS Einzelnachhilfe zu Hause Nachhilfeinstitut](#)  
Telefon: [07321279077](tel:07321279077)
- Augustin Schüler- und Studentenförderung  
Christianstraße 13  
89522 Heidenheim  
Telefon: [073217589939](tel:073217589939)
- [Lernstudio Barbarossa Heidenheim](#)  
Eugen-Jaekle-Platz 35  
89518 Heidenheim  
Telefon: [073219203996](tel:073219203996)  
Email: [heidenheim@lernstudio-barbarossa.de](mailto:heidenheim@lernstudio-barbarossa.de)
- [LOS Lehrinstitut für Orthographie und Schreibtechnik](#)  
Bahnhofplatz 11  
89518 Heidenheim

Telefon: [073213496060](tel:073213496060)

E-Mail: [LOS-Heidenheim@t-online.de](mailto:LOS-Heidenheim@t-online.de)

- [Schülerhilfe](#)  
Bahnhofsplatz 1  
89518 Heidenheim  
Telefon: [0732130996923](tel:0732130996923)
- [Bildungsforum Brenz e. V.](#)  
Steinheimerstraße 9/1  
89518 Heidenheim  
Telefon: [073214896563](tel:073214896563)
- Studienkreis Heidenheim  
Karlstraße 6  
89518 Heidenheim  
Telefon: [0732123343](tel:0732123343)
- Pädagogische Schüler-Förderung  
Schnaitheimer Str. 9  
89520 Heidenheim  
Telefon: [07321948161](tel:07321948161)
- Nachhilfe Einstein  
Individual tutoring at home; assistance with the application  
Mobile / WhatsApp: [0173 65 65 307](tel:01736565307)  
E-Mail: [ulrike.zeitler@nachhilfe-einstein.de](mailto:ulrike.zeitler@nachhilfe-einstein.de)

## Giengen

- Sprach- und Lernhilfe  
Geißenmarkt 16  
89537 Giengen  
Telefon: [07322931459](tel:07322931459)
- [Studienkreis Giengen](#)  
Obertorstraße 2  
89537 Giengen  
Telefon: [07322932128](tel:07322932128)

## Herbrechtingen

- Pädagogische Schüler-Förderung für Nachhilfeunterricht  
Lange Str. 44  
89542 Herbrechtingen  
Telefon: [07324982431](tel:07324982431)

## Gerstetten

- proSchüler  
Am Bahnhof 2  
89547 Gerstetten  
Telefon: [07323920540](tel:07323920540)

## Advice and help

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## School social workers

There are school social workers in many schools. These people will **help you** if you

- Have problems at school or with other pupils.
- Have problems at home with your parents or family.
- Have questions and problems in other life situations (addiction, drugs, pregnancy...).

Contact the **school social worker at your school**.

## Youth career assistance

The Maria-von-Linden-Schule and HEID TECH vocational schools provide youth career assistance in our district. Youth career assistants **help** young people **find a job** that suits them. They also help with the search for internships and with applications.

### [Maria-von-Linden-Schule](#)

Heckentalstraße 86

89518 Heidenheim

☎ [07321 321 7800](tel:073213217800)

@ [info@mvl-hdh.de](mailto:info@mvl-hdh.de)

### [HEID TECH](#) / Technical School Heidenheim

Clichystraße 115

89518 Heidenheim

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@ [info@heid-tech.de](mailto:info@heid-tech.de)

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## Talent Company:

The Talent Company at HEID TECH has advice and information on vocational training, career orientation and transition to school-based vocational training offered by cooperating companies, trainees and school teachers.

The room is equipped with computers and printers so applications can also be written here. The Talent Company can be used by arrangement from Monday to Friday.

Target group: Students of the schools in the district of Heidenheim from age 15 years.

Contact:

### [HEID TECH / Technical School Heidenheim](#)

Clichystraße 115

89518 Heidenheim

☎ [07321 321 7960](tel:073213217960)

@ [info@heid-tech.de](mailto:info@heid-tech.de)

## Consulting teachers

At many schools there are consulting teachers you can also turn to. These help parents and students with learning and performance problems as well as school progress issues. You can

find a list of consulting teachers in the district of Heidenheim [here](#).

