

Book Fund for Grades 7 – 12

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A reliable supply of books and learning materials for all students is a key prerequisite for successful learning.

Legal Stipulations regarding School Materials

The Berlin School Act stipulates that books and other learning materials are generally to be provided by the parents or guardians. Currently parents can be required to pay up to **€100 per school year** on books ([Berlin School Act](#)).

According to Section 50, Paragraph 2 of the Berlin School Act (*SchulG*), schools have the option of establishing a [book fund](#) for learning materials.

By participating in the book fund, your costs would be reduced to **€70 per school year**.

The Schiller school conference (*Schulkonferenz*) approved the establishment of a book fund on May 22, 2025.

Participation in the book fund means the following for parents and guardians:

- Financial relief (savings of €30 per child annually).
- With a payment of €70 per child per school year, your child receives all necessary textbooks and workbooks from the school at the beginning of the school year. The workbooks do **not** need to be returned.
- All students in a class receive the same set of materials simultaneously.
- As a “Fair School” (*Faire Schule*), we practice sustainability through the reuse of textbooks.

Participation in the book fund means the following for the school:

- The necessary textbooks and materials are procured centrally.
- Textbooks are lent from the school library at the beginning of the school year and are returned at the end of the school year.
- All textbooks are cataloged, so borrowing a textbook is linked to your child’s specific user account.
- If a book is damaged or lost, it must be replaced.
- Access to digital platforms, software licenses, and other e-learning components is provided.
- Data protection and security: Digitally acquired learning materials are subject to the data protection regulations of the Berlin School Act (§ 127 *SchulG*). Through the book fund, we can contractually ensure that personal data is protected and that data protection-compliant platforms are used.

Participation in the book fund is voluntary.

If you do not wish to participate in the book fund, you are required to purchase all textbooks and materials at a cost of up to €100 per child per school year. The list of required books will be available on our website from June 1, 2026.

The more families participate, the more stable and effective the system will be for everyone, allowing us to reduce the contribution in the coming years.

How to participate in the book fund:

By making a payment to the account listed below, you agree to participate in the book fund.

Please transfer the amount of €70.00 by April 30, 2026 to the following account:

Beneficiary (Zahlungsempfänger):	Schiller-Gymnasium
IBAN:	DE04 1001 0010 0637 1151 04
BIC:	PBNKDEEFFXXX
Reference (Verwendungszweck):	Lernmittel - SURNAME of your child, FIRST NAME of your child Example: Lernmittel - Müller, Max



If the following warning appears, check the IBAN is correct.

If it is correct, please IGNORE the message.

(We changed the name of the beneficiary as the original name is very long)

Exemption from required purchasing of books / [The Educational Package \(Bildungspaket\)](#):

Children from families receiving financial assistance from the state are entitled to an exemption from the requirement to purchase school books (e.g. those receiving citizen's income, social assistance, child supplement, housing benefit, or benefits under the Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act [*Bürgergeld, Sozialhilfe, Kinderzuschlag, Wohngeld* or benefits under the *Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz*]).

If you qualify for the exemption, participation in the book fund is not required. You will receive all textbooks, novels, and workbooks from the school. The textbooks will be issued on loan. Your child will get to keep any novels and workbooks.

In order to procure the books in a timely manner and in the required quantity, we need proof of eligibility (*berlinpass-BuT*) from you by **April 30, 2026**. This must be presented to the admin office of the Schiller Gymnasium.

Andrea Kunze
Principal