



Native Language Teaching

From grade 1 in the primary school and the special school, students can study the subject of their mother tongue language.

According to the rules that apply, it is required that at least one of the guardians has a language other than Swedish as their mother tongue. Thus, the student has basic knowledge of that language and that the language is the student's daily language of communication at home. For students who are adopted, the requirement for daily contact language does not apply.

Native language teaching will be arranged if there are at least five students who have applied and who are entitled to study the language, and if there is a suitable teacher.

For students who belong to one of the national minorities, there is no requirement that the student must have some knowledge of the language or that the language must be the student's daily language of communication. The national minority languages are Finnish, Yiddish, Meänkieli, Romani Chib and Sami.

In the previous cases, it is sufficient that there is a student who has applied for mother tongue teaching and that there is a suitable teacher for the teaching to be arranged.

On the National Agency for Education's website, you can read: "The purpose of the teaching is to give the student the opportunity to develop knowledge about their language. The mother tongue language is of great importance for children's language, identity, personality and thought development. A well-developed mother tongue provides good conditions for learning Swedish, other languages and other subjects.

Assessment and grading take place in the same way as in other subjects. The knowledge and abilities that a student shows are assessed in relation to the knowledge requirements in the syllabus or the curriculum. "

<https://www.skolverket.se/regler-och-ansvar/ansvar-i-skolfragor/ratt-till-modersmalsundervisning>

Pupils in preschool class

In the middle of January every year, a letter is sent out to the guardians of the expected students in grade 1 about applying for mother tongue teaching. If the guardians wish the pupil to participate in mother tongue teaching, the form "[Ansökan om undervisning i modersmål](#)" is filled in and **submitted to the pupil's school no later than 31 January of the same year.**

At the beginning of the autumn term, the guardians will be notified whether the application has been approved or not.

Students in grades 1-8

If the guardians wish the student to participate in mother tongue teaching in the autumn term, the form "[Ansökan om undervisning i modersmål](#)" is filled in and **submitted to the pupil's school no later than 30 April of the same year.**

At the beginning of the autumn term, the guardians will be notified whether the application has been approved or not.