## **School psychological counselling centre (Schulpsychologische Beratungsstelle)**

If you have any questions or problems where the school social worker can not help, you can contact the school psychological counselling centre. They help pupils

- with problems with teachers or other pupils,
- with learning or concentration problems and
- fear of examinations or fear of school.
- They also help parents if the children have problems with learning, are afraid of school or do not feel like school; problems at school or with other pupils; behavioural problems at school.

Contact:

[School psychological counselling centre \(Schulpsychologische Beratungsstelle\)](#)

Galgenbergstraße 8

73431 Aalen

☎ [07361 52656 0](tel:07361526560)

✉ [@spbs@aa.ssa-gp.kv.bwl.de](mailto:spbs@aa.ssa-gp.kv.bwl.de)

## **Education and participation package (BuT)**

Do you receive social benefits? If so, you may receive financial support for your child through the "education and participation package".

This is possible for

- Children up to their 18th birthday and
  - for young adults up to their 25th birthday,
- who attend school but do not earn money as part of an apprenticeship.

## **The benefits at a glance**

### **One-day excursions and school trips lasting several days with the school or day care centre**

If the entire group takes part, these costs are covered:

- travel costs,
- catering costs and
- the entrance fee

The actual costs incurred are paid

- without pocket money and
- without personal equipment.

## **The communal lunch**

Lunch is paid for. Lunch must be provided by the school or the day care centre.

## **School transport**

If the nearest school is too far away, transport costs can be reimbursed. This is only possible from a certain distance.

## **School supplies**

Schoolchildren receive a lump sum for school materials every half term. The lump sum depends on your standard needs. The amount is adjusted each year. The lump sum is paid in August and February.

## **Learning support**

- Sometimes learning support or [tutoring](#) can be paid for. But only for a certain period of time.
- Learning support is only paid if the learning goals are otherwise not achieved.
- Confirmation from the school is always required. The confirmation must be submitted with the application.

## **Participation in social and cultural life**

For children and young people under the age of 18, a maximum of €15 per month for

- membership fees and participation fees in the following areas
  - sport,
  - games,
  - culture and
  - socialising (e.g. football club)
- lessons in artistic "subjects", for example music lessons
- participation in camps, for example theatre camps, or guided cultural education activities

## **Please note:**

- The benefits are only for children and young people who receive social benefits.
- Only up to the age of 25 (if attending a general or vocational school) or, in the case of the "cultural and social participation" benefit, children and young people up to the age of 18.
- Pupils with a training allowance are excluded from the benefit.
- Every child and young person needs a separate application.
- In order to be able to decide whether you will receive benefits, the need must be expressed in concrete terms and supported by suitable evidence. Your contact person will tell you which documents and evidence are required.

## **Contact persons and the application process**

**If you receive benefits in accordance with SGB II (unemployment benefit II/social benefit):**

The [Heidenheim Job Centre](#)

Education and Participation Team

Theodor-Heuss-Straße 1, 89518 Heidenheim

[@jobcenter-Heidenheim.Geldleistungen-Team3-BuT@job...](mailto:@jobcenter-Heidenheim.Geldleistungen-Team3-BuT@job...)

☎ [07321 345 0](tel:073213450)

Fax: 07321 345 114

**If you receive asylum seeker benefits:**

The [District Office Heidenheim](#)

Social security and integration

Asylum seeker benefits

House A, ground floor

Felsenstr. 36

89518 Heidenheim

[@asylbewerberleistungen@landkreis-heidenheim.de](mailto:@asylbewerberleistungen@landkreis-heidenheim.de)

☎ [07321 321 2125](tel:07321321215)

**If you receive housing benefit, child benefit supplement, basic income support according to SGB XII, subsistence assistance according to SGB XII:**

The [Heidenheim District Office](#)

Social security and integration

Education and participation

Felsenstraße 36

89518 Heidenheim

☎ [07321 321 0](tel:073213210)

**Libraries and state education centres**

**State education centres (Volkshochschulen - VHS) in the district of Heidenheim**

State education centres (Volkshochschulen - VHS) have **various offers for children, teenagers and adults**.

