



Enheten för flerspråkighet, EFF

- For both municipal and independent schools
- Mother tongue tuition in Compulsory School, Upper Secondary, and Compulsory School for Pupils with Intellectual Disabilities.
- Study guidance in the mother tongue.
- Introductory support in the mother tongue
- Assessment of knowledge through the mother tongue
- Assessment of proficiency in mother tongue education

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Mother Tongue Education



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Who qualifies for mother tongue education?

(Does not apply to national minority languages)

A pupil who has a parent/guardian with another mother tongue than Swedish should be offered mother tongue education if:

1. *The language is the pupil's language of communication at home, and*
2. *The pupil has basic proficiency in the language.*

The pupil has basic proficiency in the language: the pupil is able to speak and understand the language. Lessons are taught in the mother tongue and follow the national curriculum.

National minority languages

Sweden has the following minority languages: Finnish, Meänkieli, Saami, Romani, and Yiddish. To study a national minority language, the pupil must belong to the minority group in question and does not need to speak the language at home or have basic proficiency in the language. There are two curricula and in the application, you choose whether the pupil is a native speaker or beginner.

Enheten för flerspråkighet (EFF) coordinates mother tongue education in Uppsala.

Basic proficiency

Basic proficiency is required for all languages with the exception of minority languages. The pupil's level of proficiency is assessed by the teacher when the pupil starts. Both understanding and use of spoken language are assessed. Information regarding basic requirements is available on EFF's webpage.

How to apply

The pupil's guardian completes the application form, which is available both in schools and on EFF's webpage. Please complete, sign, and return the form to the pupil's school. The application is first approved by the principal and then sent to EFF, no later than 15 June before the new school year. Pupils who apply later than 15 June cannot be guaranteed a place.

How lessons are arranged

In Uppsala, mother tongue lessons take place outside of ordinary class times, often after school finishes. Pupils from preschool class to grade 5 have lessons at their own schools. Pupils from grades 6 to 9 meet in mixed groups at a designated school in the late afternoon or early evening. Pupils are responsible for getting to the designated school. Those who do not have a bus card will receive bus tickets from the mother tongue teacher.

More information

More information about mother tongue education in Uppsala is available on EFF's webpage.

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