KUOPIO

How to enrol a child in first grade

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School year 2027–2028

In the autumn of 2027, children born in 2020 will start school. The guardians should either enrol their children for school online or on an enrolment form that will be posted by regular mail to all guardians of children born in 2020.

Child's designated (local) school

Kuopio is divided into several catchment areas. The municipality will allocate each child a place in a local school that provides basic education, based on the child's home address. Please note that a school building located near the child's home will not automatically be considered his or her local school. Pre-primary education may moreover be provided at a place other than the school to be designated as the child's local school. How groups of pupils will be formed in different enrolment areas also depends on the size of the age group concerned, the available school premises and the group divisions in the year in question. For these reasons, siblings may be assigned to different schools.

School enrolment period

Guardians are invited to complete enrolment online between **1 December 2026 and 7 January 2027.**

Enrolment

Enrolment takes place via the online Wilma application. To create your own Wilma account as a guardian, you need a key code (= Wilma ID). It will be indicated on the enrolment form that you will receive by post. You can create your Wilma ID on the webpage https://kuopio.inschool.fi/connect. More detailed instructions on how to create a Wilma account as a guardian are available at Wilma account (inschool.fi) and Introduction to using Wilma.mp4
Please note you will find the forms online at https://kuopio.inschool.fi when you sign in to Wilma (does not work in mobile apps). The forms are under the Menu (click on the three dots).
Using Wilma - registration for the first grade.mp4

Remember to keep your Wilma ID safe as long as your child is in basic education! Wilma will be used as one of the information channels for school and home cooperation. The Wilma ID of the guardian is a personal user ID meant for use by the guardian only.

If you don't have access to online enrolment, you can enrol your child for school by bringing the duly filled paper form to any nearby school **by 7 January 2027** at the latest.

The same application form is also used to apply for bilingual education (Finnish – English) and for a place at a school other than the designated school ("toissijainen koulu").