Applying for English-language education for the 7th Grade

School year 2024-2025

Espoo International School
About arranging basic education

- Espoo, like other municipalities, has an obligation to arrange basic education for children of compulsory school age residing in its area. Pupils have a **subjective right to attend a local school** (primary school) assigned by the municipality. Basic education is given in Finnish.

- Pupils who cannot yet speak Finnish or whose Finnish language skills are not equivalent to those of a native speaker have the opportunity to be supported in increasing their Finnish language skills and to participate in **preparatory education**.

- Pupils can also apply for a place in English-language education. Pupils, however, **do not have a subjective right to be admitted to English-language education**, as opposed to applying to a local school.
English-language education in Espoo

- Intended for pupils in basic education who live in Espoo.

- Nearly all the teaching is in English. The aim is to give the pupils the kind of linguistic skills that enable them to continue their studies in both English and Finnish even after basic education.

- Follows the national Finnish curriculum in all subjects.
  - The A1 language is English and the A2 language either French or Spanish.
  - Finnish is studied either as mother's tongue or according to the Finnish as a Second Language curriculum.

- Pupils are admitted for English-language education in accordance with the Principles of pupil admission for English-language education decided by the Growth and Learning Committee.
### The differences between English-language education and Bilingual (Finnish-English) education

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Study places for the school year 2024-2025

7th Grade

- Pupils attending English-language education in the 6th Grade at Espoo International School transfer to the 7th Grade automatically. If there are still places available after these pupils, new applicants will be admitted based on an entrance examination.

- A maximum of 100 applicants meeting the principles of pupil admission (including pupils who continue studying in English-language education in the 7th grade).
How to apply
Enrolling in the 7th grade and applying for English-language Education

- Enrolling in the 7th grade and applying for English-language education takes place through the electronic Wilma service https://espoo.inschool.fi/ between 9th and 16th January, 2024 by filling in the form ‘Application for 7th grade of comprehensive school’.

- If your child is studying at the Espoo International School in the 6th grade, he/she is not required to apply for English-language education in 7th grade if he/she is continuing studying in English-language education.

- Before applying for English-language education, familiarize yourself with the instructions and the principles of pupil admission at espoo.fi/en/schooladmissions > Weighted-curriculum education > English-language education.
Filling in the form in Wilma

Log in to your personal Wilma account at https://espoo.inschool.fi/.  

The forms used by the school can be found below.  

Application for 7th Grade of Comprehensive School
Filling in the form in Wilma

4. APPLYING FOR WEIGHTED-CURRICULUM EDUCATION

1) Inform in the section 4 of the form that your child is applying for weighted-curriculum education or foreign language education.

2) Indicate in the section 4.1. of the form English-language education as a application preference.
Unable to use Wilma?

Consider filling out the paper form ‘Application for 7th grade of comprehensive school’ at espoo.fi/en/education-forms.

Submit the form to your child’s current school in Espoo by 16 January, 2024 at the latest. If your child resides in another municipality, submit the form to the following address: The Finnish Basic Education Unit Assistant Katri Pietarinen P.O. Box 31 FI-02070 City of Espoo or by email to katri.pietarinen@espoo.fi.

Applications submitted after the application period are rejected and the applicants will not be given a right to participate in the entrance examination.
The entrance examination

- The entrance examination will be arranged on 24 January, 2024 at 9 am at the Espoo International School (address: Lillhemtintie 1).

- Your child will not receive a separate (personal) invitation to the examination. All applicants must arrive at the school by 8:45 am.

- If your child is ill on the examination date and is unable to take the entrance examination, another entrance examination can be organised for him/her. You are required to present a statement on the illness to the principal of the Espoo International School before the examination starts or as soon as you receive it.

- NOTE! 6th grade pupils of the Espoo International School are not required to take part in the entrance examination as they transfer to the 7th grade automatically.
Moving to Espoo before school year 2024-2025

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- Your child must take part in the entrance examination on 24 January, 2024 at the same time as Espoo residents.

- Your child can only be admitted under a conditional decision, which will enter into force only if he/she moves to Espoo on 1 August, 2024 at the latest. The address given in the form must be registered and available in the Digital and Population Data Services Agency on that day at the latest.
Pupil admission
Admitting applicants to 7th Grade

- If there are places available after pupils who have been admitted to English-language education and are continuing to the seventh grade have been admitted, **new applicants will be admitted based on an entrance examination**.

- In order to be admitted to English-language education, **an applicant must achieve the minimum total score of the entrance examination**.

- **Applicants are admitted in the order of their total score** (0–100 points). If two or more applicants have the same total score, their order will be determined by drawing lots.

Decisions and delivery
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- **You can choose** the means of delivery for the decision when filling in the form Application for 7th grade of comprehensive school. It is possible to choose **only one**.

- **Available options**
  1) The decision will be **published in Wilma on 10 April, 2024**. The decision will not be delivered by post.
  2) The decision will be **mailed on 10 April, 2024**. The decision will not be published in Wilma.
After decisions are made
If your child is admitted to English-language education

- **The place will not have to be accepted separately.** The decision will continue in force for the duration of the grades taught in the school.

- Your child is **not entitled** to the school transport subsidy and his/her younger sisters/brothers have **no right** to admission to the same school under the sibling principle.

- **Notify** the principal of the Espoo International School **if your child** moves away or gives up the school place and requests assignment to a local school.
If your child is not admitted to English-language education

- Your child will be **assigned to a local school on 10 April, 2024**. If your child has little or no knowledge of the Finnish language he/she will be **assigned to preparatory education**.

- Your child can **apply for a place in a secondary school** by submitting a form **Toissijaiseen kouluun hakeminen** (only in Finnish) **by 30 April, 2024 at the latest**.

- You can **appeal the principal’s decision** by submitting a written demand for rectification to **the Regional State Administrative Agency of Southern Finland**. The decision is accompanied by detailed instructions.
Tips for the guardians
Fill in the application form in good time, as Wilma will be busy towards the end of the application period. The form is not available after application period ends.

If you fill in the paper form, ensure that it will arrive by the given deadline. Applications arriving after the given deadline will be disregarded and will not give the right to participate in the entrance examination.

Familiarize yourself with the instructions and the principles of pupil admission at espoo.fi/en/schooladmissions > Weighted-curriculum education > English-language Education.
- **Find out** beforehand where the Espoo International School is located and how to get there.

- **A local school is assigned to your child only if** he/she is not admitted to English-language education (or other weighted-curriculum education) he/she applies.

- **Ask** if anything related to the application or pupil selection is unclear and/or you need further information.