There are often **courses and events** on topics such as language, health, computers, culture, art and music.

Every VHS has **different offers** that you can use. You need to **pay something** for most offers. Almost all the secondary schools in the Heidenheim district have also the "young VHS" **free offers for children**.

You will find more information about the offers on the VHS websites:

- [VHS Heidenheim](#)  
Am Wedelgraben 5  
89522 Heidenheim  
☎ [073213274422](tel:073213274422)  
[@info@vhs-heidenheim.de](mailto:@info@vhs-heidenheim.de)



- [VHS Giengen](#)  
Spitalstraße 5  
89537 Giengen an der Brenz  
☎ [07322 7758](tel:073227758)  
[@vhs@giengen.de](mailto:@vhs@giengen.de)
- [VHS Herbrechtingen](#)  
Eselsburger Straße 8  
89542 Herbrechtingen  
☎ [073249551360](tel:073249551360)  
[@vhs@kulturzentrum-kloster.de](mailto:@vhs@kulturzentrum-kloster.de)
- [VHS Sontheim](#)  
Brenzer Straße 25  
89567 Sontheim  
☎ [073251772](tel:073251772)  
[@vhs@sontheim-an-der-brenz.de](mailto:@vhs@sontheim-an-der-brenz.de)
- [VHS Niederstotzingen](#)  
Pommernweg 3/1  
89168 Niederstotzingen  
☎ [07325 102 27](tel:0732510227)  
[@vhs@Niederstotzingen.de](mailto:@vhs@Niederstotzingen.de)
- [VHS Dischingen](#)  
Marktplatz 9  
89561 Dischingen  
☎ [07327810](tel:07327810)  
[@vhs@dischingen.de](mailto:@vhs@dischingen.de)
- [VHS Hermaringen](#)  
Karlstraße 12 (Rathaus)  
89568 Hermaringen  
☎ [07322 9547 11](tel:07322954711)
- [VHS Gerstetten](#)  
Karlstraße 24  
89547 Gerstetten  
☎ [07323919250](tel:07323919250)  
[@vhs@gerstetten.de](mailto:@vhs@gerstetten.de)
- [VHS Nattheim](#)  
Schulstraße 18a  
89564 Nattheim  
☎ [07321979426](tel:07321979426)  
[@vhs@nattheim.de](mailto:@vhs@nattheim.de)
- [VHS Königsbronn](#)  
Herwartstraße 2  
89551 Königsbronn  
☎ [07328 9625 13](tel:07328962513)  
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## Libraries

You can borrow **books, magazines, CDs and DVDs in libraries**. You can then keep the books and media for a few weeks (**loan period**). Most of it is in German, but sometimes there are books in other languages, such as English. If you want to borrow something, **you need a card**. This card can be obtained in the library. You usually have to **pay a small amount for it**. If you do not **return the books and media in time**, you will have to pay overdue fines!

- [Stadtbibliothek Heidenheim library](#)  
Willy-Brandt-Platz 1  
89522 Heidenheim
- [Stadtbibliothek Giengen library](#)  
Marktstraße 41  
89537 Giengen an der Brenz
- [Ortsbibliothek Steinheim am Albuch library](#)  
Hauptstraße 24  
89555 Steinheim am Albuch  
[Stadtbücherei Herbrechtingen library](#)  
Eselsburger Straße 8  
89542 Herbrechtingen
- [Ortsbücherei Sontheim an der Brenz library](#)  
Brenzer Straße 25  
89567 Sontheim an der Brenz
- [Ortsbücherei Gerstetten library](#)  
Gartenstraße 25  
89547 Gerstetten
- [Ortsbücherei Nattheim library](#)  
Schulstraße 16  
89564 Nattheim

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## Kreismedienzentrum media centre

In the Kreismedienzentrum media centre, many **audio-visual and digital media** and **devices** can be borrowed. The offer can be used by schools, kindergartens, educational institutions and associations. Even private individuals can borrow there for a small fee.

