

KUOPIO

# Preparatory education in Kuopio

2023-2024



# Preparatory education

- Preparatory education is for students
  - age group 7–17 in basic education, age group 6 in early childhood education
  - whose Finnish/Swedish skills are not sufficient to study in their local school
  - who are going to stay in Finland for a while
- The aim of the preparatory education is to develop students' Finnish language skills and general readiness for Finnish school integrate students into Finnish society.
- Preparatory education has its own curriculum and it is not class or year based.
- The group size in preparatory education classes is approximately 10 students.
- Preparatory education lasts approximately one school year (900–1000 hours).
- Preparatory education is given in permanent preparatory education classes in Hatsala Classical school (age group 13-17) and Rajala school (age group 7-12). There are also temporary preparatory education classes in Snellman/Niirala (age group 7-12), and Neulamäki (age group 7-17) Comprehensive schools.
- After preparatory education students will usually go to their local school

# Preparatory education in early childhood education

For 6-years-old students there is preparatory education in Kuopio and it is implemented in pre-school.

Preparatory education in pre-school is inclusive; the student is integrated in the mainstream pre-school group.

In Kuopio:

- 5 language and culture teachers: planning, guiding, teaching
- Preparatory education in early childhood education is carried out 5 hours per day

# Preparatory education in Rajala school

- Rajala Comprehensive school is located in Puijonlaakso and has about 400 students (grades 0-6).
- 18 mainstream classes, 2 classes for students with special needs, 4 preparatory education classes and English Transition Class.
- Weighted-curriculum education:
  - Grades 3-6: Music
  - Grades 1-6: Bilingual Finnish-English programme
- Rajala Comprehensive school has four preparatory education classes
  - years 1–2 (age group 7–8), teacher Laura Kamunen
  - years 3–5 (age group 9–12), teacher Sanna Laitinen
  - years 1-6 (age group 7-12), teacher Katja Koskela
  - years 3-6 (age group 7-12) Moona Matilainen and Isabel Juvonen

# Preparatory education in Snellman/Niirala Primary School

- Snellman Comprehensive school has two different school buildings:
  - Snellman school (Maaherrankatu 13)
  - Niirala school (Huuhankatu 2)
- Niirala Comprehensive school has one preparatory education class with teacher Jenni Honko.

# Preparatory education in Hatsala Classical school

- Hatsala Classical school is a comprehensive school for grades 7–9.
- The school operates in two buildings:
  - Hatsala Classical school (Opistotie 5) and Niirala school (Huuhankatu 2)
- 27 mainstream education classes, 3 reduced-size classes and 2 preparatory education classes
- Weighted-curriculum education -Physical education classes -Bilingual Finnish-English programme -Visual arts
- Hatsala Comprehensive school has three preparatory education classes
  - Hatsala: years 7–9 (age group 13–17), teacher Sanna Tikkanen
  - Niirala school years 7-9 (age group 13-17), teacher Tuija Eira
  - Community College (age group 16-18), teacher Katri Mononen

# Preparatory education in Neulamäki Comprehensive school

Neulamäki Comprehensive school has 360 students.

The school locates in Neulamäki (Pinokuja 6).

-17 mainstream classes

-2 special education classes

2 preparatory education classes (age group 7-17), teachers Kaisa Lähtevänoja and Mari Knuutila

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