

Application to the bilingual education (English – Finnish) 2023-2024

The English Classes of Lahti



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Bilingual Education (English/Finnish)

- in Tiirismaan peruskoulu (Tiirismaa comprehensive school)
 - the school will operate in new facilities as part of the Paavola Campus Area starting in August 2023
- Primarily for children in the Lahti city area
- The maximum number of students in each year is 24
- The parents will organize their child's transportation to and from the school
- The students apply for:
 - preschool
 - Year 1
 - Years 2-9 (if there are places available)



Studying

- The amount of English used in teaching in Years 0-6 is approximately 70 %, whereas in the Years 7-9 the aim is 50 % (ensuring the student also has the possibility to continue their studies in a fully Finnish-speaking environment after comprehensive school)
- English language teaching has been incorporated into the different subjects (CLIL = Content and Language Integrated Learning)
 - understanding
 - enriching the student's vocabulary
 - encouraging the student to use English
- Years 7-9 study their own optional subject, ELC (English Literature and Culture) one lesson a week



Applying for Preschool

- Application period: January 9–23, 2023
- A joint application form for both English-Finnish bilingual education and the Swedish-Finnish education
 - It is possible to also apply for both
 - However, parents must choose either one as their primary preference and the other as secondary one
- The applicants will be invited to an aptitude test



The aptitude test for Preschool on Feb 8-10, 2023

- The parents will opt for either the Finnish or English test when submitting the application form
- The aptitude test is held on February 8-10, 2023
- More details and a more detailed schedule will be provided with the invitation via email
- It is not necessary for the child to prepare or practise for the aptitude test beforehand
- The test is organized in groups and its purpose is to measure the child's potential to learn a new language



The application process for Year 1

- Application period on January 9-23, 2023
- An online form
- Any child is eligible to apply, regardless of whether they have attended a bilingual preschool
- An aptitude test to measure the child's linguistic capabilities/potential
 - Held on February 1-3 (Tiirismaan peruskoulu, Ursankatu 2)
 - Both English and Finnish skills will be assessed in the test



The application process for Years 2-9

- The application period for the possible available places will start on April 11 and end on May 2, 2023
 - The amount of available places for each year will be published on the website as the application process begins

Aptitude test measuring linguistic skills

- Held on May 11-12, 2023 (Tiirismaan peruskoulu, Ursankatu 2)
- The test will assess the student's linguistic skills in terms of their age level in both Finnish and English



More info about studying and applying

- Biligual education on the City of Lahti website:
[Kaksikielinen opetus \(englanti-suomi, ruotsi-suomi\) – Lahti](#)
- The application forms can be found on the website once the application periods start
- Children whose home address is in Lahti are eligible to apply



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