

Uniform allocation criteria for municipal day care facilities for children and for childcare facilities for primary school pupils in Mannheim

(valid for place allocations from 01 March 2026)

The following additional criteria for allocating places are applied if the place is not allocated to a child of an educational specialist or a daycare worker who demonstrably has no other childcare option and whose legal guardian is thus prevented from exercising a childcare activity for the Department of Daycare Facilities for Children of the City of Mannheim or for another provider of a daycare facility or for daycare in other suitable rooms (U3 segment) in Mannheim.

1. The following are prioritized when allocating a childcare place:

a) Children whose admission is recommended by the Social Service of the Youth Welfare Office (on the basis of an identified risk to the child's well-being according to §8a SGB VIII or an identified need for support of the child's well-being according to §27 SGB VIII).

b) Children who will be of compulsory school age in the following childcare year and who do not yet attend any facilities.

c) Children who are already attending a nursery in the same facility at the time of transition to kindergarten. The extent of care corresponds to the legal entitlement in accordance with § 24 (3) SGB VIII.

d) Children who will be attending Year 1 of primary school in the 2026/2027 school year

2. For all other children, the following assessment criteria for a childcare place apply:

Objective legal entitlement criteria for a childcare place	Scope of employment**	Sibling	Other criteria
<p>One legal guardian employed* 10</p> <p>Both legal guardians employed* 20 points</p> <p>One single parent employed * 22 points</p> <p>* Parents who are in gainful employment or looking for a job or are in an educational measure/school education/university education or receive work integration benefits within the meaning of SGB II are counted as employees.</p>	<p>Marginally (8-15 h/week) 2 points</p> <p>Half-time (16-27 h/week) 4 points</p> <p>Full-time (28 h/week and more) 6 points</p> <p>** In case of two employed legal guardians, the time expenditure of the employee with the least time is decisive.</p>	<p>Sibling(s) already in care or looking for care*** 1 point</p> <p>*** In case of equal number of points, the place will be allocated in favour of the child whose sibling is already being cared for in the same facility.</p>	<p><u>In the area of nursery/daycare and kindergarten:</u></p> <p><u>Older</u> children have priority</p> <p>Day care: This does not include services provided by self-employed daycare workers.</p> <p><u>In the area of after-school care and flexible afternoon care:</u></p> <p><u>Younger</u> children have priority</p> <p>VGS: Offers within the framework of the reliable primary school</p>