

## Information regarding school

### Compulsory education and voluntary schooling

All children from six to sixteen years who are registered in Sweden have compulsory schooling. This means that children have a right to education but also an obligation to participate in the school's teaching. Compulsory schooling does not apply to children who are not registered in Sweden. However, these children have a right to go to school if they want.

All children are entitled to a placement in a municipal elementary school. The placement is known as a home school, based on the address at which the child is registered.

### School placement

Compulsory schooling starts when a child is six years old. The child will automatically receive a preschool placement in a local primary school. As the custodian of the child, you can choose to apply for a placement in another school, either a municipal or an independent school.

### High School

To be allowed to study at high school, the child must begin studies before the fall term the year he or she turns 18. To learn more about studying at high school, you can contact counsellors at Sundsvall's gymnasium. Contact details are at the bottom for details.

### If your child will be going to school

You can either give your approval to the Immigration Service that they provide information about your child to the municipality. Or you can contact the municipality yourself and tell them that you want your child to go to school. You will find the contact information at the bottom of this document, under "For more information from the community".

In the municipality of Sundsvall, there are both municipal and independent primary and secondary schools. Information about who these municipal and independent schools are, is available on the Sundsvall municipality's website, [www.sundsvall.se](http://www.sundsvall.se). The information is only available in Swedish.

An independent school is a school that has a different organizer (owner) than the municipality.

### *Special quota in independent schools*

An independent school that has a queue to the school may have a specific quota. A specific quota means that only students who have lived in Sweden for less than two years before the start of the current school year are part of the quota.

More information about specific quota for new arrivals can be found on the School Inspection's website [www.skolinspektionen.se](http://www.skolinspektionen.se).

### **Regarding change of school**

As the custodian of the child, if you want to change municipal school for your child, it is fine to do so throughout the year. It is possible to change as long as there won't be increased costs and difficulties for the municipal organization. If you change the school for your child, this may mean that your child will lose the right to school transport.

Contact the principal of the school to which you want your child to switch. The schools' contact information can be found at [www.sundsvall.se/grundskola/](http://www.sundsvall.se/grundskola/).

### **Information**

For more information, about selecting and applying to a school, local schools and independent schools, visit [www.sundsvall.se/grundskola/](http://www.sundsvall.se/grundskola/).

Read more about the Swedish school system:

Information about Sweden: [www.informationsverige.se](http://www.informationsverige.se) (the information is available in several languages)

The Swedish school for new arrivals: [www.omsvenskaskolan.se](http://www.omsvenskaskolan.se) (the information is available in several languages)

### **For more information from the municipality, you can contact:**

The administrative coordinator at the Centre for multilingual learning (CFL): 060-19 84 78

For information regarding studies at high school, you can contact counsellors at Sundsvall's high school (via the telephone operator): 060-19 17 00.