

Information concerning School Enrolment for the academic year 2026/27 on 11 March 2026

1. School Enrolment

In accordance with Art. 37 of the Bavarian Education and Teaching Act (BayEUG), at the start of the 2026/27 school year, all children must attend school who turn six by 30 September 2026 whose legal guardians have postponed the start of compulsory schooling by one school year in the previous year in accordance with art. 37 para. 1 sentence 1 no. 2 BayEUG (so-called corridor declaration) or have already been postponed once from admission to elementary school.

Mandatory schooling

For children who turn six in the period from 1 July to 30 September, the parents or legal guardians may postpone the start of mandatory schooling until the following school year. In such cases, the school will provide advice and make a recommendation based on the information obtained at the time of school registration. The decision to postpone the start of mandatory schooling by one year must be notified to the school in writing by the parents or legal guardians by 10 April (art. 2 para. 4 sentence 3 Elementary School Ordinance)

Postponement of Admission

In the case of children who were born after 30 September 2020, parents may apply for their children to be admitted to their assigned elementary school earlier. For admission, all children born after 31 December 2020 require a school psychologist's opinion. The school principal shall decide whether a child will be admitted to the school. If an application for prior admission is denied, this is not equivalent to a deferment.

Prior Admission

The obligation to register at a school also exists if a deferral might be factor that is considered.

Deferral

A child who is at least six years old on 30 September 2026 may be deferred from elementary school admission for one school year if it is to be expected that the child will only be able to successfully participate in elementary school lessons one school year later or in accordance with art. 41 para. 5 BayEUG. The deferral should be ordered before the start of lessons (14 September 2026); it is permissible until 30 November 2026 if it only becomes apparent within this period that the conditions for deferral are met.

The decision is made by the school management. The school must hear the parents/guardians before making the decision.

Note: If the child is to continue attending a daycare center, it is usually necessary to re-register.

A deferment can also be made in the case of children who turn six in the period between 1 July and 30 September if the legal guardians do not, and/or have not postponed the start of mandatory schooling to the following school year.

The responsible elementary school shall defer admission of a child who has not attended a state-subsidized daycare facility with an integrated preparatory course or a comparable support measure for acquiring the German language and who, during the school registration process, is found to lack the necessary German language skills, and shall require the child to attend a state-funded daycare facility with an integrated preparatory course in the following school year (Art. 37 (3) sentence 6 BayEUG).

As a general rule, every child is required to attend the elementary school in the school district where he/she is resident (art. 42 para. 1 BayEUG) unless the child wishes to attend a state-recognized and/or state-licensed private elementary school. Each child must register at the elementary school for his/her district. Schools provide information about school districts and other school-related matters.

Assigned School

If the child has been registered at a private elementary school, the responsible elementary school must be informed for reasons of monitoring compulsory school attendance.

Monitoring of Mandatory Schooling

In Munich, first-grader registration for the academic year 2025/26 will take place on

Wednesday, 11 March 2026

School Enrolment

When?

in all school buildings with an elementary school.

Where?

Your elementary school will tell you how school registration will be handled. If you are unable to attend, a person who has been authorized in writing can register your child at the school. Children, who for serious reasons are unable to be introduced personally on the day of registration, may be registered earlier at their assigned elementary school if an appointment has been made with the school headmaster/headmistress. Schools should be informed of the inability to attend in good time before 11 March 2026.

Personal Introduction

School registration requires submission of the necessary details concerning the child's identity. As the case may be, this must be proven using appropriate documents.

Documents

In case of doubt, decisions concerning child custody should be brought along.

Evidence from the Department of Health and the Environment concerning participation in the health screening for school enrolment must be brought along or sent later on by the beginning of the school year.

The health screening for school enrolment is a mandatory examination.

Further information concerning the health examination – also in simple language - can be found online at www.muenchen.de/seu.

For children whose native language is not German and who do not have the necessary German language skills, information should be provided about attendance at a state-funded daycare center with an integrated preparatory course or a comparable support measure for acquiring the German language.

If possible, please additionally submit the handover form from your day care centre.

For children who have been deferred from the elementary school in the previous year, the notice of deferment must be presented at the time of registration.

In accordance with the sect. 8 Elementary School Ordinance (GrSO), there are special remedial services for children whose knowledge of German is insufficient (German classes DeutschPLUS). Please refer to the elementary school in your district for further information.

Remedial Services for Children whose Knowledge of German Is Insufficient

School children with special educational needs fulfill their mandatory education by attending the general or special school. In the specific case, the legal guardians decide at which of the legal and actually available schools their child should be taught (art. 41 para. 1 BayEUG). School registration takes place at the district elementary school, private elementary school or at the special needs centre according to the regulations of Grade School Ordinance - F (VSO-F).

Children with Special Educational Needs

Attending a primary school with an “inclusive” profile may also be an option. The State Education Authority decides on any assignment to a primary school with the desired program in accordance with Art. 43 (2) BayEUG.

The State Education Authority will form classes and instructional groups in collaboration with the schools based on pedagogical and school organizational requirements.

Composition of Classes

2. Special Educational Services at Individual Schools

The compulsory all-day schooling program is offered at numerous state elementary, middle, and special needs schools. Compulsory lessons take place in a fixed class group and are spread across the morning and afternoon.

