

Applying for English-language education for the 7th Grade

School year 2025-2026

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.**
- One form of **weighted-curriculum education** 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 admission criteria** decided by the Growth and Learning Committee.

The differences between English-language education and Bilingual (Finnish-English) education

English-language Education	Bilingual Education (Finnish-English)
Finnish National Core Curriculum for Basic Education	
Allocation of lesson hours, slight differences FIN vs. ENG	
English as medium of instruction for all subjects	More subjects taught in Finnish in higher grades
International School	Stream within a Finnish School

Study places for the school year 2025-2026

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 takes place through the electronic Wilma service <https://espoo.inschool.fi/> **between 8th and 15th January, 2025** 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 continueing studying in English-language education.

Before applying for English-language education, familiarize yourself with the instructions and the admission criteria at espoo.fi/en/schooladmissions > Weighted-curriculum education > English-language education.



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English-language education

Beginning from the first grade, the pupil has an opportunity to apply for English-language education. English-language education is arranged in Espoo International School and Kivimies International School. On this page, you can find instructions for applying.

English-language education is meant for pupils living in Espoo and Kauniainen. Pupils who have moved abroad and are temporarily living in Espoo, can apply for a temporary study places.

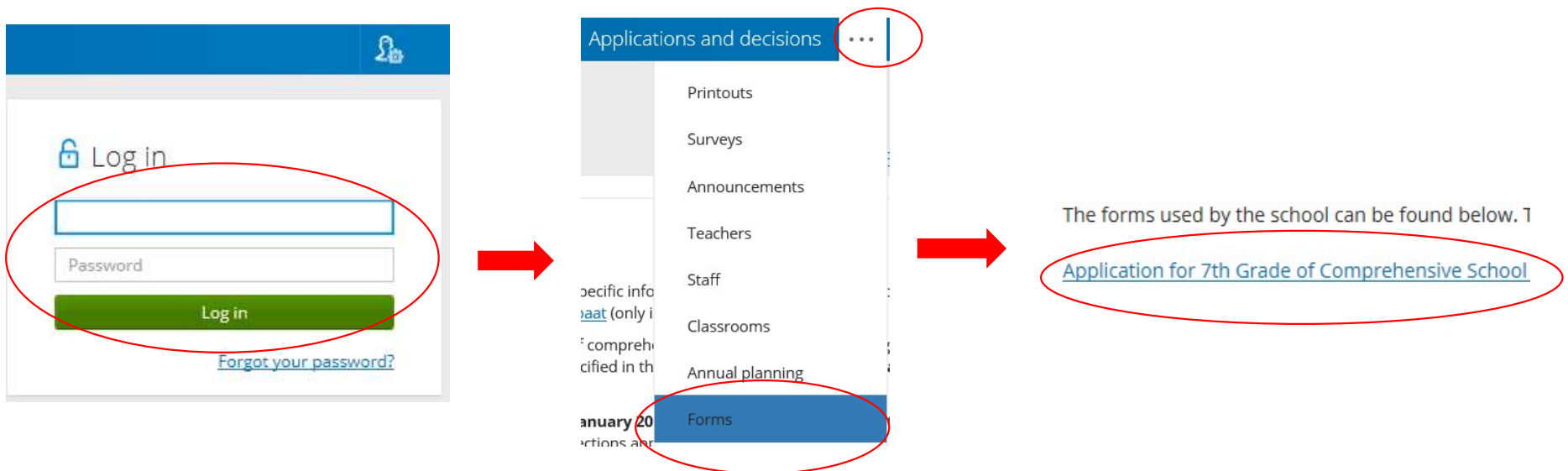
Pupils admitted to English-language education are not eligible for school transport benefit (such as school transport or travel card). The applicant's younger sister or brother does not have a sibling basis to be admitted in the same school.

Before you fill in the application form, familiarize yourself with the instructions and the admission criteria down below.

- [Applying for grades 1-9 during school year 2024-2025](#)
- [Applying for 1st grade \(school year 2025-2026\)](#)
- [Applying for 7th grade \(school year 2025-2026\)](#)
- [Applying for grades 2-6 and 8-9 \(school year 2025-2026\)](#)
- [Applying for a temporary study place](#)
- [Schools providing English-language education](#)
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Filling in the form in Wilma

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



Filling in the form in Wilma

4. APPLYING FOR WEIGHTED-CURRICULUM EDUCATION

☐ The pupil is applying for Weighted-curriculum education, English-language education, Bilingual education (Finnish-English) or Swedish-language immersion education.

