

Afternoon Activities in Basic Education in a Nutshell

Applying for Afternoon Activities

The main application period for afternoon activities was from April 1 to April 17, 2025. However, applications can be submitted throughout the school year. After the application period, applications are considered in the order they are received, and children can join the activities if there is space in the group. After the application period, you can apply for afternoon activities with a paper application which should be returned to the address of the service provider from whom you are seeking a place for afternoon activities. More information about afternoon activities (in Finnish) can be found on the City of Lahti's website: www.lahti.fi/kasvatus-ja-koulutus/perusopetus/kerho-ja-iltapaivatoiminta/iltapaivatoiminta.

Fixed Monthly Fee

The official decision on the place in the afternoon activities is the basis for charging the monthly fee for afternoon activities. A fee is charged for each month in which the child participates in the activities (one or more attendance days). According to the decision of the Lahti City Education Committee (May 21, 2024/61 §), the monthly fee for afternoon activities in accordance with the Basic Education Act is 120 euros/month from August 1, 2024. The monthly fee includes, among other things, supervised activities, a snack, materials, and accident insurance.

The service provider charges fees for the activities they provide. Guardians are billed a fixed monthly fee per child according to the decision on the place in the afternoon activities, with the following exceptions:

- 120 €/month, except for the half-month fee in August. No fee is charged for activity days in June. School holidays do not affect the monthly fee.
- 60 €/month when the child is absent for the entire month (0 attendance days). Absence must be reported to the group leader. However, the place cannot be reserved without an acceptable reason.
- 60 €/month when the child is absent **due to illness** for 11 or more activity days in a month.
- 0 €/month when the child is absent **due to illness** for the entire month (0 attendance days).

Absences due to illness must be supported by a doctor's or nurse's certificate upon request.

If the fee for afternoon activities is not paid by the due date, the service provider is entitled to charge annual interest on arrears from the due date as stipulated in the Interest Act (633/1982). The fee is directly enforceable. The fee may be collected without a judgment or decision as provided in the Act on the Enforcement of Taxes and Charges (706/2007).

For questions related to billing, please contact the billing party directly, i.e., the service provider. The contact details of the service provider for the afternoon activities can be found (in Finnish) on the city's website: www.lahti.fi/kasvatus-ja-koulutus/perusopetus/kerho-ja-iltapaivatoiminta/iltapaivatoiminta, under the section "Iltapäivätoiminnan palveluntuottajat 2025–2026."

Principles for Fee Exemption (Education Committee 22.4.2025/50 §)

- Fee exemption for the school year 2025–2026 can be applied for **from August 1, 2025**, in writing using the electronic and paper fee exemption applications available on the City of Lahti's website.
- The application must be submitted during the month from which the fee exemption is sought.
- A separate fee exemption must be applied for each child in the afternoon activities.
- The recipient of the income support decision and the child must live at the same address. The income support decision must concern the child for whom the fee exemption is sought.
- The decisions attached to the fee exemption application must be **positive and up-to-date**:
 - A copy of the basic income support decision from Kela
 - A copy of the preventive or supplementary income support decision granted by the wellbeing services counties
 - A copy of the reception allowance decision
- The income support/reception allowance decisions attached to the **application must be submitted in full (all pages)**.
- If the application lacks up-to-date attachments, the processing of the application may be delayed.
- The fee exemption decision is made for a fixed period, for a maximum of one operational year at a time. The fee exemption can be granted for a maximum period for which the positive income support decision is valid.
- Fee exemption is **not granted retroactively**.
- The paper application with attachments should be sent to: Lahti-Piste, Service Square, Shopping Center Trio, 2nd floor, Vesku Square, Aleksanterink. 18, 15140 Lahti.

Termination of Afternoon Activities

Termination must **always** be done in writing. It can be done either electronically through the City of Lahti's website or as a paper termination notice, which must be submitted to the service provider.

- If the place applied for and granted during the application period is not accepted, the termination period is **one week** from the receipt of the notification of acceptance.
- Otherwise, the termination notice must be submitted to the service provider or sent electronically **by the 15th of the month and will take effect on the first day of the following month**. The termination notice can be found (in Finnish) on the City of Lahti's website: www.lahti.fi/kasvatus-ja-koulutus/perusopetus/kerho-ja-iltapaivatoiminta/iltapaivatoiminta.