



ENGLISH-LANGUAGE EDUCATION

School year 2019-2020

English-language education in Espoo

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) allocated 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 instruction preparing for basic education.

Pupils may apply for a place in English-language education instead of a local school. Pupils, however, do not have a subjective right to be admitted to English-language education, as opposed to applying to a local school. Pupil selections for English-language education are made in accordance with the currently valid pupil selection criteria decided by the Finnish Education and Early Education Committee.

English-language education is offered at Espoo International School. The school offers basic education in English in grades 1–9.

The objective of English-language education is to provide pupils with language skills that allow them to continue their studies in English even after comprehensive school. English-language education complies with the Finnish basic education curriculum in all subjects. English is the pupils' A1 language (first foreign language). Pupils can choose an optional A2 language (second foreign language) starting in the fourth grade.

Finnish language studies are compulsory for all pupils. Pupils who do not have sufficient Finnish language skills to study Finnish as a mother tongue, study it as a second language. Since the language of almost all education is English, those applying for English-language education must speak English fluently and understand spoken English.

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Number of students:
670 (grades 1-9)

A1 language: English
A2 languages: French, Spanish
B1 language: Swedish
B2 languages: German, Spanish, Russian



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Applying for first grade

Enrolling in the first grade of comprehensive school and applying for English-language education takes place between **8 and 21 January 2019** through the electronic Wilma service (wilma.espoo.fi).

The guardian must fill in the form **Application for 1st grade of Comprehensive School** and inform that the school newcomer is applying for English-language education as a primary form of education. If the guardian is unable to use the Wilma service, he/she can fill in the form on paper (espoo.fi/educationforms). The paper form must arrive no later than **by 21 January 2019** at Finnish Education Unit, Secretary of student affairs, P.O. Box 31, FIN-02070 City of Espoo.

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Please note that applications submitted after the application period are rejected and the applicants will not be given a right to participate in the entrance examination.

New pupils applying for English-language education must take part in **entrance examinations on 29–30 January 2019** at Espoo International School (Address: Lillhemntintie 1, 02250 Espoo). Espoo International School will send a personal invitation to the examinations.

If an applicant to the first grade of English language education has not yet reached the age

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Pupils entering the first grade
Monday 8 January 2019 at 6 p.m.
at Espoo International School

of compulsory education, his/her guardians must submit a development assessment issued in Finland (by a psychologist or physician) to the principal of Espoo International School no later than on the day before the entrance examination.

Applying simultaneously to bilingual education

If a school newcomer applies simultaneously to the bilingual education, the guardian must fill in the form **Application for 1st grade of Comprehensive School** and inform that the school newcomer is applying for English-language education as a primary form of education. The guardian must also select 2–4 schools providing bilingual education in his/her order of preference.

The applicant will participate in the following entrance examinations:

1. The entrance examination for bilingual education on Tuesday, 29 January 2019

The entrance examination consists of two sections: A test measuring linguistic capabilities and a test on basic terminology in English and English language skills. The entrance examination will take place in guardian's preferred school offering bilingual education.

Please note that the first section measuring linguistic capabilities must be completed in Finnish. If the guardians are only applying for a place for their child in English-language education, the child can take the test in English.

2. The entrance examination for English-language education on Wednesday, 30 January 2019 at Espoo International School.

The applicants will receive a personal invitation to the entrance examinations mentioned above.

PRINCIPLES OF PUPIL ADMISSION (FIRST GRADE)

Pupils are admitted to the first grade based on an entrance examination held in January. The entrance examination consists of two sections:

- An English language examination (0–60 points) comprising an interview and a group assignment.
- A test of linguistic capabilities (0–45 points) in either Finnish or English, according to the guardian's choice.

In order to be admitted to English-language education, the applicant must achieve the minimum score for each section and the minimum total score of the entrance examination. Pupils are admitted in the order of their total score in the entrance examination (0–105 points). If two or more applicants have the same total score, their order will be determined by drawing lots.

If places are available after all qualified applicants who are Espoo residents have been admitted, pupils from other municipalities can be admitted in the order of their total score in the entrance examination.

If qualified applicants residing in Espoo are not admitted due to a limited number of places available, their entrance examination score is valid until the end of the starting school year. If places become available, new pupils are admitted in the order of the total score received in the entrance examination so that precedence is given to Espoo residents.

Pupils admitted to English-language education are not entitled to the school transport subsidy. The guardians are responsible for the pupil's school transport and its costs.



Principles of pupil admission are available at espoo.fi/schooladmissions

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Applying for seventh grade

Enrolling in the seventh grade of comprehensive school and applying for English-language education takes place **8–16 January 2019** through the electronic Wilma service (wilma.espoo.fi).

The guardian must fill in the form **Application for 7th grade of Comprehensive School** and inform that the pupil is applying for English-language education as a primary form of education. If the guardian is unable to use the Wilma service, he/she can fill in the form on paper (espoo.fi/educationforms) and submit it to the pupil's current school in Espoo. The paper form must arrive at the school no later than by **16 January 2019**.

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Please note that late applications are rejected and the applicants will not be given the right to participate in the entrance examination.

New pupils applying for English-language education must take part in an **entrance examination on Thursday, 24 January 2019 at 9:00 am** at Espoo International School (Address: Lillhemintie 1, 02250 Espoo). Applicants will not receive personal invitations to the examination. **The applicants must arrive at the school by 8:45 am at the latest.**

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Pupils entering the seventh grade:
Monday, 14 January 2019 at 6 p.m.
at Espoo International School

Pupils who have attended English-language education in Espoo in the sixth grade transfer to the seventh grade without participating in a separate entrance examination. These pupils do not have to apply separately for English-language education in their own school in grades 7–9.

