



The Swedish school system

As an asylum seeker you have a right to education just like all other children in Sweden do, but it is not compulsory. As an asylum-seeker you can only start an education before the age of 18.

As a recently arrived pupil, you will usually begin in a preparatory class which is separated from ordinary classes.

Preschool - Preschool is educational group activities for children from the age of 1 until school starts.

Preschool class - Preschool classes are a voluntary form of school. Preschool starts the autumn term the year the children reach 6 years of age until they start compulsory school.

Compulsory school education - In Sweden all children aged between 7 and 16 have to go to school.

Upper secondary education – Is a three-year school education, but not compulsory. Upper secondary education provides basic knowledge for further studies and for a future working life. For newly arrived young people this often means a language introduction but you have to start before the age of 18.

SFI – Swedish for Immigrants (sfi) is a basic training program for adults in purpose to give basic skills in Swedish language. To sign up for SFI in Nynäshamn you must be registered in Nynäshamn, have a residence permit and be at least 16 years old. Also if you are an EU/EEA citizen or a citizen of Switzerland with the right to work and study.