



Reimbursement of transportation costs: eligibility

Eligible school students can be reimbursed for the expenses they incur travelling to school. The legal basis for this is Sec. 161 of the Hessian School Education Act.

To be eligible you must meet the following criteria:

Place of residence

You must live in Frankfurt. The city school authority under the municipal administration of the city of Frankfurt am Main is responsible for schooling and will reimburse the transportation costs of school students living in the area.

Distance from the school

You must live a certain distance from the school. The exact distance depends on the type of school your child is attending:

Primary level (Primarstufe): The primary school must be more than two kilometres from your place of residence.

Lower secondary level (Sekundarstufe I; grades 5 to 9 or 10): The nearest school accepting new enrolments at which your child can receive the desired upper secondary qualification without changing schools must be more than three kilometres from your place of residence.

Definitions

Nearest school: This is the school at which your child can receive an upper secondary qualification and which is the shortest distance from your place of residence.

School accepting new enrolments: Schools inform us if they are no longer able to accept new students at the start of each new school year. We check that the nearest school accepting new enrolments is beyond the three-kilometre limit.

The walking distance between your place of residence and the nearest school accepting new enrolments is measured using the official digital city map prepared by the city surveyor's office.



Special provisions

Special provisions apply to school students with disabilities and students whose route to school is classified as dangerous under the law. For more information please contact our staff.

Period of eligibility

How long your child is eligible to receive reimbursement depends on the type of school they attend:

Hauptschule: Eligible up to and including grade 9

Erweiterte Hauptschule: Eligible up to and including grade 10

Realschule: Eligible up to and including grade 10

IGS: Eligible up to and including grade 10 (Realschulabschluss)

G 8: Eligible up to and including grade 9

G 9: Eligible up to and including grade 10

Vocational schools: Students receiving lower level vocational training may be eligible for reimbursement. This applies to students in

- their first year of part-time or full-time vocational education;
- their first year attending a specialised vocational school that allows them to meet the requirement for full-time compulsory schooling;
- their first year of a special study course at a vocational school.

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