

THE DEVICE INITIATIVE

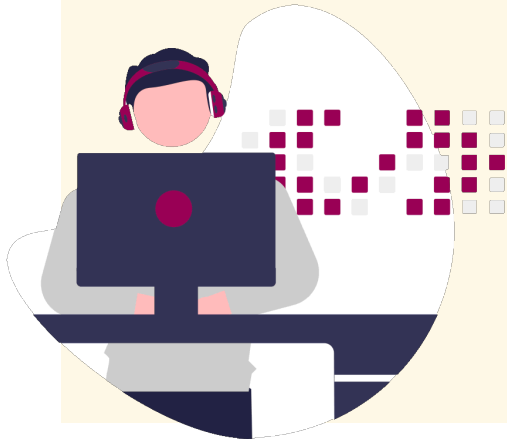
Information Sheet for Parents and Legal Guardians

This information sheet is also available in several languages!
digitaleslernen.oead.at/mediathek



The "Digital Learning" device initiative is part of the 8-point plan for the digital school of the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF).

From the 2022/23 school year, the 5th graders will be equipped with digital devices (laptops or tablets)¹. This should provide all students with access to digital education on a level playing field. As an agency of the federal government, the OeAD supports this initiative and is your point of contact for any queries!



WHY DIGITAL DEVICES?

Digital skills are becoming increasingly important in everyday life and at work. Notebooks, tablets and digital media also make it possible to diversify learning through innovative teaching and to support students well on their individual learning paths.

LAPTOPS & TABLETS AS LEARNING AND WORKING TOOLS

By enrolling to participate in the initiative, schools commit themselves to using the devices in lessons in a pedagogically purposeful way and to creating the level playing field necessary for this.

In the 2021/22 pilot year, as high as 93% of all eligible schools participated in the initiative. Your school made the decision to become a digital school in the school community committee or school forum and selected the type of device to fit its pedagogical concept.

Do you want to know what type of device your child will receive? Your school will be happy to tell you about it and explain how it will integrate the devices into the everyday school life!

Your child will also use the device at home. The device intended for classroom use is expected to have a lifespan of at least four years. This means that your son/daughter must handle the device responsibly. At school, there will be clear rules for the use of the devices.

Please support your child in learning this responsible behaviour at home as well!

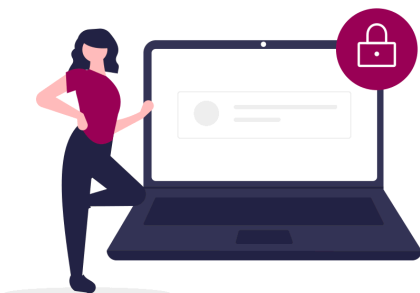
DIGITAL SKILLS

- + Skilful and confident use of notebooks and tablets
- + Responsible use of the Internet and digital media

Tips for parents and legal guardians from Saferinternet.at
digitaleslernen.oead.at/tipps

WHO GETS A DEVICE?

The device initiative provides digital devices (laptops or tablets) to pupils attending 5th grade for the first time.



¹ The Federal Act on the Financing of the Digitisation of School Instruction (SchDigiG) provides the framework for implementation as the legal basis.

THIS IS HOW THE DEVICE OF THE DEVICE INITIATIVE BECOMES YOUR PROPERTY

Before accepting the device, the General Terms and Conditions of Contract (GTCC) must be confirmed. This is a prerequisite for obtaining the device.

With the payment of the own contribution or exemption from this and the device handover, the ownership of the device as well as the risk and the warranty responsibility are transferred to you or your child.



For detailed information on the road map for legal guardians, please visit digitaleslernen.oead.at/geraeteuebernahme

EXEMPTION FROM CONTRIBUTION

Under certain conditions, an application for exemption from the own payment can be submitted via an online form.

The exemption reasons are:

- the receipt of a pupil or student grant for a sibling in the previous school year,
- the receipt of minimum income support, social assistance, a compensatory allowance or emergency assistance,
- exemption from broadcasting fees, the green electricity flat rate or a subsidy for telephone charges
- as well as complete childcare under child and youth welfare laws of the federal states.²



For information on payment and exemption, please visit digitaleslernen.oead.at/befreiung

WEBINAR OFFERS

Together with the BMBWF and Saferinternet.at, the OeAD offers free webinars for legal guardians!



Webinar dates digitaleslernen.oead.at/veranstaltungen

WARRANTY & INSURANCE

The devices are purchased with a four-year warranty. Taking out an indemnity insurance for specific damage is recommended.



Information on warranty & insurance, please visit digitaleslernen.oead.at/garantie-versicherung

COST OF THE DEVICE

The BMBWF takes over a large part of the procurement costs. According to the Federal Act on the Financing of the Digitisation of School Instruction (SchDigiG), legal guardians must pay a one-off own contribution of 25 per cent of the device price. This corresponds to about EUR 100 and varies slightly depending on the device type.



Costs per device type digitaleslernen.oead.at/geraete

CHANGE OF SCHOOL

In the event that your child moves to a school that uses a different type of device, there is the Device Exchange. The Device Exchange is an optional, fee-based and sustainable offer for legal guardians.



For information on the Device Exchange digitaleslernen.oead.at/geraeteboerse



Do you have any questions?
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WHO IS THE OeAD?

The OeAD is Austria's agency for education and internationalisation. For over 60 years, it has been advising, promoting and networking people and institutions from the fields of education, science, research and culture with future-oriented programmes. The BMBWF has commissioned the OeAD to manage the operations of the device initiative. oead.at