

Time to apply for a school!

In August 2021, your child will start preschool class, at the time has come to apply for a school. The school selection opens on 15 January 2021 and closes on 31 January. Guardians make their school selection digitally using e-identification in the system Mitt Skolval. If your child has two guardians, both need to approve the school selection before the application can be processed. In conjunction with opening the system, we will send an invitation in through the mail.

Frequently asked questions about the school selection

Why do I need to apply for a school for my child?

“It increases your possibilities of influencing what school your child will go to.”

How is this different from before?

“Until 2019, all pupils were automatically offered a place in a school near their home. You did not need to apply for a school if you were satisfied with the allocated school place. Guardians whose children will start preschool class or year seven must now apply for a school in the school selection.

Will I be able to visit the schools before the selection?

“Information meetings will be planned in early January. However, we cannot guarantee that such meetings will be physically feasible. The schools are currently considering digital options to provide information about the school and show the premises.

If we do not apply for a school, what then?

“If the guardians do not apply for any school, the pupil will then be placed in a school near their home, however, we cannot guarantee it will be the closest one.”

Does the school selection affect those with children who are in or about to apply to an independent school.

“Yes. Children who are applying for an independent school also need to make a selection. However, not all schools are connected to the system. If you want a place in an independent school not available in the system, you contact that school. We also ask guardians to notify us that you do not want a place at a municipal school by emailing us at info@vaxjo.se.

Please note that if the child does not receive a place at the independent school they applied for, and have not applied for a municipal school, then the child will be placed at a municipal with available places.”

If there are more applicants to a school than available places, what then?

“If there are more pupils applying to a school than there are places available, the places will be divided among the applicants in the following order:

1. Pupil with protected personal data
2. Pupil whose sibling attends the school applied for.
3. Pupil with the shortest relative distance from the school.

Are we guaranteed to get a place at the school we apply for?

“Our aim is to ensure that all children get as good a placement as possible based on their preference. Which school the child is placed in depends on several different factors. If a school receives more applications than places available, pupil will be placed based on the municipality’s selection criteria, such as sibling priority and relative proximity.”

What is relative proximity?

“Relative proximity means that all pupils are entitled to go to school near their home, however, not necessarily at the nearest school. Relative proximity is used to ensure that no pupil has an unreasonable distance to their school. If the number of applications exceeds the number of places at a school, the pupil with the longest relative proximity gets the place. More information about relative proximity is found at www.vaxjo.se/skolval

Is it possible to make a tactical selection?

“No. The calculation of relative proximity uses a school near the home, not the school you have set as your second choice. If you do not select any school, you will be assigned to a school that has available places.

When is the school selection?

“The school selection opens on 15 January and closes on 31 January 2021. You make your school selection in Mitt Skolval through www.vaxjo.se/skolval

What is the process?

“Guardians of children about to start preschool class or year seven in the autumn 2021 will receive a letter in early January inviting them to the school selection. The school selection is carried out by guardians with e-identification in Mitt Skolval, which you reach through www.vaxjo.se/skolval

What if I don't have e-identification?

“It is possible to apply for a school on a paper form. Contact Växjö Municipality’s contact centre at info@vaxjo.se or 0470–41000.

If we forget to apply for a school, what then?

“Your child will be placed at a school in the municipality, however, it may not be the nearest one.”

What happens if we disagree on what school we want our child to attend?

“If a child is alternating living at two addresses, we will base the placement on their registered address. If the guardians do not agree, the child will be placed in a school near their registered address. If the registered address needs to be changed, the guardians do this through the Swedish Tax Agency. Please note that unless both guardians approve the preferred school in the school selection, your application will be processed as if you have not made any active choice.

When will we get the placement decision?

“A decision regarding placement will be sent to all guardians in March/April 2021.”

If we are unhappy with the allocated school, what can we do?

“Apply for a change of school. A form is available at www.vaxjo.se”

If we already have a child at a school, will their siblings have priority there?

“Yes, if the child is already attending the preferred school and they will attend the same school unit that you are applying for in the autumn 2021. Sibling priority does not apply if the child leaves the school unit in the spring semester 2021. Please note that a compulsory school can have several different school units.”

How do I find out which school my child has school transport to?

“When you log in to Mitt Skolval, you will see which school is your transport school. This is the school to which your child will have school transport if you meet the eligibility criteria. Everyone has a “transport school” even if they are not entitled to school transport.

What school do I apply for if I want to be sure to have school transport? “If the pupil meets the distance requirements for school transport and your priority is to have school transport, the pupil should only apply for their transport school. If the pupil does not get a place in the transport school, they will automatically be entitled to school transport for the school where they have been placed.

All information on applying for a school in the school selection is available at www.vaxjo.se/skolval