The Device Initiative

The “Digital Learning” Device Initiative is part of the 8-point digital school plan of the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF). In the 2022/23 school year, the 5th graders will be equipped with digital devices (laptops or tablets).

The purpose of this initiative is to create the pedagogical and technical prerequisites for IT-supported teaching and to give pupils access to digital education on a level playing field.

Devices as learning and working aids
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.

Approximately 1,500 schools are already participating in the initiative, representing 93% of all schools eligible for participation.

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 contribution of 25 per cent of the device price. This corresponds to about EUR 100 and varies slightly depending on the device type.

Exemption from own contribution
Financially underprivileged families can apply for exemption from the own contribution via an online form.

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

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