How can a pupil apply for a place in bilingual education (Finnish-English) when moving to lower secondary school (grades 7 to 9)?

Information evening for parents at Hatsala classical school, Opistotie 5, Kuopio

Monday, 23 November 2026 at 6.00 p.m.

More information: Bilingual instruction (Finnish – English) grades 1 – 9 - Kuopio

Bilingual education (Finnish-English)

A pupil may apply for bilingual education (Finnish-English) for grades 7 - 9 while in grade 6. The education is provided at Hatsala classical school. Pupils need proficiency in both Finnish and English in order to study in bilingual instruction. Admission to the bilingual (Finnish–English) grade 7 at Hatsala classical school is based on an entrance examination. The required level of Finnish is CEFR level A2.

Applying for Finnish-English bilingual education in grade 7

The guardian applies for a place in bilingual education for the child in Wilma. The application form is available in the browser version of Wilma (kuopio.inschool.fi) after logging in. The form is not available in the Wilma mobile application. Menu (three dots) > 7.lk / Kotiosoitteen mukainen koulu ja hakulomake (painotettu opetus, kaksikielinen opetus, toissijainen koulu). If internet access is not available, a paper application form can be obtained from the primary school office. The paper application form must be returned to the pupil's current school no later than 7 January 2027.

The application period

The application period is from **1 December 2026 to 7 January 2027**.

Entrance exam

Admission to the bilingual (Finnish–English) grade 7 at Hatsala classical school is based on an entrance examination. Pupils from the bilingual (Finnish–English) class at Rajala school must also apply to the bilingual education at Hatsala classical school through the entrance examination.

All applicants are required to take the entrance examination without a separate invitation. Participation in the entrance examination is mandatory for all applicants. Failure to attend the entrance exam will always result in a negative admission decision.

If the school is not the pupil's local school, the guardian is responsible for any costs arising from the pupil's transport to and from school, including any necessary escorting arrangements. School transport may also be granted to a school other than the local school if the transport costs are equal to or lower than those of transport to the pupil's local school. In such cases, travel must take place by public transport. The guardian must always apply for school transport using the school transportation application form. The guardian is also responsible for transport costs when the pupil requires transportation due to an illness or a leisure-time accident. If temporary transport is required due to an accident that occurred at school, the school will arrange the transport when necessary.