

Education and Culture Services
Basic Education

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Information for parents and guardians of multilingual families

INSTRUCTION IN A PUPIL'S NATIVE LANGUAGE IN PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL AND BASIC EDUCATION IN TAMPERE

- The City of Tampere Basic Education provides centrally-organised supplementary instruction for pre-primary and basic education-aged multilingual children in their native language or in a second language acquired abroad. Currently there are more than 30 language options available. New language groups may be set up depending on registrations and when possible.
- Native language instruction is intended mainly for pupils who live in Tampere and whose native or home language is other than Finnish or Swedish. However, pupils living in another municipality may participate in instruction in Tampere, based on a separate agreement with the municipal education providers. Also Finnish returnees are entitled to participate in the instruction, provided they have acquired native level proficiency while living abroad.
- Native language instruction is not intended for beginners. The teacher will assess pupils' language skills, if necessary, before granting entry to classes. The pupil cannot receive this teaching in the language of the school in which he/she also studies other subjects. A pupil may participate in the instruction of one native language, only.
- There must be at least six basic education pupils in the class. In most groups the teacher is a native speaker. Native or home language instruction is voluntary, but if a pupil registers for instruction he or she needs to participate. A separate transcript will be given for native language instruction if the pupil attends classes regularly.
- Online registration is always required for native language instruction. Registration times and instructions are on Tampere Basic Education website. (www.tampere.fi with the search words *Tampere oma äidinkieli* or *Tampere Native language*)
- Instruction will start in mid-August. The native language teacher will let you know the starting date and place for instruction. Native language instruction may take place at another school. Parents are to arrange transportation to and from native language classes. The classes are mainly in the afternoon at the end of the school day.
- Teaching is free of charge and 2 lessons per week are given for pupils in the comprehensive school, and 1 lesson per week for pre-school pupils.
- The teaching complies with a curriculum, which aims at providing diverse and practical language skills and enhancing the linguistic and cultural identity. Diverse language skills support also the learning of other languages.

Welcome to study your native language!

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