

Swedish
school for
new arrivals

Engelska



For children aged 1-6

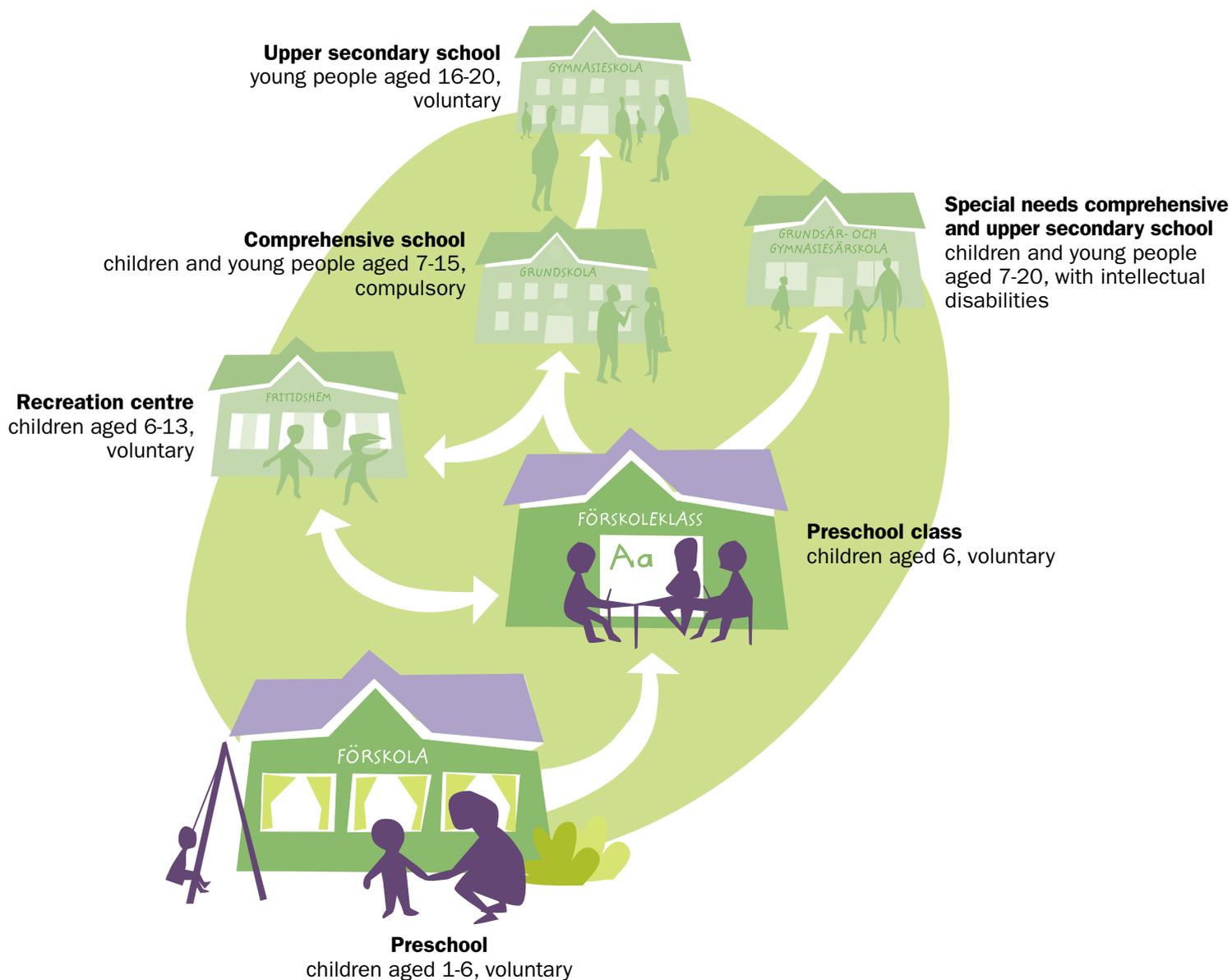
Preschool and preschool class



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This is the Swedish education system



Children may attend preschool from the time they are 1 year old. Play is an important element of preschool. When they turn 6, children may attend preschool class. Both preschool and preschool class are voluntary.

All children attend comprehensive school from about the age of 7. Comprehensive school is compulsory, and compulsory schooling applies for years 1-9.

Most young people then attend upper secondary school for three years. New arrivals who have

received a permanent residence permit are entitled to begin their upper secondary education before the end of the spring term in the year they turn 20; for asylum seekers this limit is the year they turn 18. However, there are also certain requirements for recognised grades from earlier education.

Upper secondary school prepares pupils for university or university college, or for going on to employment without further education.

