



Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm

Admissions Policy with General Terms and Conditions

Contact person: School Administrator and Principal

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Philosophy

Our Vision at Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm is to “*challenge and motivate each student to reach their full potential as open-minded and engaged global citizens, who are confident, compassionate, progressive and respectful.*”

With this vision we want to lift the aspirations and goals of our students and give them the best start in life. We shall develop each student’s desire for lifelong learning and help them develop into tolerant, responsive, respectful, curious and communicative individuals.

Guidelines and Principles

At Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm we encourage applicants who are internationally minded, generous in spirit, have the ability to appreciate differences and similarities across cultures and to embrace the diversity among us. We challenge and motivate each student to reach their full potential and aim to help them develop into caring global citizens.

Both past and present academic performance and behavior in good standing is important. Requirements for admission include favourable academic standing and respectful interactions among peers and teachers as a member of the international school community.



Criteria for Application Form

If you are applying for a place at Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm it is essential that the student meets the criteria for applying to an international school.

We will accept students into our classes next year based on criteria set by the Stockholm Board of Education and in the following order. Please check the circle that is applicable to your application.

- o Diplomat
- o Student(s) in international families moving to Stockholm or the surrounding communes/municipalities and are staying for a limited time period or posting/temporary contract. Attach copy of contract - end date must be provided.
Note: Please see important information regarding residency status, see below.
- o Siblings in Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm
- o Student(s) of families moving to Stockholm or the surrounding communes/municipalities who have attended an international school abroad for a major part of their education and have a reason to continue their education at an international school.
- o Student(s) permanently living in Stockholm or the surrounding communes/municipalities who will continue their education at an international school abroad in the near future.

Our Admissions Policy is in accordance with Chapter 24 Section 3 of the Swedish Education Act. Within each category, applications will be looked at by Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm using the sibling priority and date of application as some of the key criteria. Therefore, we can not give out information on the exact place in the waitlist once applications are processed.

Application Procedure at Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm

Students applying to Futuraskolan International School must provide the following information in a PDF format:

1. Create an Admentum login and register your child.
(<https://skola.admentum.se/queue/83/register>)
2. Admission's Coordinator will contact the applicant to send in further documentation.
3. A picture of the applicant.
4. A copy of the applicant's passport (if Swedish, copy of Swedish personnummer).
Note: If you are a diplomatic family, we also require a copy of your visa and Diplomat ID cards issued by Utriksdepartementet (State Department).
5. A copy of the parent/guardian passports, in separate files.
Note: If you are a diplomatic family, we also require a copy of your visas.



6. Documentation of your residency status in Sweden (temporary visa, permanent resident, Swedish citizen, etc)
7. A copy of the applicant's immunization/vaccination record.
Note: See *Vaccination Policy* below.
8. Official school transcripts/report cards (in English) highlighting most recent school years. The official school transcripts/report cards must be combined into one file, e.g. a PDF or a zip file.
9. Psychoeducational reports (applicable for students with special needs). The psychoeducational reports must be combined into one file, e.g. a PDF or a zip file.
10. If applicable, provide a copy of the parental work contract in Sweden with end date provided. (*See Criteria for application above*)
11. Application fee

Applicants will be asked to send in these documents in conjunction with the application form to our School Administrator, Erica Jensen - international@futuraskolan.se.
Please note in the subject line: *Application - Name of Applicant - DOB*

In order for your application to be considered, you will be asked to pay an application fee of 1500 SEK per child. This fee is not refundable even if the applicant is not accepted into Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm.

The Admissions Committee will review each application and then schedule a meeting and school tour with the applicant and their family. The Admissions Committee consists of the School Administrator, Principal, Vice Principal, Student Support Coordinator (if needed), and EAL Coordinator (if needed). While we understand that it is not always possible for overseas families to arrange an admissions meeting at the school, it is always preferable to do so.

The Admissions Committee meets regularly to review all applications. Decisions are communicated to families via email when a space becomes available. Families must respond via email or phone call within one week confirming whether or not they want to accept the space at Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm. Failure to respond within one week will result in the space being possibly forfeited.

Applicants will join the waitlist via Admentum login (Step 1 above). Applicants will then be contacted (Step 2) during the next enrollment session to submit necessary documentation (Step 3 - 10). Upon receipt of documentation, applications that are fully complete are reviewed, considered, admitted and/or placed. Please note that the review of applications takes time. Students are only contacted and admitted as spaces become available.



There is no deadline for the submission of applications but the enrollment period will be during February. If applications are sent in after March 01, they are subject to delayed enrollment. We recommend that you send in your application as early in advance as possible.

Reviewing of Applications

Admissions Committee review each individual application;

- looking at past Principal's recommendation; looking for previous Learning support issues; IEP's; diagnosis; behavioural issues,
- Reviewing recent school year report cards; looking for subjects studied; matching of curriculum; academic and social progress; academic potential.
- Age appropriateness of the desired class (Please refer to the [DOB for School Year Requirements](#))
- Years in school
- Subject choices
- IMYC - 2nd language choice (Spanish, Swedish or French), Enrichment
- Satisfying the criteria of the Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm 'Admissions Policy'

In order to provide the best learning experience, follow up can be required if:

- further information needed to make an accurate assessment. (Admissions officer to communicate with parents and/or previous schools asking for more information)
- further EAL testing required (EAL staff to conduct EAL testing at mutually agreed time)
- further grade level testing if applicant has some irregularities in school history/age. (Learning Support Coordinator arranges testing using the Woodcock Johnson, MAP or any other relevant test)
- further academic testing if there are questions about the student's ability to satisfy the academic demands of the programme. (Learning Support Coordinator arranges testing using any relevant test)
- further information is needed regarding health or student welfare issues. Medical diagnosis is important in our assessment of a student. (Nurse, Counsellor or Learning Support Coordinator to follow up with parents)



Entrance Age Requirements

Upon application, we use the age guidelines listed in the 'DOB for School Year requirements' to assist in our placement of students into the appropriate grade levels, [DOB for School Year Requirements](#). Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm has over 400 students representing over 56 nationalities. Supported by an experienced and qualified faculty from over 21 different countries, the study programs, namely the International Primary School Curriculum (IPC), and the International Middle Years Curriculum (IMYC), allow the school to cater to students' needs regardless of previous international educational experience.

