

APPLYING FOR WEIGHTED EDUCATION

School year 2026 - 2027

Weighted education means intensified and in-depth teaching of a subject.

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, Kalevala and Rajala schools) or dance (Kalevala school). Guardians are welcome to contact the school principal for more detailed information on the content of such teaching.

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 such teaching.

Applications and selection

Applications for weighted teaching in primary education should be submitted in the 2nd grade and, for weighted teaching in lower secondary education, in the 6th grade. 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 altered. For grades 3–6, participation in weighted education remains a binding choice until the end of grade 6.

Admittance is based on an entrance exam. 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 admittance criteria exceeds the number of places available, the pupils will be chosen by lot.

All pupils who have submitted their applications during the application period will automatically sit entrance exams (no separate invitations will be sent). The dates for the entrance exams can be found on the websites of the schools offering weighted education. If your child would like to take an entrance exam 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 taken into account during the entrance exam, the guardians are invited to contact the principal of the specific school offering weighted education.

Applications for weighted education should be submitted online using the Wilma system. The period for submitting applications online runs from **1 December 2025 to 7 January 2026**. The application should be submitted through Wilma under the guardian's user ID. If the family has no access to internet, an application form can be obtained from the primary school office. Application forms on paper should be handed to the class teacher **by 7 January 2026** at the latest.

The guardians will be in charge for any school transportation costs. They will also have to meet school transportation costs whenever the pupil requires transportation to school because of an illness or a leisure-time accident. Should an accident take place during the school hours, the Municipality shall arrange for school transportation for a restricted period of time.

For more detailed information, please contact the principal of your child's school.