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How can a pupil apply for a place in weighted education?

grades 3 – 6 and grades 7 – 9

More information and the dates and times of the information evenings for parents (held in Finnish) and entrance examinations can be found at the following links:

Weighted-curriculum education - Kuopio

Weighted-curriculum education in grades 3 to 6 - Kuopio

Weighted-curriculum education in grades 7 to 9 - Kuopio

Weighted education means intensified and in-depth teaching of a subject. **Applying for weighted education is voluntary.** Pupils are selected through entrance examinations.

Which subjects are available to pupils in weighted education?

Grades 3 - 6

Pupils can apply for weighted education in visual arts (Pirtti school), physical education (Jynkkä school), maths and science (Pyörö school), music (Haapaniemi school, Kalevala school and Rajala school), or dance (Kalevala school). Guardians are welcome to contact the school principal for more detailed information on the content of the programme.

Grades 7 - 9

Pupils can apply for weighted education in visual arts (Hatsala classical school), physical education (Pyörö school), sports (Hatsala classical school and Jynkänlahti school), maths and science (Pyörö school), music (Minna Canth school) or dance (Minna Canth school). Guardians are welcome to contact the school principal for more detailed information on the content of the programme.

Pupils may apply for weighted education in grade 2 and grade 6

Applications for weighted education in primary education should be submitted in grade 2 and, for weighted education in lower secondary education, in grade 6. Each pupil can apply for a maximum of two weighted-education options, indicating their order of preference. The applications and the stated order of preference are binding and cannot be changed. If a pupil is accepted to both study options, the choice of school is based on the pupil's priority option. If the number of applicants meeting the same admission criteria exceeds the number of places available, the pupils will be selected by lot. For grades 3 - 6, participation in weighted education remains a binding choice until the end of grade 6.

Applying for weighted education

Applications for weighted education are submitted in Wilma using the guardian's user account.

If internet access is not available, a paper application form can be obtained from the primary school office. The completed paper application must be returned to the pupil´s current school no later than 7 January 2027. Only applicants who submit their application during the application period are eligible to participate in the entrance examinations.

Application period

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

Entrance examinations

Admission is based on an entrance examination. All pupils who have submitted their applications during the application period will automatically sit entrance examinations. **Applicants must attend the entrance examination on the date stated in the instructions. No separate invitation to the entrance examinations will be sent.** Applications received after the application deadline will not be processed. Failure to attend the entrance exam will always result in a negative admission decision.

The dates for the entrance examinations can be found on the websites of the schools offering weighted education. The most up-to-date information about information evenings can also be found on the schools' websites.

If your child needs to take an entrance examination on another date, it will only be possible on presentation of a medical certificate. If the applicant has special educational support needs that should be considered during the entrance examination, the guardians are invited to contact the principal of the school offering weighted education.

A pupil selected for weighted education from another school will transfer to the school offering weighted education and become a pupil of that school. Consequently, the pupil will study all subjects at that school.

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.