

WELCOME TO SCHOOL AND THE FIRST GRADE!

In the next autumn, your child will start the first grade. Compulsory education begins the year the child turns seven. Approximately 1,100 children will start school in Lahti.

New first-graders must enrol in school between 9 and 23 January 2023.

COOPERATION ENSURES A GOOD START FOR SCHOOL

Starting school is a big step for a child, and there is a lot to learn. Schools are eagerly waiting for the new pupils. It is important for a child to feel that school work is a natural part of everyday life. Versatile and trustworthy cooperation between home and the school provides significant support for the child's well-being and study. When parents and teachers cooperate, children feel the school is safe, and they like going to school. In May, schools arrange an open house for the new first-graders and their guardians where possible.

The comprehensive education in Lahti builds a sustainable future based on well-rounded education and children's well-being!



ENROL THE CHILD IN SCHOOL BETWEEN 9 AND 23 JANUARY 2023.

Electronic enrolment is available in the Wilma service using guardian credentials.

Enrol your child in school during the enrolment time even if you apply for postponement or preparatory education, or if the child needs special support.

Inform the head teacher of the local school if your child will not start school in one of the schools of the City of Lahti.

If electronic enrolment is impossible, print the enrolment form during the enrolment time at www.lahti.fi/ekaluokalle or contact the school for which you are applying for admission. Return the completed enrolment form by 3 pm on 23 January to the secretary of the school where you are applying for admission.

WHICH SCHOOL DOES THE CHILD GO TO?

In principle, a child is enrolled at their local school.

The City of Lahti is divided into three districts: Northern, Southern and Eastern. Each district has its own school admission area. You can indicate your preference for a local school in the child's school admission area defined based on your home address. Optionally, you can also apply for the admission of a first-grader at a school that belongs to another school admission area, a school that offers bilingual education, a private school or a school in another municipality. The local school for Swedish-speaking children is Lahden ruotsinkielinen koulu.

In Lahti, the school head teachers decide on school admission and send the decision to the guardians by 7 April 2023.

GUARDIAN CREDENTIALS AND ELECTRONIC ENROLMENT IN WILMA

Create Wilma credentials at lahti.inschool.fi/connect.

To create Wilma credentials, you need to identify yourself at suomi.fi using a Finnish personal identity code. If you already have guardian credentials for the City of Lahti's Wilma service, use them to enrol the first-grader.

Read the instructions at: <https://lahti.inschool.fi/news/8759>.

APPLYING FOR AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

In April, you can apply for a place for the child in afternoon activities.

Afternoon activities are provided in a safe environment after the school day to support healthy growth. Afternoon activities are arranged on school days. They are subject to a monthly fee, which includes guided activities and a snack.

You can apply for afternoon activities in the Wilma service using the same credentials you use for your school application. **The application period for afternoon activities is 3–21 April 2023.** Guardians will be informed about admission by 30 June 2023.

FURTHER INFORMATION

You can find further information about enrolment in first grade, admission and other topics related to the start of school from the school head teachers, basic education head teachers and the City of Lahti's website: www.lahti.fi/ekaluokalle.