PRINCIPLES OF PUPIL ADMISSION (SEVENTH GRADE)

If places are available after pupils who have been admitted to English-language education and are continuing to the seventh grade have been admitted, new pupils will be admitted based on an entrance examination held in January (English-language examination, 0–100 points).

In order to be admitted to English-language education, the applicant must achieve the minimum total score of the entrance examination. Pupils are admitted in the order of their total score (0–100 points). If two or more applicants have the same total score, their order will be determined by drawing lots.

If there are places available after all qualified applicants who are Espoo residents are admitted, pupils from other municipalities can be admitted in the order of their total score in the entrance examination.

If qualified applicants residing in Espoo are not admitted due to the limited number of places available, their entrance examination score is valid until the end of the starting school year. If places become available, new pupils are admitted in the order of the total score received in the entrance examination so that precedence is given to Espoo residents.

Pupils admitted to English-language education are not entitled to the school transport subsidy. The guardians are responsible for the pupil's school transport and its costs.

PRINCIPLES OF PUPIL ADMISSION
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Applying for other grades

Pupils are admitted to other grades if places become available during the school year and they have not been filled by applicants moving to Espoo in the middle of the school year. Espoo International School publishes information about available places at espoo.fi/eis.

In order to apply, the guardians should fill in the form **Application for education in English (Grades 2–9)** and submit it to Espoo International School **by 31 March 2019**. The form is available at espoo.fi/educationforms.

Signed applications must be submitted as email appendices to eis.admissions@espoo.fi or by post to the principal of Espoo International School (Address: Lillhemintie 1, FIN-02250 Espoo).

The applicants must participate in an entrance examination held by Espoo International School on **Wednesday 24 April 2019**. Please note! The entrance examination will only be held if there are places available.

Pupils who have attended school abroad are admitted in suitable grades according to their age-level based on their year of birth. Applicants who have gone to school in Finland are admitted according to their latest school certificate.

PRINCIPLES OF PUPIL ADMISSION

Pupils are admitted to other grades based on an entrance examination held in the spring (English-language examination) if places become available during the school year and they have not been filled by applicants moving to Espoo in the middle of the school year. Pupils start in English-language education in the beginning of the school year.

When applying for admission to any grade, an applicant must achieve the minimum total score of the entrance examination in order to be admitted to English-language education. Pupils are admitted based on the order of their total score in the entrance examination. If two or more applicants have the same total score, their order will be determined by drawing lots.

If places are available after all qualified applicants who are Espoo residents have been admitted, pupils from other municipalities can be admitted in the order of their total score in the entrance examination.

If qualified applicants residing in Espoo cannot be admitted due to the limited number of places available, their entrance examination score is valid until the end of the starting school year. If places become available, new pupils are admitted in the order of the total score they achieved in the entrance examination so that precedence is given to Espoo residents.

Pupils admitted to English-language education are not entitled to the school transport subsidy. The guardians are responsible for the pupil's school transport and its costs.



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Applicants living in other municipalities

Pupils residing in other municipalities can only be admitted if there are places available after all qualified applicants who meet the admission criteria and live in Espoo have been accepted. Transportation costs of pupils residing in other municipalities are the responsibility of the guardians or the pupil's municipality of residence.

Pupils residing in other municipalities must submit their applications within the application period. Applicants living in other municipalities will not be admitted in the middle of the school year. Application forms are available at espoo.fi/educationforms.

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If an applicant who resides in another municipality is **planning to move to Espoo** before the autumn term starts, the guardian must fill in a application form for 1st or 7th grade of Comprehensive school (espoo.fi/educationforms) within the application period. On the application, the guardian must give the child's new address in Espoo and the exact moving day in the form's section 'Moving pupils'. The applicant will be considered an Espoo resident and he/she must take the entrance examinations at the same time as Espoo residents during the spring application period (see page 4 and 6). The

In accordance with the cooperation agreement of the cities of Espoo and Kauniainen, English language education applicants from Kauniainen are given the same treatment as applicants from Espoo.

applicant can only be admitted under a conditional decision, which will enter into force only if the applicant in question moves to Espoo on **1 August 2019 at the latest**.

The address given in the form must be registered and available in the Population register Center on that day at the latest.

If a pupil admitted to English-language education in Espoo **later moves to another municipality**, his/her basic education will be provided by the new municipality of residence. The pupil may continue in English-language education in Espoo until the end of the school year upon application by the guardians.



Pupils moving to Espoo during the school year

If places become available in grades 1–9 in the middle of the school year, a pupil who has recently moved to Espoo can be admitted based on an entrance examination (English-language examination). The entrance examination will be held once the applicant has moved to Espoo. The principal of Espoo International School will determine the date of the entrance examination. If there are several applicants at the same time, the entrance examination will be held on the same day for all of them.

When applying for admission to any grade, an applicant must achieve the minimum total score

of the entrance examination in order to be admitted to English-language education.

Pupils are admitted in the order of their total score of the entrance examination. If two or more applicants have the same total score, their order will be determined by drawing lots.

A pupil admitted to English-language education **must start school within one week of receiving the admission decision** or the decision will expire. School holidays are an exception to this requirement.

A principal may exceed the maximum number of pupils if one or two qualified applicants whose presence was not known during the preparation phase move to Espoo.

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Read more about pupils moving to Espoo from espoo.fi

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