### Contact:

[Medienzentrum Heidenheim](#)

Willy-Brandt-Platz 1  
89522 Heidenheim

☎ [07321 321 1652](tel:07321_321_1652)

@ [info@medienzentrum-hdh.de](mailto:info@medienzentrum-hdh.de)

### Opening hours:

Monday: 8:00 am to 12:30 pm

Tuesday: 12:30 am to 4 pm  
Thursday: 12:30 am to 4 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am to 12:30 pm

## Educational options

### Future academy (Zukunftsakademie):

The **“Heidenheim Future Academy”** has various **offers for children and young people, most of them free**. There are **courses on various topics**: Language, art, music, natural sciences, mathematics, technology...

- The [Junior Academy \(Juniorakademie\)](#) there is for children and young people of all schools types class 5 and upwards.
- The [Hector Children's Academy \(Hector-Kinderakademie\)](#) is for children in kindergartens and primary schools. The kindergarten or primary school has to recommend that the child attends a course at the Hector Children's Academy. [This is where](#) you can search for courses.

#### Contact:

[Heidenheim Future Academy](#)

Research workshop (Forscherwerkstatt Gelbe Halle)

Schmelzofenvorstadt 33/4

89520 Heidenheim

☎ [07321/9245-310](tel:073219245310)

@[zukunftsakademie@heidenheim.de](mailto:zukunftsakademie@heidenheim.de)

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### STARTKLAR starter project:

“**STARTKLAR**” starter project is designed to help young people in school classes 8, 9 and 10 get a **school leaving certificate and a training place**.

You have a contact person at the school who will help you find a suitable profession. The project also includes an **internship**. There are no additional costs. You can find more information [here](#).

The “**STARTKLAR**” starter project is available at these schools:

- Bühlschule Giengen
- Bildungszentrum Gerstetter Alb
- Egauschule Dischingen
- Gemeinschaftsschule am Brenzpark Heidenheim
- Hirscheckschule Schnaitheim
- Bibrisschule Herbrechtingen
- Hillerschule Steinheim
- Grund- und Realschule Sontheim
- Schulverbund im Heckental Heidenheim
- Georg-Elser-Schule Königsbronn

- Christophorus-Schule Heidenheim

If you are interested in the project, ask at school.

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## Young VHS:

The [Volkshochschulen \(VHS\)](#) state evening schools in the district also offer courses for children and young people. This is called “Junge VHS”, young VHS. **Many of these courses are free.** Sometimes, however, the material you need for the course has to be paid for. Books, for example.

Look at the Volkshochschulen website to find out what courses are available.

Note: The VHS Heidenheim offers **free German courses** for pupils with foreign roots. Only the books have to be paid for.

Please contact the [VHS Heidenheim](#) directly.

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## Summer school

In the summer school, girls and boys from the **6th to 8th classes** can attend a free course for one week. In these courses, **German, maths and English are taught.** In the afternoon there are **workshops** such as drumming, photography and fancy dress.

Students from all the vocational, lower and middle secondary schools (Hauptschulen, Werkrealschulen, Gemeinschaftsschulen, Realschulen) in the district of Heidenheim can participate. **Participation is free, including lunch.**

For further information and to register, please contact [VHS Heidenheim](#).

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## Abendgymnasium Ostwürttemberg evening gymnasium

The evening gymnasium is a [school for adults](#). Here, people can take the middle secondary school certificate (**mittlere Reife**) or the higher secondary school certificate (**Abitur**). This is also possible if you are at work. The **lessons are in the evening** or at the weekend. There is a cost for it (€500 a year). If you don't have much money, there is support available. Then you have to pay less.

You can find more information here  <http://www.abendgymnasium-ostwuerttemberg.de/>