


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 to us at the compulsory school administration a notification if your child is going to move abroad, or stay abroad for an extended period of time, for example at least one month. 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 starting the school abroad.

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

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

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	

You should always submit a certificate showing that your child has been enrolled in a school during the stay abroad. The compulsory school administration will verify where the student goes to school during the stay abroad.

Information about the student's stay abroad (If your child will be abroad for a shorter period than six months it is likely that the compulsory school attendance will still be valid.)

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.)

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

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.

The child will have continued compulsory school attendance in Sweden

If your child will have continued compulsory school attendance in Sweden then you as a legal guardian need to make sure that your child will go to school in Sweden. Your child could, in some circumstances, complete the compulsory school attendance abroad, but that possibility is very small.

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 primary reason that we determine that the compulsory school attendance will not continue is because your child will stay abroad for more than six months. In such a situation, the compulsory school administration does not have an obligation to pay for your child's education. 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 returns to Sweden they will have compulsory school attendance again as usual. However, 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. This is because your child might not have received the same knowledge as students of the same age have received during the same time period in Sweden. That is why staff at the school in Sweden will evaluate your child's knowledge in order to decide what school year your child will start after the stay abroad. Your child has the right to the same educational support as every other student at the school.

Your responsibility for compulsory school attendance as a guardian

According to the education act, you as a guardian have the responsibility to make sure that your child is enrolled in 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.