

# Information about selecting a school for preschool class

As the guardian of a child who turns six in 2025, and who is a registered resident of Östersunds Municipality, you must select a school (municipal or independent) for your child.

During week 39 you will receive an invitation in your inbox or in the mail to list your preschool class preference. You submit your preferences between September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup> via an e-service at www.ostersund.se/skolval.

The invitation includes a link to the e-service. To make your selection, you need an e-ID or mobile bank ID to verify your identity. Your bank or the Swedish Tax Agency can help you get one.

### How does the selection process work?

One of the guardians make the selection in the e-service. The other guardian then confirms the selection in the e-service. You will receive a placement decision during November, either via e-mail or post.

### Will I get the school of my/our choice?

The municipality will place the pupil as far as possible in accordance with the wishes of the guardians. If the number of applicants to a municipal school exceeds the number of places, places will be allocated according to relative vicinity.

More information about the admittance procedure at Östersunds municipal schools and the concept of relative vicinity is available at www.ostersund.se/skolval.

Independent schools in the municipality have their own rules for admittance, even if they can be selected through the municipal e-service. Contact each independent school for more information.



## School Transport When Choosing a School Other Than the Nearest One

Most students who are entitled to school transport to and from school travel by regular public transport. All children and young people between the ages of 6 and 19 who live in Östersund municipality receive a free bus card, which they should use when traveling by public transport. In some cases, students may be entitled to school transport in specially contracted vehicles. This may be relevant, for example, if public transport is not available or if a student, due to a disability, is unable to travel by public transport.

Students who meet the requirements for school transport do not need to apply; they will automatically be granted it. If you choose an independent school or a school other than the nearest one, your child is not entitled to school transport. However, the child can always travel by public transport using their bus card. Read more about school transport at <u>www.ostersund.se/skolskjuts</u>.

### If you need help

If you do not have access to a computer or if you want in-person support to select a preschool class, we can help you. Schedule an appointment through the Customer Centre, either by sending an email to kundcenter@ostersund.se or by calling 063-14 30 00. You can also visit the Customer Centre at Kommunhuset, Rådhusgatan 21 in Östersund. Please bring your ID.

#### Information about schools

All schools are hosting individual information meetings where guardians can learn more about the school and its approach to education. These meetings will take place on-site at the respective schools.

On <u>www.ostersund.se/skolval</u> you will find the dates and times for each school's information session. You will also find links to each school's website, where you can read more about the school or access contact information for the staff.

If you require an interpreter for the information meeting, please contact the principal of the school you plan to visit. Contact details can be found on the schools' websites.

