


Notification of extended stay abroad

All children who live in Sweden must go to school according to Swedish law, this is called compulsory school attendance. That is why you as a legal guardian need to submit a notification if your child is going to move abroad or stay abroad for an extended period of time. We need this information in order to determine whether your child will continue to have compulsory school attendance in Sweden or not. You can read more about how we determine this on the next page. In order for us to have time to make a decision about your notification, you need to submit it to us at least three months before the child will leave.

Once you have completed the form, send it to grundskola@grundskola.goteborg.se or to Grundskoleförvaltningen, Box 1015, 405 21 Göteborg.

If your child is going to move abroad for more than a year, you are obligated to notify the Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket). You can find the form on the home page of the Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket).

Information about the student and the student's school in Sweden

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| The student's first and last name | The student's national identification number |
| The student's current school in Sweden | The student's school year |

Information about the student's school during the stay abroad

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| Name of the student's school during the stay abroad | Phone number to the student's school |
| E-mail to the student's school during the stay abroad | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have submitted documentation from a school abroad that my child is enrolled there. | |

Information about the student's stay abroad (If your child will be abroad for a shorter period than seven months it is likely that they will still have compulsory school attendance in Sweden, see more on the next page.)

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| Name of the country for the stay abroad | |
| The student's address during the stay abroad | |
| Will the student stay for more than one year in the country? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Specify the start date and the end date for the stay abroad |

Information about you who is a legal guardian of the student (If you have joint custody of your child it is required that both you and the child's other guardian sign.)

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| Signature first and last name guardian 1 | Clarification of signature |
| E-mail and phone number | |

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| Signature first and last name guardian 2 | Clarification of signature |
| E-mail and phone number | |

How we determine if your child's compulsory school attendance will continue

When you have submitted your notification of extended stay abroad, the primary school administration will determine if your child will continue to have compulsory school attendance in Sweden or not. Our determination is based primarily on how long your child is planned to stay abroad, but also how well it can be determined where the student is located.

If your child will be abroad for a shorter period than seven months it is likely that they will still have compulsory school attendance in Sweden.

If the child will have continued compulsory school attendance in Sweden

If your child will have continued compulsory school attendance in Sweden you as a legal guardian need to make sure that your child will go to school in Sweden.

According to the Swedish education act, you as a guardian have the responsibility to make sure that your child is enrolled in and attend school. If you do not make sure that your child is following the compulsory school attendance, the City of Gothenburg has the right to order you as a guardian to do so. If you still do not make sure your child goes to school, you may have to pay "vite" which is a kind of fine.

If the child will not have continued compulsory school attendance in Sweden

If we determine that your child no longer has compulsory school attendance in Sweden, there are several things to keep in mind. The compulsory school administration does not have an obligation to pay for your child's education abroad. When your child no longer has compulsory school attendance in Sweden, the child will not be allowed to continue their studies at their current school.

If your child is abroad for an extended or indeterminate amount of time the primary school administration will notify the Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket) and the Swedish Social Insurance Agency (Försäkringskassan) which can affect any benefit payments.

Notify the Swedish Social Insurance Agency (Försäkringskassan) before you go abroad. Otherwise you risk having to repay benefits you were not entitled to.

If your child is going to move abroad for more than a year, you are obligated to notify the Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket). You can find the form on the home page of the Swedish Tax Agency (skatteverket.se).

The child returns to Sweden

If your child returns to Sweden they will again have compulsory school attendance. As a legal guardian you need to contact the primary school administration when the child returns to get them enrolled.

It is not certain that your child will be allowed back to the same school as before the stay abroad. Nor can we guarantee that the child can be placed in a class with students of the same age as the child.