

## The “Digital Learning” device initiative: What should I know?

The Ministry of Education has developed an 8-point plan for the digital school, including the “Digital Learning” device initiative. The aim is to give all children access to high-quality digital education on a level playing field.

### Who gets a device?

Starting the school year 2023/24, a digital device from the initiative is available for pupils, who

- attend a digital class of the 5th grade or
- are reclassified into an existing digital class between the 6th and 8th grade.

More information on who gets the devices  
[digitaleslernen.oead.at/elterninfo](https://digitaleslernen.oead.at/elterninfo)



### How are the devices used?

Any school participating in the device initiative shall use the devices to assist teaching and learning in the classroom.

Around 1,540 schools have already been participating. That is 95% of all schools eligible to participate.

**Your child's secondary school is very likely to participate in the initiative! It is best to find out more from your school right away!**

### How much does the device cost?

The Ministry of Education takes over a large part of the procurement costs. In accordance with the Austrian Act on the Digitisation of School Instruction, legal guardians must pay a one-time personal contribution of 25 per cent of the price of the device. Depending on the device type, this costs around 100 euros. The device then belongs to your child.

Costs for the different types of devices  
[digitaleslernen.oead.at/geraete](https://digitaleslernen.oead.at/geraete)



### How can I get exempted from the own contribution?

An application for exemption from the own contribution can be submitted via an online form. The Act on the Digitisation of School Education specifies the exemption options.

Information on payment and exemption  
[digitaleslernen.oead.at/befreiung](https://digitaleslernen.oead.at/befreiung)



### What about warranty & insurance?

The devices have a two to four year warranty. The exact warranty period depends on the device type. The devices are usually uninsured. We therefore recommend that you take out indemnity insurance.

Information on warranty & insurance  
[digitaleslernen.oead.at/garantie\\_versicherung](https://digitaleslernen.oead.at/garantie_versicherung)



This information sheet is also available in several languages!  
[digitaleslernen.oead.at/mediathek](https://digitaleslernen.oead.at/mediathek)



### Digital learning as an opportunity!

Digital devices in the classroom mean many new opportunities for varied learning, creativity and networked thinking. The Digital Learning Initiative facilitates teaching that combines tried and tested teaching methods with new technologies, allowing pupils to discover new worlds.

### Digital learning with the OeAD

Do you have any questions about the initiative? The OeAD offers webinars for legal guardians!

Webinar dates  
[digitaleslernen.oead.at/veranstaltungen](https://digitaleslernen.oead.at/veranstaltungen)



### 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 OeAD implements the “Digital Learning” device initiative together with the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research.

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