

## Information for sixth-graders' guardians

### Options for Grade 7

The pupil can...

- move to their local school (assigned by the city based on the pupil's home address)
- continue their studies in their current school (if they are currently studying in a school that has grades 1-9)
- continue their previous studies in weighted-curriculum, bilingual or English-language basic education without having to take a new aptitude test (applicable only for the same type of education in a school that is assigned by the city)
- apply to weighted-curriculum, bilingual, English-language or Latin as B2 language education
- apply to some other school in Helsinki, to a private school or to a school located in another city

If the pupil has any special needs, their transition to Grade 7 should be carefully planned in good time in co-operation with the pupil and their family, the teacher and the special planning officer of the area.

### Fill in an application form on Wilma

**Fill in a Wilma form during the application period November 20–December 3.** Please fill in the form and submit it even if the pupil chooses to continue in their current school.

- You can apply to max. 5 options.
- Give the options in your order of preference.
- The options are processed in the given order, and the pupil can only be chosen to one of them.
- By applying you agree to accept an offered school place.
- You can make changes to your application during the application period but not after it has ended.
- The application period is November 20-December 3, and late applications will not be accepted.

### Aptitude test

If the pupil is applying to weighted-curriculum, English-language, bilingual or Latin as B2 language education, they must take an aptitude test and pass it. The test dates are between January 10 and February 5, 2024. Check the school webpages for more detailed information about the schedule. Schools will not send invitation letters to the test. If the pupil is applying to several schools offering the same programme, they take the test in their school option number 1.

If there are more applicants than available places in a school, the pupils are admitted in the order of their aptitude test score. If the pupil is ill on the test day, they can take the test on a retake day. You must contact the school before the (official) test, let them know that the pupil cannot participate in the test, and send them a medical certificate. If the pupil cannot participate in the test on the official or the retake day, they cannot be admitted in the programme.

Municipal schools give priority to Helsinki residents in their admission.

## Important dates

**1.–19.11.** School info sessions for parents and pupils, see school webpages for more detailed information.

**20.11.–3.12.** Application period, fill in the application form on Wilma.

**10.1.–14.2.** Aptitude tests and retake days, see school webpages for more detailed information.

**22.3.** Admission decisions will be sent by post.

## Re-assessment of support for learning during Grade 6

A pupil's need for support is assessed regularly during the school year. A decision for special support must be re-assessed before starting Grade 7, and based on the re-assessment a new decision about continuing special support or ending it will be made. If a pupil moves to a new school for Grade 7, their previous school will make sure that all information considering the pupils need for support is transferred to the new school.

## Learn more

- For pupils starting Grade 7: <https://www.hel.fi/en/childhood-and-education/basic-education/enrolling-and-applying-to-school/for-pupils-starting-grade-7>
- Weighted-curriculum education and education in different languages: <https://www.hel.fi/en/childhood-and-education/basic-education/enrolling-and-applying-to-school/weighted-curriculum-and-basic-education-in-different-languages>
- School webpages: <https://www.hel.fi/en/childhood-and-education/basic-education/comprehensive-schools>
- Support for learning: <https://www.hel.fi/en/childhood-and-education/basic-education/support-for-learning-wellbeing-and-schoolwork/support-services-for-learning>