



The Children and educational Administration

Different compulsory school attendance

Compulsory school attendance is valid for pupils in compulsory school and adapted compulsory schools who lives in Sweden. In exceptional cases the pupil may fulfil the compulsory school attendance in other ways than ordinary school.

Different compulsory school attendance - for example schooling abroad

The main rule is that your child should attend school in Sweden. However sometimes the child may attend school abroad for some time. According to exceptional circumstances we may allow your child to fulfil their compulsory school attendance at a school abroad. In that case you need to submit an application for handling compulsory school attendance while staying abroad. In order to give us enough time to take a decision on your application, you have to submit it at least three month before the schooling abroad begins.

Requirements for different compulsory school attendance

The requirements for allowing your child to fulfil their compulsory school attendance in other ways than at a school in Sweden are high. In order for us to grant this, when you submit your application you have to add attachment 4-6 to your *application for handling compulsory school attendance while staying abroad*. The content of the attachments is described in three points below.

1. Description of how the education abroad is an adequate option to the education in the Swedish compulsory school.

We always evaluate each case individually. Evaluation of whether the education abroad is an adequate alternative to the education in the Swedish school or not is based on, among other things, whether the education follows the Swedish or international curriculum.

An example of education abroad that is estimated to be an adequate option by The Children and educational Administration are Swedish Schools Abroad, they are followed up and evaluated by the [Skolverket](#) which is under supervision from the Inspectorate of Schools.

2. Description of how you can gain insight into the child's schooling at a school abroad.

To gain insight into the school means that The Children and educational Administration can follow up on your child's proficiency at school. It is also important for us to know if your child attends the classes.

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3. Description of the exceptional circumstances that allows for a continuation of compulsory school attendance abroad.

We always evaluate each case individually to determine if there are exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances means that there is a very strong motive why your child cannot remain in Sweden to attend school.

An example of an exceptional circumstance is that it is necessary for you as the parent or legal guardian to work or study abroad and that the child needs to accompany. Keep in mind that work or studies has to be commissioned by an employer and you need to prove this with for example a certificate from the employer.

If you consider to travel abroad read more about how compulsory school attendance works in the document *Compulsory school attendance abroad*.