Enrol at school online or by visiting the school

1) Enrolling at your local school

Enrolment at your child’s local school 13.–29.1.2021 is carried out online via the ASTI Online Service at asti.hel.fi. The local school allocated to your child is stated in the enclosed compulsory education note.

However, in the following situations enrolment is carried out by visiting the local school:

- Your child is about to start school a year later than the statutory school age.
- You are currently applying for a decision on starting basic education one year earlier or later than the statutory school age.
- Your child has been granted extended compulsory education.
- You are applying for extended compulsory education for your child, and your child will continue in daycare for a second year of pre-primary education. In such case, a decision will be made regarding starting basic education one year later than the statutory school age.
- You are applying for special support for basic education for your child.
- Your child is enrolling in language immersion education at the local school.

If you want to replace the Swedish-language local school of your child stated in the compulsory education note with a Finnish-language school or vice versa, please enrol at your preferred local school.

2) Enrolling at a school other than the local school

If you wish to enrol your child at a school other than the assigned local school, please enrol at the school of your choosing on 20 January 2021 as instructed below. Pupils living in the school admission area are always given admission priority at the school, but if places are available, the school can also admit pupils from other areas.

If your child is admitted to a school other than the local school, they will no longer have an unconditional right to be admitted to the local school assigned according to their home address. The guardians will be responsible for any expenses resulting from the pupil’s school transport.

Preferred A1 language is not offered at the local school

If your child wishes to study A1 language (the first foreign language or a second national language) that is not included in the language selection of their assigned local school, please enrol your child by visiting a school that provides the preferred A1 language teaching. Please enrol at the school on Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 8–10 am or at 5–7 pm. The A1 language options in Helsinki are Chinese, German, English, Estonian, French, North Sami, Spanish, Swedish and Russian. You can find the schools’ language selection on each school’s website. Find the school websites at hel.fi/peruskoulut/en/schools-list/.

Chinese as the A1 language

If your child wishes to start studying Chinese as their A1 language, please enrol your child by visiting Meilahden asteen koulu, a primary school in Meilahti or Itäkeskus peruskoulu, a comprehensive school in Itäkeskus, on Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 8–10 am or at 5–7 pm.

Swedish-language immersion

If your child will continue in a Swedish-language immersion programme that started in early childhood education or pre-primary education, please enrol your child by visiting the school determined in the language immersion path on Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 8–10 or at 5–7 pm. You can find the language immersion paths and schools at hel.fi/language-immersion.

Basic education in English, bilingual education and weighted-curriculum education in music

Some schools provide basic education in English, bilingual education, or weighted-curriculum education in music. To apply for these options, please register your child for an aptitude test by filling out an application form and submitting it by 29 January 2021. The application form and instructions can be found at hel.fi/welcome-toschool. Read more at hel.fi/english-basic-education, hel.fi/bilingual and hel.fi/weighted.

Additionally, Pasilan peruskoulu, a comprehensive school in Pasila, provides bilingual Finnish-North Sami education, which is open for all children. No aptitude test is held for the applicants, and everyone who is interested can sign up. Please enrol at Pasilan peruskoulu on Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 8–10 am or at 5–7 pm.

If your child will not be starting their schooling at the municipal local school please notify the principal of the local school stated in the compulsory education note.

If your child will be receiving home schooling, a home schooling notification must be submitted to the local school assigned according to the child’s home address. You can find more information about home schooling at hel.fi/welcometoschool.

Afternoon activities

The application period for afternoon activities is 22 March–23 April 2021. Find more information about applying for afternoon activities, the locations, and morning activities at afternoonsearch.hel.fi.
Enrolling at local school 13.–29.1.2021 at asti.hel.fi

Welcome to enrol your child on the first grade.

How to log in
Open an internet browser on your computer, tablet or mobile phone.

• Go to asti.hel.fi
• Choose your preferred language in the top right corner
• Click on the Suomi.fi e-Identification button
• Identify on Suomi.fi e-identification with your preferred method of identification
• Click Continue
• Check your personal information and click Continue to Service

Enrolling at school

1. Under your child’s information you will see a school enrolment announcement when the enrolment period is open. Click on Proceed to enrolment
2. Choose the assigned local school and click Continue
3. Choose the primary and secondary A1 language choices and click Continue *)
   Preview the application and check that all information is correct.
4. Click Send application

*) Some schools offer language-enriched education in English. If you choose language-enriched education, please note that in some schools the A1 language is automatically English and this option cannot be changed. However, some schools that offer language-enriched education offer A1 language studies in other languages too.

Sending the application
The application cannot be edited after it has been submitted. Please make sure that the school place was selected in full understanding between the guardians.

Send application  Cancel and go back to the application