

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).

In the course of the initiative, the 5th grades are equipped with digital devices (laptops or tablets)¹. This is to enable all pupils to access digital education on a level playing field. As an agency of the federal government, the OeAD supports this initiative and is your contact for questions.



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.

More than 1,540 schools are already participating in the device initiative. That is 95% of all eligible schools. Your school has made the decision to become a digital school in the school community committee/forum and has chosen the type of device that fits 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!

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

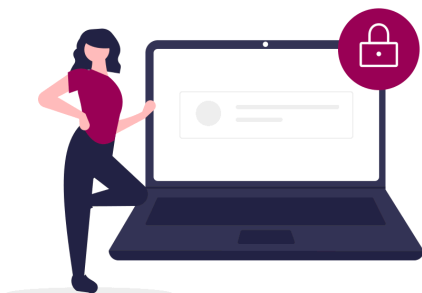
DIGITAL SKILLS

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

WHO GETS A DEVICE?

Pupils can be given a digital device once from the initiative who are attending a grade 5 class for the first time, or be reassigned to an existing grade 6-8 digital class.

More information on who gets the devices:
digitaleslernen.oead.at/elterninfo

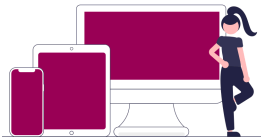


¹ The Federal Act on Financing the Digitisation of School Instruction (SchulDigIG) provides the legal basis for the framework for implementation.

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 have a two- to four-year warranty. The warranty period depends on the type of device. The devices are not insured as standard. We therefore recommend that you get insurance against common damage and loss.



Information on warranty & insurance, please visit digitaleslernen.oead.at/garantie_versicherung

COST OF THE DEVICE

The BMBWF covers a large part of the acquisition costs. According to the Federal Act on the Financing of the Digitisation of School Instruction (SchulDigiG), educators have to pay a one-time contribution of 25 per cent of the price of the device. This corresponds to about 100 to 120 euros and varies slightly depending on the type of device.



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?
We are here for you!
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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