



Would you like to take part in GESiK?

We look forward to your participation in our pilot study.
Your health department performs the examination.
Please accompany your child.

You will find information on the place and proposed appointment in the correspondence from your health department.

Important! Please inform your health department without fail using the telephone number or e-mail address provided in the correspondence if you cannot attend the given appointment.

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GESiK examines your child's health and development one year before they become a preschooler (i.e. at four or five years old) and replaces the school entry examination.

A selection of informative and age-appropriate tests allow early discovery of developmental delays and health impairments. These can then often be treated better and easier.

All children should have the best possible chance for a successful start into their schooling years.

Further information on the Internet:

Health and development screening at
Kindergarten age (GESiK):
www.lgl.bayern.de/gesik



School entry examinations:
www.lgl.bayern.de/schuleingangsuntersuchung

Further information (no appointment details)

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Invitation
to the health and
development screening
at Kindergarten age
(GESiK)

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The preferred school entry examination - GESiK

The school entry examination is held for all children a few months before their schooling begins. It has been tried and proven over many years. New findings now show that an earlier examination has benefits for the children. An examination of four- and five-year-olds (GESiK) will therefore be introduced first of all in six selected Bavarian districts/local authorities.

This means your district/local authority, is giving you and your child the opportunity to participate in this improved examination.

An expansion to the whole of Bavaria is planned.

Participation in GESiK

Participation is voluntary. If your child takes part now, it will make things easier for the whole family in the months before school starts, which can be turbulent enough as it is. If you cannot attend for whatever reason, you must present your child the next year for the obligatory school entry examination. The same test procedures are used here, however with the application of age-adjusted limits.



The benefits

- Mostly everything is fine. You are then reassured and you have no more appointments to attend.
- The earlier the treatment begins, the quicker and more successfully vision and hearing impairments can be treated.
- With minor developmental delays you can help your child yourself with stimuli and fun exercises. How you can do this is explained to you at the examination.
- If more detailed support or treatment is required, you and your child then have more time for it.



The earlier health problems or delayed development are uncovered, the better they can be treated. Earlier treatment makes life easier for you and your child.

The examination

A **socio-medical assistant** records

- your child's weight and height
- vaccination status and information from the "yellow booklet"

They examine with age-appropriate and enjoyable fun tests

- vision and hearing capacity
- speech and speaking faculties, i.e. what your child understands and how they speak
- abilities that apply as a requirement for school learning (such as understanding "many" and "few" or "big" and "small", for example)

You receive one questionnaire on your child's medical history and one on their development status. Completing them is voluntary, however the information provides an important supplement to the results of the examination.

Medical examination

- A subsequent medical examination is performed if cause for this is found in the screening or if you as a parent want it.
- If the medical examination also results in the possibility of a health impairment or a development status that is not compliant with the child's age, the doctor will discuss the further procedure in detail with you. Your child's strengths and skills are also considered here.
- The results of the meeting are also provided to you in writing. Should a further examination by a pediatrician, family doctor or specialist be advised, you will receive an accompanying letter. You can then present this accordingly.

After GESiK has been completed your health department will provide you with an information sheet for presentation at the school.

The data collected with the examination (without name, date of birth, address or telephone number) will be conveyed with your consent to the *Landesamt für Gesundheit und Lebensmittelsicherheit (LGL)* where it will be statistically analyzed.