



PARTICIPATION IN THE TEACHING OF PUPIL'S OWN RELIGION

This form must be filled in by the members of **other religious communities** than those of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Orthodox Church as well as by **people who are not part of any religious community but will take part in the teaching of a religion based on their upbringing or cultural background.**

The information will be transferred to the Religion and Ethics field of the Information tab in Primus student registry.

The form will be stored at the school.

The pupil's surname and first names	
The pupil's religion <input type="checkbox"/> Catholicism <input type="checkbox"/> Islam <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhism <input type="checkbox"/> Krishna	Other, please specify
The religious community the pupil is a member of	

<input type="checkbox"/> I request that the pupil is provided with teaching of their own religion If this teaching cannot be provided, the pupil will take part in (choose one of the following) <input type="checkbox"/> Majority religion studies <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory education arranged by the school <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory education arranged by their own community, which will not be graded on their report card *) <input type="checkbox"/> Ethics
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<input type="checkbox"/> I do not request that the pupil is provided with teaching of their own religion Therefore, the pupil will take part in (choose one of the following) <input type="checkbox"/> Majority religion studies <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory education arranged by the school <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory education arranged by their own community, which will not be graded on their report card *) <input type="checkbox"/> Ethics

Place and date	Guardian's signature and name in block letters
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*) A certificate of compensatory education provided by the pupil's own religious community must be submitted to the school.

Participation in ethics and religion studies

Participation in ethics and religion studies Pupils belonging to other religious communities **or** pupils who do not belong to any religious communities can **always** take part in the majority religion's teaching upon their guardian's request. The majority religion taught in the City of Helsinki is Evangelical Lutheran religion.

- The members of Evangelical Lutheran community will always take part in Evangelical Lutheran education.
- Members of the Orthodox community either participate in Orthodox studies *or* study with the majority.
- Pupils who are not members of any religious community study ethics (life stance education).
- All pupils can take part in the majority religion's education, Evangelical Lutheran education, if they so wish and upon their guardian's request.

Teaching for pupils' **own religion** will be arranged for pupils belonging to **another**, registered religious community than the Evangelical Lutheran church or Orthodox church who do not take part in the majority religion teaching (Evangelical Lutheran), upon their guardian's request. The pupils must be members of this religious community or the religion taught to the pupil must, in view of their upbringing and cultural background, evidently correspond to their religious beliefs (Basic Education Act, section 13, subsection 6). If necessary, the school can request that the pupil's guardian submit a reliable statement of the pupil's membership of the religious community or the way the pupil's upbringing and cultural background correspond to the religion taught to them. Religious education that is not yet available in the schools of the City of Helsinki will be started if there are at least three pupils in Helsinki who are members of the registered religious community, upon the request of their guardians.

- Teaching of Catholic, Islamic, Buddhist and Krishna-focused religious studies is offered regularly in Helsinki. The teaching location is usually the pupil's own school, even though the teaching is implemented in religion-specific class groups as regional education. The teaching follows the curriculum. The curriculums of a pupils' own religion studies for grades 1–9 are available online at: ops.edu.hel.fi
- Upon the guardian's request, pupils can take part in the teaching of their own religion by filling in this **Participation in the teaching of pupil's own religion** form.
- If the pupil will not take part in the majority religion or ethics teaching and if the pupil's religion or ethics studies are not taught at the schools of the education provider, other teaching or guided activities will be arranged for the pupil.
- Instead of participating in the other teaching or guided activities arranged by the school, the pupil can take part in teaching provided by their own religious community. A guardian must submit to the school a statement of the pupil's membership of the religious community in question and their participation in teaching provided outside of school. Any grade received from this teaching provided by a religious community will **not** be included on the school report card.

As with other studies, the choices and decisions made pertaining to religion and ethics education are permanent and cannot be changed. However, if the pupil's religious community changes or if the pupil is no longer part of any religious community, the pupil's guardian has the right to change their choices. Any changes are carried out once per school year.