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## **PREPARATORY EDUCATION FOR IMMIGRANTS**



## Preparatory education - overview

Preparatory education for immigrants is available for children and young people of immigrant background whose Finnish language skills are not adequate to study in Finnish speaking groups. In addition to learning the Finnish language as well as possible, the aim of preparatory education is to promote the pupil's balanced development and integration into Finnish society. The target is also to increase the pupil's own native language abilities and the knowledge of own culture. The basis of the target assessment is the pupil's Finnish language skill level and the previous school history.

### **In preparatory education**

- ⇒ **the teaching language is Finnish**
- ⇒ **education normally lasts a year and it is free of charge**
- ⇒ **a personal study programme is designed for every pupil**
- ⇒ **the pupil has the same opportunities to get support for studying as the pupils in basic education**
- ⇒ **when possible, the student is integrated into the studies of basic education for example in art and physical education**
- ⇒ **at the end of the preparatory studies the school estimates where the pupil will continue his studies, in what class level and what kind of support the pupil needs there**
- ⇒ **co-operation between home and school is important**



## **WHAT?**

Preparatory education follows the National Core Curriculum for Instruction Preparing for Basic Education 2015.

## Teaching groups and registration

Preparatory education is meant for

- ⇒ **children and young people with immigrant backgrounds and Finnish language skills inadequate for them to study in Finnish speaking groups**

When possible, the teaching groups are to be formed according to the pupils' age and capabilities and so as to promote their healthy growth and development and to ensure achievement of the curricular objectives and those set out in the pupils' personal study programmes. The pupil's location of residence is taken into account. The composition of teaching groups will be decided by each provider of instruction preparing for basic education.

**At the moment the preparatory education for immigrants is arranged in Pori in the following schools:**

- ⇒ **Kaarisilta**



**WHERE?**

Please apply for preparatory education by contacting Education Centre of Pori: Kirsi Nuorsaari or Jaana Salonen (contact information can be found in the last page of this brochure).

## Finnish as a second language

The main focus is in the studies of Finnish as a second language followed by Finnish as a second language syllabus set out in the National Core Curriculum for Basic Education, as applicable.

**The aim of the teaching of Finnish as a second language (S2) is**

- ⇒ **to develop and improve the language skills in all areas**
- ⇒ **to get to know Finnish customs and cultural aspects**

## The pupil's native language

The objective of native language education is to support and promote the pupils' command of their native language, knowledge of their cultural background and the development of cultural identity. The pupil will be provided with native language studies whenever possible in Pori.

## Other studies

Preparatory education is based on each pupil's prior studies, cultural background and those contents they need after preparatory education. The pupil's foreign language studies will be organized in accordance with the municipal language programme. The pupil is to be integrated into a class of basic education in art and physical education when possible.



**HOW?**

Good Finnish language skill is important for further studies. Through native language studies it is easier to learn a new language like Finnish.

## Pupil assessment and certificate

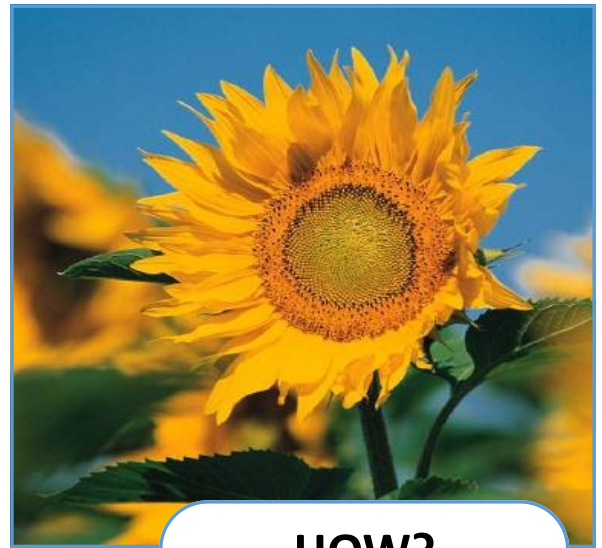
### In preparatory education

- ⇒ assessment is based on continuous and diverse observation and evidence
- ⇒ the pupil's background and developing Finnish language skills are taken into account
- ⇒ same evaluation principles are used as in basic education when appropriate
- ⇒ the pupil may have studies in different subjects according to the basic education syllabus
- ⇒ at the end of the education, each pupil receives a certificate of participation

### After preparatory education

After preparatory education the pupil continues to the basic education when appropriate. The basic education is carried out in the school nearest to the pupil's residence or the pupil can apply for a studying place in the same school where the preparatory education was completed.

Pupils studying Finnish as a second language need individualizing and a lot of translanguaging support in every subject.



**HOW?**

Efficient studying is significant. The student with immigrant background needs a lot of support also after preparatory studies.

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