Indicate the **application order** below with the number 1–4 (1 = first preference, 2 = second preference, etc.). It is possible to apply for up to four schools/forms of education. The indicated application order is binding! **Check** the entrance examination dates and additional instructions at [espoo.fi/en/schooladmissions](https://www.espoo.fi/en/schooladmissions) (<https://www.espoo.fi/en/childcare-and-education/school-admissions>) > Weighted-curriculum education.

4.1 Application preferences

You can open the whole list by clicking the button at the end of the field.

1st preference:

2nd preference:

3rd preference:

4th preference:

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?

- 1) **Fill in the paper form** 'Application for 7th grade of comprehensive school'. The form can be found at espoo.fi/en/education-forms.
- 2) **Submit** the paper form to your child's current school in Espoo **by 15 January, 2025 at the latest**. If your child resides and/or studies in another municipality, submit the form to the following address:
The Finnish Basic Education Unit
Administrative services / Oppilaaksiotto 7. luokka
P.O. Box 31, FI-02070 City of Espoo
or by email to: oppilasrekisteri@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.



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Growth and Learning Sector
Finnish Basic Education Unit

APPLICATION FOR 7th GRADE
OF COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
School year 2025-2026

Enrolling in the 7th grade of comprehensive school takes place **between 8th and 15th January 2025**. If your child is studying in a joint comprehensive school in the 6th grade and he/she continues to study in that school in the 7th grade, do not fill in this form.

Familiarize yourself with the instructions and principles of pupil admission at espoo.fi/en/schooladmissions before filling in this form.

Submit this form to your child's current school in Espoo **by 15 January 2025 at the latest**. If your child is attending a school in another municipality, submit this form to the following address: The Finnish Basic Education Unit, Administrative services / Oppilaaksiotto 7. luokka, P.O. Box 31, FI-02070 CITY OF ESPOO or by email to: oppilasrekisteri@espoo.fi. Ensure that separate applications or statements are submitted by deadlines specified in this application form and at espoo.fi/en/schooladmissions. Application forms and statements submitted after deadlines will no be considered!

1 PUPIL'S BASIC INFORMATION	Last name	First names	Personal identity code
	Home address		Postal code and city/town
	Current school		
2 GUARDIANS' INFORMATION	Last name	First names	Telephone (in daytime)
	Home address (if not shared with the child)		Postal code and city/town
	E-mail address		
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	Home address (if not shared with the child)		Postal code and city/town
3 ENROLLING IN A LOCAL SCHOOL	E-mail address		
	Pupils residing in Espoo have a subjective right to attend a local school assigned by the city of Espoo. A local school is assigned within the pupil's catchment area based on the pupil's home address considering the continuation of the A-languages they have		

The entrance examination

- The entrance examination will be arranged on **22 January, 2025 at 9 am at the Espoo International School** (address: Lillhemntintie 1).
 - No separate invitation
 - 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).
- 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 2025-2026

- 1) **Fill in** the paper form 'Application for 7th grade of comprehensive school' (espoo.fi/en/education-forms)
- 2) **Submit** the paper form **by 15 January, 2025 at the latest** to the following address: The Finnish Basic Education Unit, Administrative services / Oppilaaksiotto 7. luokka, P.O. Box 31, FI-02070 City of Espoo **or** by email to: oppilasrekisteri@espoo.fi

Your child must take part in the entrance examination **on 22 January, 2025** 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, 2025 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.

Admission criteria

Admitting applicants to 7th Grade

Pupils who have completed 6th grade in English-language education in Espoo may continue on to 7th grade without reapplying. If places remain available, **new applicants can be admitted based on the entrance examination** (0–100 points).

In order to be admitted, **the applicant must achieve at least the minimum total score.**

Applicants are selected in order of their total examination score (0–100 points). If applicants have the same total score, their ranking will be decided by a draw.

Applicants who meet the admission criteria but are not admitted due to the limited number of study places will be put on a waiting list. If study places become available, applicants are admitted from the waiting list in order until the end of August, after which the waiting list expires.

Decisions and delivery

Decisions and delivery

- **You can choose** the means of delivery for the decision when filling in the form Application for 7th grade of comprehensive school.
- There are two options:
 - 1) The decision will be **published in Wilma on 9 April, 2025**. The decision will not be delivered by post.
 - 2) The decision will be **mailed on 9 April, 2025**. The decision will not be published in Wilma.
- It is possible to **choose only one**. The choice is binding!



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 9 April, 2025**. 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, 2025 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 admission criteria 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 admission criteria is unclear and/or you need further information.