



OPETUS

OWN MOTHER TONGUE INSTRUCTION

? Who can apply?

Students are entitled to own mother tongue instruction in case:

- they have an immigrant background and their own language is other than Finnish or Swedish
- if at least one of the parents speaks a language other than Finnish or Swedish as own mother tongue.
- Adopted children are entitled to study their own mother tongue.
- Romani students can register to study their mother tongue.

Proficiency in own mother tongue is required. Own mother tongue language cannot be the same language of instruction employed at school.

Mother tongue instruction is not mandatory, but once the student is enrolled, he/she commits to study and is required to attend the courses regularly.

Instruction is free of charge, still the guardians are responsible for travels and eventually for travel expenses as teaching can take place in other than your own school.

Espoo organizes own mother tongue instruction in 40 different languages. The major languages are Russian, Arab, Somali, English, Mandarin Chinese, Estonian, Spanish, Kurdish and German. The instruction is organized outside the daily school schedule for a total of two (2) teaching hours per week. The students are entitled to follow only one language instruction.

? Where and when to register?

Registration is due to be done in Wilma during January and February 2018. Those students, who are already attending will be continuing their education in the same group. No registration is required.

Preschoolers can enroll sending the registration form, which can be found on the Espoo city web pages at this address: http://www.espoo.fi/en-US/Childcare_and_education/Comprehensive_education/Studying_in_comprehensive_school/Education_of_language_and_cultural_groups/Own_mother_tongue_instruction

? How to register?

The form can be sent by email to the following address: <mailto:omanaidinkielenilmoittautuminen@espoo.fi>

After the registration-period we will accept only those students, who recently moved to Espoo. The enrollment is valid for the entire duration of the basic education. Cancellation from the courses is possible via forms found in Wilma.

