

Schooling for foreign children with parents/guardians who will be working in Sweden

In Sweden, school attendance is compulsory for all children aged 6–16. The type of school attended is referred to as a compulsory school. The requirement to attend school applies from the autumn term in the year in which the child has their sixth birthday. In order for the child to be given a place at a municipal compulsory school, the child's parent/guardian must contact Eskilstuna direkt (the municipality's contact centre) at Eskilstuna Municipality.

Contact details: telephone +46 16 710 10 00 or e-mail info@eskilstuna.se

A child with foreign parents/guardians who is new to the Swedish school system will always start off at Välkomsten before beginning compulsory school.

Välkomsten for students who are new to the Swedish school system

At Välkomsten, an educational assessment is made to determine which pre-existing school knowledge the student has. This assessment takes place in the language in which the student is strongest. The assessment is summarised in a report which is provided to the school accepting the student at a handover meeting, which is attended by a member of school management from the Intercultural department, the student and parents/guardians, as well as representatives from the school accepting the student. A decision is also taken at the handover meeting on which school year to place the student in.

The student is at Välkomsten up to eight weeks and the intention is to place the student in an ordinary allocated school as soon as possible, based on the student's circumstances. The student spends around three hours per day at Välkomsten and if a place at an After-school-club is required, an application for this must be made via Eskilstuna direkt. (More information about After-school-clubs can be found later in this document)

A health check is also carried out at Välkomsten so it is a good idea for the child to bring with them any vaccination card they may have from their home country.

Allocation of a place at compulsory school

All children in Eskilstuna have a guaranteed place at an allocated municipal compulsory school. The compulsory school at which the child is placed depends on the catchment area in which the student lives.

Catchment areas

Eskilstuna municipality's system for allocating school places is based on each school having a geographically defined catchment area. Students who are registered in the population register within a school's catchment area are given precedence for a place at that school. This school is the child's allocated school.

[Link to map showing catchment areas.](#)



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After-school- club

After school clubs are designed for students aged 6–13 and contribute to the child's development, care and learning. Students can attend out-of-school club both before and after the school day and during school holidays. Students who are given a school place are entitled to a place at an out-of-school club. The out-of-school club is located on school premises. Parents/guardians must apply for a place at out-of-school club using the municipality's e-service.

Mother tongue

A student has the right to request teaching in their mother tongue if one or both parents/guardians has a language other than Swedish as their mother tongue, if the language is the student's everyday language of communication at home and if the student has basic skills in the language.

If you have any questions about teaching in the mother tongue, please contact the Intercultural department on telephone number 016-710 54 92 or by sending an e-mail to interkulturellaenheten@eskilstuna.se.