



You need to include certain information in your application

Read more about what information you need to include on the next page of this form. Send your form to us by email (grundskola@grundskola.goteborg.se) or by mail to Göteborgs Stad, Grundskoleförvaltningen, Box 1015, 405 21 Göteborg.

Information about the child

The child's first and last name	National identification number	
Current school		School year

Information about the guardian(s)

First and last name guardian 1	Phone mobile phone
Street and postal address	Phone home
E-mail	

First and last name guardian 2	Phone mobile phone
Street and postal address	Phone home
E-mail	

Information about the child's potentially new school

Name of the school	E-mail
Address	The child's school year
Phone	Planned time period for the child's school attendance

Signature (If you have joint custody of your child it is required that both you and the child's other guardian sign.)

Signature first and last name guardian 1
Signature first and last name guardian 2

Information that you need to include in your application

All children living in Sweden have compulsory school attendance according to the law. Compulsory school attendance means that all children living in Sweden need to attend the Swedish school. However, there are some exceptions. One of these exceptions is if it is necessary for a student to attend school abroad. In order for us to approve it we also need to know if the alternative school attendance abroad is an equivalent option to the education in Sweden. The provisions can be found in the Education Act, Chapter 24, Section 23 (2010:800). That is why we require certain information from you in this application.

In order for us to have time to make a decision, you need to submit the application to us at least three months before starting school abroad.

This is the information we need

Why you are applying for your child to have compulsory school attendance abroad

There have to be exceptional reasons for your child to have compulsory school attendance abroad. Exceptional reasons means that there has to be a very compelling reason for your child not being able to stay in Sweden to attend school. It is rare that a child is allowed to have their compulsory school attendance abroad. We always base our assessment on your child's needs. That is why we need to know the reason and why you consider it necessary for your child to have compulsory school attendance abroad.

How the alternative school attendance will look and work for your child

When we do our assessment, we look at the alternative school attendance to see if it is of equal quality to the school attendance your child receives in the Swedish school. We investigate the alternative school attendance to see if it provides the same knowledge as in the Swedish school. The alternative school attendance should also have the same general goals as the school attendance in Sweden, and it should provide the student with social practice for a normal life in society.

What possibility we have to gain insight into your child's alternative school attendance

We at the compulsory school administration need

to know how we can gain insight into your child's alternative school attendance. That is why you need to have a plan outlining how the dialogue between the intended school abroad and us is going to work. The possibility of us having insight should be available during the entire period of your child's alternative school attendance. Some schools are used to having this type of dialogue, and they sometimes have special systems in place, often digital ones, that provide our staff with insight into their work.

This is what happens if approve the application

If we decide to approve your application your child will be allowed to have compulsory school attendance abroad for a maximum of one year. During the time your child is attending their alternative school attendance we will follow up on all information you provided in this application to make sure it is still correct. If we discover during our follow-up that the conditions on which we based our decision on have been changed, we will revoke our approval. In this case, you can appeal against the decision within three weeks after you receive the decision.

If your child has compulsory school attendance abroad for a period longer than three months, we may need to expel your child from their current school in Sweden. When your child returns to Sweden they will have compulsory school attendance again as usual. However, we cannot guarantee that the child can return to the same school as before the stay abroad. Your child has the right to the same educational support as every other student at the school.

This is what happens if we do not approve the application

If we decide to not approve your application your child will continue to have compulsory school attendance as usual. That means that your child should continue to attend school in Sweden. In this case, you can appeal against the decision within three weeks after you receive the decision. According to the education act, you as a guardian have the responsibility to make sure that your child goes to 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 a kind of fine.

Send your application to:

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