

Participation

In the first school year, all children are required to take part in JeKits lessons. The lessons take place as class periods in the timetable. Participation is compulsory and free of charge.

Participation for the second, third and fourth JeKits year is voluntary and subject to a fee and requires prior registration. In exceptional cases, JeKits 2 can be carried out in classroom groups under special conditions.

Parents are required to pay a monthly contribution per child of a maximum €26 (2nd school year) and a maximum €35 (3rd and 4th school year).

Please get in touch with your school or the extracurricular partner to find out the monthly parental contribution charged locally.

Instruments handed out for lessons or practice at home are loaned free of charge.

Fee exemptions and concessions

JeKits would like to reach as many children as possible in North Rhine-Westphalia and is expressly aimed at all children at a JeKits school, regardless of their origin or social background.

In principle, a financially difficult situation should not be a reason for a family not being able to participate in JeKits.

Fee exemptions and concessions are available. Children from families who receive unemployment benefit II, social assistance or similar social benefits are exempt from participation fees.

Participation is also free of charge for children whose parents receive housing benefit, child allowance, training support or benefits under the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act.

If two or more children of one family participate in the programme, the full amount is only payable for the first child. For each additional child only half the amount is payable.

Contact

For more information about JeKits, please get in touch with the contact person at your music school, primary school or special needs school.

You can also obtain general information about the programme from the Landesverband der Musikschulen in NRW e.V. (State Association of Music Schools in NRW) or at www.jekits.de.

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JeKits

Instrument, dancing or singing for every child

Information for parents
Instruments

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the JeKits programme. Your child is at a school that offers JeKits – An Instrument, Dancing or Singing for Every Child.

What is JeKits?

JeKits is a cultural education program for primary and special needs schools in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. It offers three focal points: instruments, dancing and singing. The children have the opportunity to participate in the programme throughout their primary school years.

What are the JeKits objectives?

At the heart of JeKits is the joy of making music, dancing and singing together. The children acquire and hone their musical and dance skills. As they progress, they discover their own artistic aptitude for design and expression.

Their development is supported by social learning, creativity and active engagement with music and dance in the group. A wide range of experiences and constructive teaching content form the basis for further development in music-making, dancing and singing.

JeKits would like to give as many children in NRW as possible access to music and dance education, regardless of their origin or social background.

JeKits supports the collaboration between schools and extracurricular partners. JeKits thus enriches and strengthens the range of cultural education opportunities available.

What are the focal points?

Every JeKits school offers one of three focal points – instruments, dancing or singing. Your school has chosen instruments.

Who are the cooperation partners?

Your school runs JeKits in cooperation with an extracurricular partner. For the focal point instruments, this can be, for example, a local music school. Their teachers usually come to the school for the JeKits lessons. JeKits serves as a supplementary lesson to the music class provided at the school, however does not replace this.



The first JeKits year (JeKits 1)

What happens in the first JeKits year?

The first JeKits year invites all children to make music together. Your child will discover the world of music and instruments. This includes singing, dancing and making music with various instruments. Pupils are given an introduction to music, whereby various instruments are introduced and tried out.

How are lessons taught in the first JeKits year?

The JeKits lessons take place once a week as a class period and are part of the school curriculum. Lessons are taught in „tandem“: the music school teacher organises the lesson together with the primary school teacher.

Participation is compulsory and free of charge.

At the end of the first school year, your child can decide on an instrument.

The second to fourth JeKits years (JeKits 2-4)

What happens from the second JeKits year onwards?

Lessons from the second school year onwards build on the content learned and experiences from the first JeKits year. The acquired musical skills are strengthened, expanded and honed.

Your child will have two hours of lessons per week playing the instrument of choice they chose at the end of the first year. From the outset, everyone makes music together with other children in the JeKits ensemble and receives instrumental lessons in small groups.

Songs and pieces are played, as well as improvised. The foundations for developing musical skills are laid and strengthened. The lessons offer space for creative activity and participation, so that each child can contribute their own personality to the group. By making music together, the children learn to perceive themselves and others. They can react to impulses from the group and try to integrate them into their own instrumental playing. They experience themselves as part of a community and each child has the chance to experience appreciation, self-efficacy and their own skills. All this forms the basis for developing instrumental playing and making music in the 3rd and 4th school year.

Each school year, the children have the opportunity to create a performance together and stand on the stage.

How are lessons taught in the second JeKits year?

Your child will receive two lessons per week: one lesson in the JeKits ensemble and another in the instrumental group. In exceptional cases, JeKits 2 can be carried out in class groups under special conditions.

The lessons are given by music teachers from a local music school.