Residency Status

If you are entering Sweden on a work or temporary visa or resident permit AND your status changes during your time in the country, please notify the school directly. We will account for these permissions and follow up each April to inform curriculum planning for the next academic year.

Vaccination Policy

The law in Sweden states that vaccinations are first and foremost voluntary. Futuraskolan AB, and our school, Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm works with our school's health care facility: Sollentunahälsan. Sollentunahälsan follows the guidelines from the Swedish Public Health Agency through the Infection Protection Act. The Act states: all children in Sweden should be offered the Swedish vaccination program. Sweden has been following the European vaccination program since 2002. The families and students who move to Sweden and **are considered for enrollment into our school** are asked to provide medical and health documentation, which includes vaccination records.

If there is no vaccination documentation provided, our school informs Sollentunahälsan to contact the potential families of students to provide information about the Swedish vaccination program and encourage them to participate. If the guardian accepts the vaccination program they are referred to BVC (barnvårdscentralen) by Sollentunahälsan. Sollentunahälsan thereafter follows up with the guardian and notifies the school. If the guardian declines the offered Swedish vaccination program, documentation is placed into the student's journal by Sollentunahälsan and the school nurse. The guardians will be informed about the risks that can arise if they refuse a vaccine, especially MMR, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.

Applicants with Special Needs

Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm offers enrollment to students with mild to moderate special needs. Parents/guardians of any applicant having a mild special need (either behavioral, physical or learning) must submit complete reports from his/her teacher and therapist. In the case where a special need has not previously been identified, Futuraskolan



International School of Stockholm reserves the right to review the situation in order to assess the appropriateness of the student's presence at Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm based on our capacity to address their needs.

Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm does not discriminate against any applicant. However in cases where acceptance to the school would imply significant organizational difficulties or sufficient support cannot be provided, an applicant may be declined.

Specific Entrance requirements into the IMYC

Students should have an adequate level of English to be able to access the curriculum. Parents are advised that students should take an intensive English course prior to starting at Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm if their child has a low level of English language knowledge. This is particularly important in Grade 9 if applying to English Language gymnasium/secondary education.

Withdrawal of Tuition Terms and Conditions” document (listed below).



Term and Conditions for Futuraskolan International School Stockholm

Introduction

Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm is authorized under the supervision of the Swedish School Inspection and in accordance with the standards set out in the Swedish Education Act of 2010 International Schools.

Acceptance

Acceptance of a student is made at the school's discretion, in that the students have met the requirements for attending an International school.

To be considered for admission, the student must have an international connection. Permanent Swedish residents must either have lived abroad or have plans to live abroad in the near future to be considered for admission.

Annual Tuition Fees and Municipal Subsidies

Annual Tuition Fees

Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm charges a set Annual Tuition Fee for students in Grades 1-5, and a set Annual Tuition Fee for students in Grades 6-9. Annual tuition fees are in addition to the subsidies granted by the municipalities. There are no reduced fees at Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm.

Annual fee for 2020/2021

Primary Grade 1-5 - 22.000 SEK

Middle School Grade 6-9 - 27.000 SEK

The Annual Tuition Fee is reviewed each year by the Board in the month of December and tuition invoices are sent out in February to all current students that have been accepted to the school. It is a one time payment and it must be paid by the end of March in order to secure placement for the start of school the following August. The payment is an agreement and acceptance of placement. The fee is not refundable during the school year. Non-payment terminates the agreement of placement.

A refund of 40% will be returned if a student does not commence the second term of the school year and up until Sportlov Break. Notification of this should come to the Admissions office no later than 2 months before the end of term.

Students starting in the second term of the school year will only be required to pay 60% of the Annual Tuition Fee.



Municipal Subsidies

Swedish municipalities provide all children of compulsory school age (Grade 1-9) with subsidies (skolpeng), provided they are registered with the Swedish taxation authorities as residents of Sweden and have a Swedish identification number (personal number or temporary number). The school is not responsible for this registration with the Tax Office - it is the guardian's responsibility. If the subsidy is not granted to the student, the guardian will be billed for that amount. This subsidized amount of school money or skolpeng is outside the tuition fee that is charged at Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm.

Effective from the 2020/2021 school year, Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm will apply a one-time only Application Fee of SEK 1500 for all new applications. This fee is not refundable.

Before and After School Care (Fritids)

Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm offers its students before and after school care, this service must be applied for separately and a fee is charged for this care. The fee varies depending on the student's residence status. Admission office has information on this.

Important information

All students, their guardians and staff at Futuraskolan are expected to agree and understand our Vision, our Values and our Promise. These are clearly visible on our Website and in school Brochures.

Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm aims to provide our students with an international education and does not follow Swedish School curriculum, Lgr11, outside French/Spanish/Swedish language classes.

We aim to prepare our graduating students in Grade 9 for an International Baccalaureate Diploma Program education track. Futuraskolan International School of Stockholm Grade 9 students apply for Swedish high schools via the 'Fri kvot' system,

<https://www.gyantagningen.se/ansokan-och-antagning/hur-antagningen-fungerar/fri-kvot.html>

Governing law

These general terms and conditions shall be governed by the laws of Sweden.