

Welcome to school!

Information for the guardians of new first-graders

school year 2022 – 2023



The beginning of the school journey is an important and exciting step in a child's life. This new phase includes new habits, roles, shared rules, friends and adults, together with a variety of learning environments. Basic education aims at supporting children in their overall growth and learning by providing them with knowledge and skills that are needed now and in the future world. In addition to academic skills, soft skills are also practised on a daily basis.

At school, every pupil's individual personality and ways of learning are taken into consideration. It is important that we collaborate to ensure the best possible school journey for each child. We encourage you to actively collaborate with the school in any matter.

How to enrol a child in the 1st grade of comprehensive school

Enrolling in the 1st grade of comprehensive school takes place between 10 January and 21 January 2022 through the Wilma system at espoo.inschool.fi where you will need to fill in the form Application for 1st grade of comprehensive school. To create a personal Wilma user account, please use the key code that you received in the personal notification letter with this brochure.

If you are unable to use Wilma, you can fill in a paper form at espoo.fi/en/education-forms. The paper form must be submitted by 21 January 2022 at the latest to the following address: Finnish Basic Education Unit, Secretary of Student Affairs Sara Raitala, P.O. Box 31, FI-02070 CITY OF ESPOO.

Further information about school admissions and basic education

For additional information about enrolling in school visit espoo.fi/en/school-admissions.

Do you have questions?

The secretary of student affairs will help you via e-mail at oppilasrekisteri@espoo.fi and/or by phone, tel. +358 40 507 0817. Please note that the line may be busy due to a large number of calls during the application period.

For more information on special education services, you can contact the education planners via email at erityinentuki@espoo.fi and during the application period by phone from Tuesday to Thursday between 3 pm and 4 pm, tel. +358 40 636 9198.

Important dates

- Enrol in the 1st grade and apply to school: 10–21 January 2022
- Entrance examination for English-language education: 2–3 February 2022
- Entrance examinations for bilingual education (Finnish-English) and Swedish language immersion education: 3–4 February 2022
- Apply for afternoon activities of basic education through Wilma: 10 January–16 May 2022
- Apply for mother tongue instruction for the pupil through Wilma: 1 January–30 April 2022
- Apply for school transport benefit by 16 May 2022
- School introductory events for guardians and new pupils will be held in May. Schools will publish the exact dates on their websites (espoo.fi/schools-name for example espoo.fi/aarnivalkean-koulu)
- First day of school on 11 August 2022

There are 75 Finnish-speaking and 11 Swedish-speaking comprehensive schools in Espoo. In addition, there are two private schools – Espoon kristillinen koulu (ekk.fi/in-english) and Espoon Steinerkoulu (espoonsteinerkoulu.fi). For information about applying in the private school please visit their websites.

If your child is able to attend school in both Finnish and Swedish, you can choose whether you enrol the child in a Finnish-speaking or Swedish-speaking school. If you wish to apply for a place in a Swedish-speaking school for your child, please contact Swedish Education and Cultural Services during the application period from 10 January to 21 January 2022 (Mon–Fri between 10 am and 12 pm). Contact information: skolanmalan@esbo.fi or tel. 09 8162 7600.