Compulsory all-day Schooling

Throughout the day, lessons alternate with practice and study periods as well as sports, music, and art-oriented support measures in a rhythmic daily routine. In addition, leisure activities and projects are offered by external partners.

The compulsory all-day schooling program takes place on five weekdays in class groups. With the exception of lunch and any additional offers, it is free of charge.

Depending on the concept of the provider and the needs of the school location, holiday programs may also be offered.

The open all-day program, which is also offered at public elementary, middle, and special needs schools, follows directly on from scheduled lessons and usually offers a selection of leisure activities, such as sports, music, and art, in mixed-age groups.

Open all-day Schooling

Depending on the type of program, open all-day schooling generally offers supervision until 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. on five days a week. With the exception of lunch and any additional programs, open all-day schooling is also free of charge.

Depending on the concept of the provider and the needs of the school location, OGT providers offer an extra holiday program.

Some elementary schools offer bilingual instruction in selected subjects.

Bilingual Classes

School enrolment must nevertheless always take place at the district elementary school, even if special educational provision is desired which the district elementary school does not provide.

The State Education Authority shall decide on a possible assignment to a primary school with the desired provision in accordance with art. 43 para. 2 BayEUG.

3. Childcare services

Overview Care Services

Below, we provide an overview of the various forms of all-day childcare available for children of primary school age.

Registration process

Please note that you must register your child with the respective provider of school-time childcare **by 11 March 2026 at the latest**. On the day of school registration or even before, you will probably be asked about your childcare needs during the school holidays in the 2026/2027 school year. Please think about this in advance*.

The respective provider will inform you whether registration can be done online or only in person on site.

Accept any childcare places that have been confirmed immediately, but no later than the deadline specified by the provider in the confirmation of place. Please remember to cancel any childcare places that you do not need.

Registration can be done via the kita finder + on the website

www.muenchen.de/kita, or directly with the respective provider until the day of school enrollment.

* At the time of this parent information, no announcement has been made by the Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs. Specific deadlines and childcare periods can only be specified after this announcement.

Registration

The cooperative all-day education program (www.muenchen.de/rathaus/Stadtverwaltung/Referat-fuer-Bildung-und-Sport/Schule/Ganztag/kooperativer_ganztag) will offer childcare until 6 p.m. at 38 locations starting in the coming school year, including lunch, homework supervision, and a wide range of educational activities. The flexible option takes place after morning classes, while the rhythmic option will be combined with lessons in the all-day classes.

Cooperative all-day Education

After-school care centers and houses for children with after-school care places offer holistic education, care, and upbringing in mixed-age structures based on inclusive values. Regional houses are after-school care centers whose children usually attend schools further away and often use the bus to get there. Regardless of the type of school attended, after-school care is an important component of all-day education. Care is provided by qualified teaching staff and assistants.

After-school care centers and children's homes, regional centers

Daycare centers are facilities for elementary school children for education, upbringing, and care during non-school hours and thus represent an important component of all-day education. Groups are usually formed according to grade level and class. Care is provided by educational specialists and support staff.

Daycare centers

Lunchtime supervision can be set up at state schools as a social and recreational educational service and supports the educational work of parents and schools. It usually takes place on the premises of the respective school.

Lunchtime supervision

In addition, some schools offer special educational programs in the form of open or compulsory full-day schooling. You can find more details on this under No. 2 above.

Open all-day Schooling.

You can ask your local elementary school which of these services are available at the school location and in the district. During the parents' information evening, the school administrators will also provide you with more detailed information on which of these forms of care can be booked at your district elementary school.

Compulsory all- day Schooling

4. Extracurricular activities

Are you interested in music?

The Municipal Singing and Music School offers courses in musical play school, early education, and basic training throughout the city.

**The Municipal
Singing and Music
School**

Please note that registration for courses is only possible at certain times:

- From 2 March to 29 March 2026 Early musical education (ages 4-6/before school age)
- From 13 April to 10 May 2026 Basic musical training (ages 6-8/school age and above)

During the above-mentioned time slots, you can select the appropriate course and register your child directly via the online registration form on our website

www.muenchen.de/musikschule.

Registration for instrumental and vocal lessons is only possible after at least one year of early music education or basic training.

Our teachers look forward to welcoming your child and introducing them to the world of music!

The city's School of Imagination offers primary school children a space to fantasize, discover and design. Artists help them develop their own ideas and implement them with different materials and techniques. Over time, the children playfully find their own aesthetic language. Doing fun things in the creative process promotes sensory perception and strengthens self-confidence.

**The Municipal
School of
Imagination**

The courses take place in many of the city's elementary schools.

Annual fee €140.00. A fee exemption is possible upon application.

You can find the online registration and information on our homepage

www.muenchen.de/schule-der-phantasie

Contact: schule-der-phantasie@munichen.de

5. Further information

Further information can be found in the "Announcement of School Registration", which will be published in the Official Gazette No. 5 of the City of Munich on 20 February 2026 and will be displayed in all school buildings from 20 February 2026.

**Official
Announcement**

Internet

All information about school enrolment and details about childcare services can be found on this homepage at munichen.de

<https://stadt.muenchen.de/service/info/abt-4-grund-mittel-foerderschulen-und-tagesheime/10225117>

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