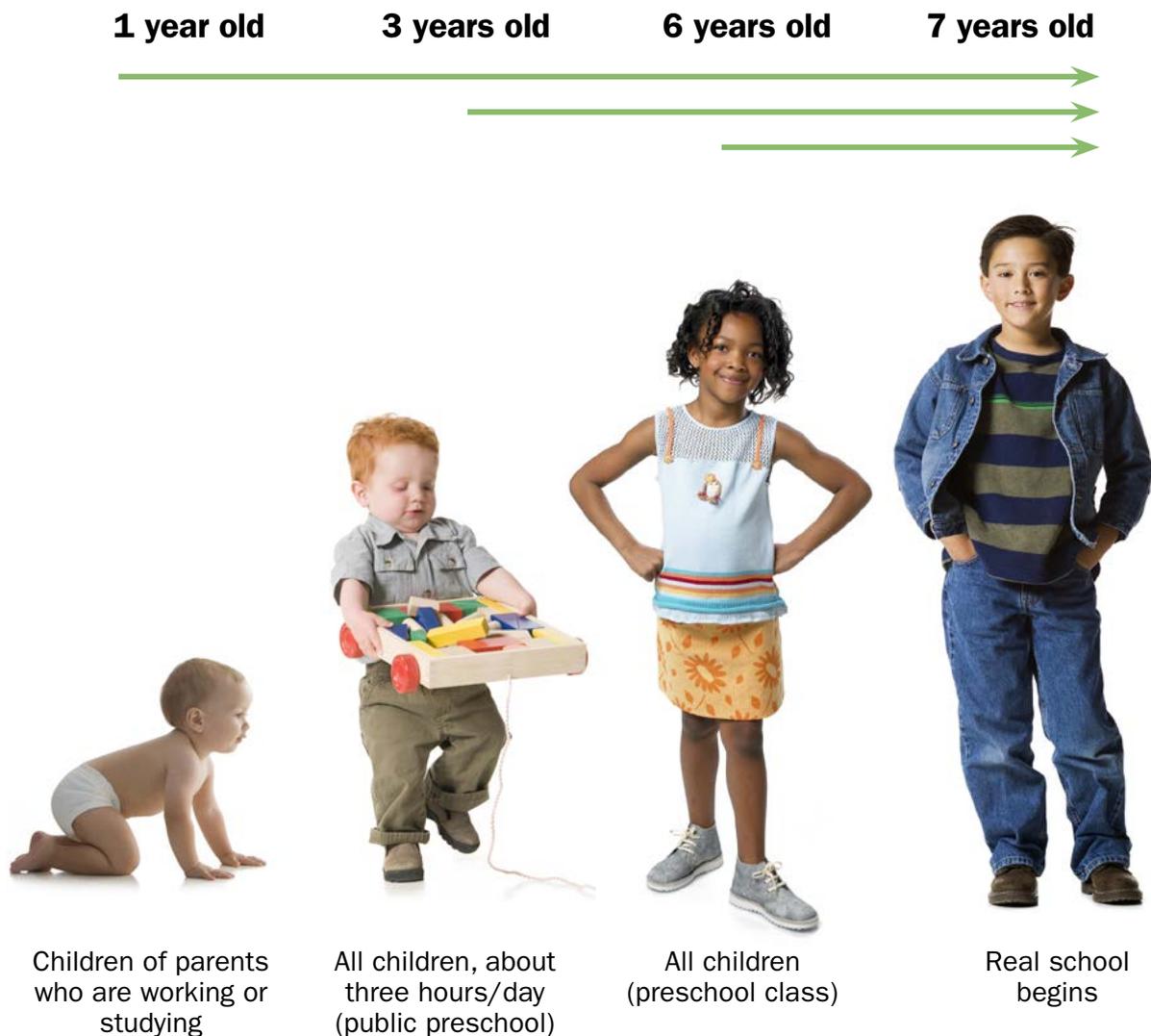
Who can attend preschool and preschool class?

Working or studying? If so your child is entitled to attend preschool all day, from the age of 1. This is your right as a parent. If you are not working or studying, your child can still spend a few hours a day at a public preschool, from the age of 3.

When your child turns 6, she/he is entitled to attend preschool class. This is a voluntary preparation class for compulsory school. Your child attends

preschool class, on or near the school premises, for about three hours a day. If you are working or studying, your child can then spend the rest of the day at a recreation centre.

Children attend preschool and preschool class Monday to Friday. Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays are days off.



How much does it cost?

Children attend public preschool for three hours a day from the age of 3 without charge. There is a charge, however, if your child attends preschool before she/he has turned 3, or the child is there

for more than three hours a day. Your municipality determines the level of this charge. There is no charge for sending your child to preschool class.

"Maxtaxa" (Maximum fee)

Free

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Preschool 1-6 years
Municipality determines levels of charges

Public preschool 3-6 years
No fee for up to three hours/day

Preschool class 6—7 years
No fee

The aim of preschool

Preschool is first and foremost intended to assist in children's development, and to allow them to meet and socialise with other children. At the same time, parents may work or study full time.

Play is an important element of children's development in preschool. The children experiment with expressing themselves through song, dance, drawing

and painting. Language is important – Swedish as well as the child's native language. So is the child's native culture.

Preschool is intended to be safe, fun and instructive. Teaching is based on the principles of the equal value of all individuals and of girls' and boys' equal opportunities for development.

The aim of preschool class

When children turn 6, they are entitled to attend preschool class. The aim of this class is to stimulate each pupil's development and learning, prepare them for continued education and promote their harmo-

nious development. Play and creative activities are essential elements of preschool activities. Education is based on a holistic view of the pupil and the pupil's needs.



Independent or municipal preschool?

The municipality is responsible for ensuring that children are assigned a place in a preschool. Notify the municipality that your child needs a preschool place. The municipality is then obliged to offer your child a place within four months, as close to your home as possible.

Choose between the municipality's own preschools or independent preschools. Independent preschools may be run by parents, staff or as a business. Requirements are the same for all preschools, and the municipality is ultimately responsible for ensuring that your child is safe and looked after properly.

You are important

Preschool and preschool class are designed for your child. Day-to-day contact is important. When parents drop off and pick up children, the preschool teachers and teachers will say how they are doing. Remember to tell staff things they might need to know. And if there is anything that is not clear, ask.

Several times a year you will be invited to meet the teachers in private, to discuss how your child is enjoying preschool and developing. At open parent-teacher meetings, teachers meet with all the parents to talk more generally about preschool activities and plans.



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