

Association of Friends and Supporters of the Anne Frank Secondary School Bochum-Gerthe e.V.

Achieving more together!

A support association is much more than just a “club in the background” – it is a vital pillar for many institutions such as schools, daycare centers, cultural initiatives, or social projects. But why is such an association actually so important?

What does a support association do?

The funds available to educational institutions like schools are often not enough for modern equipment or additional wishes. We step in where public resources fall short:

- Financing projects, excursions, equipment, or special activities
- Organizing events and community activities
- Connecting parents, supporters, alumni, and friends
- Providing ideas and commitment where time or resources are otherwise lacking

Why is this important?

Whether it's new playground equipment, modern technology, additional learning materials, or creative extracurricular activities – many things would simply not be possible without a support association. Through its commitment, it directly improves everyday life for many people – especially children and young people.

Use of funds at our school

Everyday school life would be much poorer without the support association. Here are some examples of what we currently support (and have supported in the past):

Support in the field of languages

- Funding for the DELF A2 exam (Grade 10) (internationally recognized French certificate)
- Funding for the Cambridge Certificate (Grade 10) (internationally recognized English certificate)

Support in school music

- Choir trips for all school ensembles
- Financing overhead microphones

Support in physical education

- Badminton equipment
- Purchase of Hapkido uniforms (extracurricular activity)

- Support for first aid training of sports assistants in Grade 9

Financing of mediator training

The conflict resolution program has a long tradition at our school. Thorough preparation is essential so that students can fulfill their responsible role as peer mediators. The support association fully funds this training.

Support in cases of social hardship

We do not want the children of our school to be “left out in the rain.” Parents who find themselves in financial difficulties – for whatever reason – can receive our support, for example through financial assistance for class trips. No child should have to miss out on a class trip for financial reasons! If you are affected, please contact us directly, or encourage families in such situations to reach out. Of course, all matters are treated in strict confidence.

Social responsibility

An important part of our school program is teaching social responsibility. We want to support this goal and pass it on to our students: they should learn to take on and deal with social responsibility. Please remember that we are role models for our children. We want to reduce social differences at school and prevent discrimination.

Only through your membership contributions can we fulfill all these tasks and directly help all students at Anne Frank Secondary School.

We are here!

Whenever the school opens its doors to the public and holds events, we are there to help and contribute:

- Open House
- Sports events (sponsored runs, tournaments)
- Parent-teacher conferences
- School concerts

We would like to give you an overview of why it is worthwhile for every family to join the Association of Friends and Supporters of Anne Frank Secondary School Bochum-Gerthe e.V. The more funds the association has available, the greater the number of projects it can support.

Executive Board

In the 2020/21 school year, the association was fortunately saved from dissolution. In 2025, parents from the new 5th grade (starting in August) and the then 6th grade stepped up to take on the voluntary tasks of the executive board. Ms. Becker and Ms. Blask, together with three other board members, are now responsible for the concerns of the association.

Who can join and what does it cost?

Anyone who wants to support us!

Parents, grandparents, neighbors, businesses, alumni – every member counts. You can support us with as little as one euro per month. If possible, you are of course welcome to contribute a higher annual amount. As we are a non-profit association, your donation is tax-deductible. For donations up to €300, a “simplified” proof (bank statement or payment receipt) is sufficient.

Interested?

Don't hesitate to get in touch: **foerderverein@afrs-bochum.de**