



# The DeutschlandTicket Schule!

## My child is currently using the SchokoTicket. Do I have to terminate it?

If the school authority of your school has chosen to use the DeutschlandTicket Schule from 01 August 2023 onwards, you do not need to do anything more. Your child's SchokoTicket will be automatically converted to the DeutschlandTicket Schule in this case, and your contract will continue to run automatically. You cannot keep the SchokoTicket in this case. Your transport company will inform you soon.

## What is the DeutschlandTicket Schule?

The DeutschlandTicket Schule is a discounted bus and train ticket (chip card) for pupils. The ticket keeps pupils mobile all day, letting them travel to school or sports, or to visit their grandmas in other towns. The ticket is also valid anywhere in Germany around the clock.

## How do I get the DeutschlandTicket Schule and what does it cost?

The prerequisite for a DeutschlandTicket Schule is that the school authority of your school has contractually chosen the DeutschlandTicket Schule. If the route to the nearest school is longer than 3.5 km, you may be entitled to travel expense coverage. For primary school children, the required distance is only 2 km. For upper secondary schools, the limit is 5 km. Please contact your school's secretary directly to verify eligibility and receive the corresponding application. You will only pay the legally required shares (usually EUR 14 per child). If you do not have any claim to transport expense coverage, you can purchase a DeutschlandTicket Schule for your child at EUR 29.00 in a subscription that can be terminated every month. You can find an application at [www.vrr.de](http://www.vrr.de).

## What kind of transport can my child use with the DeutschlandTicket?

The DeutschlandTicket Schule is valid in all networks and with all local transport companies anywhere in Germany. The ticket allows you to use all local transport vehicles, i.e., all buses, trams, city trains, and subway trains as well as to travel in 2nd class in any suburban trains, regional trains, and regional express trains. The ticket is not valid on any long-distance trains (e.g., ICE, IC, EC) or with any private providers such as FlixTrain.

## What happens when my child is inspected?

During an inspection, the chip card and a picture ID must be shown.

## Is my child allowed to lend the DeutschlandTicket Schule to someone else?

No, the DeutschlandTicket Schule is personalised and cannot be passed on to anyone else. Just as with the SchokoTicket, only your child is allowed to use the ticket. They must carry photo identification at all times with it.



### **Is it permitted to take along a bicycle free of charge with the DeutschlandTicket Schule?**

The DeutschlandTicket Schule does not include bicycle transport. If you want to take a bicycle with you on a regular basis, you can buy the monthly bicycle ticket or the bicycle subscription ticket for the VRR area for an additional 29 euros per month. It is valid in conjunction with the DeutschlandTicket Schule or another subscription ticket. If you only want to take a bike with you now and then, the VRR FahrradTicket, valid for 24 hours, will be sufficient for you. From 01 July onwards, you can also purchase the NRWupgradeFahrrad in a subscription for 39 euros per month.

### **Can another person travel free of charge on the DeutschlandTicket Schule?**

The DeutschlandTicket Schule does not include taking along another person. Accompanying persons under the age of six can travel free of charge since children only need a ticket of their own from age six onwards.

### **Can I use 1<sup>st</sup> class with a DeutschlandTicket Schule?**

The DeutschlandTicket Schule does not include use of 1<sup>st</sup> class. If you want to use 1<sup>st</sup> class on a regular basis, you can buy the 1<sup>st</sup> class subscription ticket or the monthly 1<sup>st</sup> class ticket for the VRR area for an additional 46 euros per month. It is valid in conjunction with the DeutschlandTicket Schule or another subscription ticket. If you only want to use 1<sup>st</sup> class occasionally, an additional ZusatzTicket in the VRR per person and ride will be sufficient. From 01 July onwards, you can also purchase the "NRWupgrade1.Klasse" in a subscription for 69 euros per month. It will then apply to 1<sup>st</sup> class use anywhere in NRW.

### **Am I permitted to take along a dog free of charge with my DeutschlandTicket Schule?**

The DeutschlandTicket Schule does not include a flat rate for dogs, but the provisions of the NRW terms of carriage continue to apply. They generally permit dogs to travel for free in NRW. An important requirement is that safety and order of the operation is not endangered and that other passengers are not inconvenienced by it.

### **Does the mobility guarantee apply to the DeutschlandTicket Schule?**

If your bus or train is delayed by 20 minutes or more at the departure stop, your child may travel directly to your actual destination by IC, EC, or ICE or by cab or a sharing service. The costs for a cab or sharing system will be reimbursed proportionally, at up to 30 euros per person during the day and up to 60 euros at night between 8 pm and 5 am. You can find the latest information at [www.vrr.de](http://www.vrr.de).

### **Can I continue using a SchokoTicket if the school authority of my school has chosen the DeutschlandTicket?**

If the school authority chooses the DeutschlandTicket Schule, pupils of the respective school can only use the DeutschlandTicket Schule anymore. This applies to claim holders as well as to self-payers. The switch enlarges the area of application without any financial disadvantages.

### **Can I purchase a DeutschlandTicket even though the school authority of my school has chosen to continue using the SchokoTicket?**

You can terminate your current SchokoTicket with your transport company and purchase a regular DeutschlandTicket.

You can find the latest information at [www.vrr.de](http://www.vrr.de).