Time to apply for schools

In Sweden, all children must attend school from the year they turn six years up until year nine. The following information is aimed at parents who will apply for schools on behalf of their child before the autumn semester of 2024.

You must apply for a school if your child fulfils any of the following criteria:

- they turn six and will start school in 2024
- currently attends a school that does not offer the following academic year
- wishes to change schools, although the current school offers the following academic year

You can apply from 15 January to 15 February.

Preschool class

Preschool class is the first step into the world of schooling, a preparation for primary school. Preschool class is compulsory from the year your child turns six.

Schools with higher academic years

Some schools do not provide all academic years. Some schools only teach up to year 3 or 6. Therefore, if your child is about to start year 4 or 7 in the autumn of 2024 – and the academic year is not currently provided at the school your child attends – you must apply for another school for him or her.

You must apply for a new school if your child currently attends one of the following schools:

Year 3 at:

- Kräpplaskolan (Kräpplaskolan primary school)
- Hörningsnässkolan (Hörningsnässkolan primary school)
- Stenmoskolan (Stenmoskolan primary school)
- Grindstuskolan (Grindstuskolan primary school)
- Vårbackaskolan (Vårbackaskolan primary school)
- Skansbergsskolan (Skansbergsskolan primary school)
- Långsjöskolan (Långsjöskolan primary school)

Year 6 at:

- Solfagraskolan (Solfagraskolan primary school)
- Snättringeskolan (Snättringeskolan primary school)
- Visättraskolan (Visättraskolan primary school)
- Edboskolan (Edboskolan primary school)
- Mörtviksskolan (Mörtviksskolan primary school)
- Sjötorpsskolan (Sjötorpsskolan primary school)
- Tomtbergaskolan (Tomtbergaskolan primary school)
- Kästaskolan (Kästaskolan primary school)

- Skogskällan (Skogskällan primary school)
- Ängsnässkolan (Ängsnässkolan primary school)

How to apply for a school place

You apply for a school place through Huddinge Municipality's e-service. You can access the service through this link: <u>mittskolval.se/choice/kommun/0126</u>

To use this e-service you need an electronic ID, which you can get from your bank (BankID or Mobilt BankID (app on your mobile phone)). If you do not have an electronic ID, or otherwise need help with the application, please get in touch with Huddinge Municipality's service centre. You can contact the service centre by phone on 08-535 300 00.

Choose at least three schools

You much choose at least three schools for your application to be valid. You must state the desired school as the first choice, followed by your second and third choice.

Submit the application

If the child has two legal guardians, the application must be signed by both to be considered valid. The application can be signed through the same e-service on which you apply for schools.

More information about primary schools in Huddinge Municipality You can find a list of all the primary schools in Huddinge on our website: huddinge.se/grundskolor

Click on the school you are interested in to access the school's own website, where you will find information about the school. You can also get in touch with the school directly if you have any questions.

Municipal or independent schools

When applying for a school, you can choose between municipal schools in Huddinge, independent schools, or schools in other municipalities.

If you wish to apply for an independent school or a school in another municipality, you must contact the school you are interested in to receive information about how to apply for that particular school.

If you have accepted a place in an independent school or in a school in another municipality, you must inform Huddinge municipality of this. You can do this on the e-service. Reject the school offer on <u>service.huddinge.se</u>.

Notification about school placement

The municipality sends out a notification about which school you child has been accepted into by the end of March, 2024.

We always try to place children in one of the schools that the parents/guardians have applied for. However, we cannot guarantee that you will be offered any of your choices.

If your child is not offered a place in any of the schools you have applied for, he or she will be offered a place in another school in Huddinge municipality. We look at factors such as relative proximity, and, secondly, sibling priority.

Relative proximity

All children have the right to attend a school located close to their home, but sometimes the schools receive too many applications. In those cases, we use the method 'relative proximity' to calculate which school to offer your child.

Relative proximity means that if two children apply for the same school, but there is one place left, the child who lives the furthest away from an alternative school will be offered the place.

Sibling priority

Sibling priority means that children who have siblings who attend a specific school can be given priority when applying for that same school. This applies in the following events:

- the child is about to start year F-3
- the sibling is currently attending year F-3
- the distance to the school in question is two kilometres or less

Read more about the selection process and enrolment on our website: <u>huddinge.se/sokaskola/urvalsprinciper</u>

Not happy with your child's school?

If you want your child to attend another school than the one he or she has been offered, you can apply to change schools. Please be aware that changing schools is subject to availability and that applying does not mean that your child is guaranteed another place.

Information about when you can apply to change schools is available on our website: <u>huddinge.se/bytaskola</u>

Appeal against the municipality's decision

If you believe that the municipality's decision is wrong, you can appeal against this decision to the administrative courts, which will rule on whether we have followed the law or not when allocating a school place to your child. Please be aware that if you appeal the decision, this does not automatically mean that your child will be able to change schools.

For more information and help to appeal the decision, contact Huddinge municipality's service centre on 08 535 300 00.

Start of term

The autumn term starts in August, 2024. You will receive more information about the start of term from the school your child will attend.

Good to know

After school programmes (School-age educare)

During the part of the day that your child does not attend school, he or she can attend an after-school programme (from pupils between the ages of 6 and 10 years) or open recreational activities (for pupils between 11 and 13 years).

Note that the municipality charges a rate for a place in an after-school programme, which is based on the income of the family. A standard rate is charged for open recreational activities. In 2023, the rate was 470 *kronor* per month, regardless of the family's income.

You can apply for after-school programmes after you have received information about which school your son or daughter will attend. Children who are about to start pre-school class make the transition from pre-school to primary school on 1 August. From that date onwards, the children can attend an after-school programme.

Extra support

The municipality's schools offer extra support to students who need it. If your child needs additional support, you can contact the headmaster at the school your child will attend to discuss this further. It is not necessary to state in your application that your child needs additional support.

School transport

There are instances in which children have the right to transport to and from school without any additional cost. In the first instance, this would mean by taking an SL-bus, alternatively a school bus or school taxi.

Read more about school transport on our website: huddinge.se/skolskjuts

Mother tongue instruction

Pupils, whose mother tongue is any other than Swedish, can study Swedish as a second language in school, starting in preschool class. The tuition takes place once a week after school, outside the ordinary schedule.

Read more about mother tongue tuition on our website: huddinge.se/modersmal

More information and questions

You will find more information about applying to schools on <u>huddinge.se/sokaskola</u>. If you have other questions, or need help to submit your application, please contact Huddinge municipality's service centre.

Huddinge municipality's service centre

- Telephone number: 08 535 300 00
- Email: <u>servicecenter@huddinge.se</u>
- Visiting address: Patron Pehrs väg 6, Huddinge