

Applying for afternoon activities in basic education in school year 2025–2026

Pupils in the 1st grade, special support pupils and pupils in the 2nd grade that fulfil the eligibility criteria can apply for afternoon activities.

The application period for afternoon activities in basic education in school year 2025-2026 is from February 3d to 19th 2025 and from May 2nd to 19th 2025.

Afternoon activity groups will be formed for those schools in the urban area that have received at least ten applications from pupils in grade 1 by the end of May. Afternoon activity groups will be formed for those schools in the rural area that have received at least four applications for pupils in grade 1 by the end of May.

No new groups will be formed after May.

City afternoon activity groups will be open from 12:00 to 16:00, there may be exceptions to the open hours in schools in rural areas.

The locations of the clubs and the service providers and will be confirmed after the application period ends. The decision and more detailed group information will be posted to the custodian by the end of June. The decision will be made for one school year at a time.

Private schools decide on the scope of the activities themselves.

Eligibility criteria for the afternoon activity clubs

After places have been distributed between the pupils of the 1st grade, any remaining places in the groups shall be allocated to pupils in need of special support and to pupils in the 2nd grade in the following order.

- pupils receiving special support until 31 July 2025 and as of 1 August 2025, pupils from other grades receiving pupil-specific support in accordance with Sections 20c and 20 i of the Basic Education Act who are entitled to short-term care as defined in the Disability Services Act
- pupils receiving special support until 31 July 2025 and as of 1 August 2025, pupils from other grades receiving pupil-specific support in accordance with Sections 20c and 20 i of the Basic Education Act
- pupils in the 2nd grade having serious health related grounds, assessed individually and based on a medical certificate, with issues such as severe diabetes, epilepsy or severe heart disease
- pupils in the 2nd grade on the basis of official statements, to be assessed separately, for reasons of custody
- pupils in the 2nd grade needing to participate in an afternoon activity club due to work or studies of the custodians on the basis of supporting documents provided by the custodian
- other 2nd grade pupils

The custodian shall provide the necessary supporting documents to the education services in addition to the application.

Applying

Students in the above-mentioned grades may apply for afternoon activities with an online Wilman application. The online application form is available during the application period. The application must specify the period for which the place in the activity club is applied for. If the custodian is unable to fill in the Wilma application form, the printable application form can be found on the afternoon activities website.

After May, you can apply for afternoon activities with a paper application. First graders moving to Kuopio in the middle of the school year as well as those whose eligibility criteria have changed since May can apply for the afternoon activity club.

Afternoon activities in private schools are applied for through a paper form, the paper form is available at the school or on the afternoon activity club webpage.

Applications with their appendices shall be delivered to address: Kuopion kaupunki, Kasvun ja oppimisen palvelualue Perusopetuksen tukipalvelut/ Iltapäivätoiminta, Suokatu 42, 70100 Kuopio, or as an attachment to a secure e-mail message. Instructions for sending a secure e-mail can be found at www.kuopio.fi/kuopionkaupunki/asiointi-ja-neuvonta/suojattu-sahkoposti/

The custodian undertakes to pay the activity fees monthly by filling in the online application form or by submitting the signed form.

Custodians are asked to communicate changes related to afternoon activities using the Wilma change form or via e-mail (e.g. change of start date, change in the need for activity time, cancellation of an enrolment, changes in invoice recipient details). The enrolment in an afternoon activity club is terminated in writing. The notice period is one month from the date of notice. If you are unable to fill in the form in Wilma, you can communicate any changes to the service e-mail address iltapaivatoiminta@kuopio.fi.

Client fees

If the child participates in activities 12 days/month, the fee is **€120 euros** per month. If the child participates in activities over 12 days/month, the fee is **€160** per month. Activity fees are invoiced retroactively once a month.

No fee reimbursement is made for the schools' autumn, Christmas and winter breaks. The fee is charged for each month the child participates in afternoon activities.

The fee will be reduced by half if the child is absent due to their own illness for 11 days or more in a calendar month. If the child is absent for the whole calendar month due to their own illness, no fee is charged. If the child is absent for reasons other than their own illness for the whole calendar month, half of the fee is charged.

Application for a fee exemption or a halving of the client fee

A custodian applies for a fee exemption or a halving of the client fee with separate applications. The fee exemption application must be accompanied by the latest supporting documents. The application will be taken into account for the month in which it was received. Incomplete applications will not be processed or decisions made retrospectively.

A fee exemption is granted if the family's income is below the income limit for free early childhood education, if the family receives social assistance, or by a statement from child welfare / social worker. The custodian or authority submits the statement to the school board as an attachment to the application.

A custodian may apply for a halving of the client fee with a separately provided application. The fee is reduced by one half if at least three children in the family are enrolled in the afternoon activity clubs and/or in day care. The application will be taken into account for the month in which it arrived, decisions will not be made retroactively.

The fee exemption application or the application for a halving of the client fee with its appendices is to be submitted to the following address when the child starts afternoon activities: Kuopion kaupunki, Kasvun ja oppimisen palvelualue, Perusopetuksen tukipalvelut/ Iltapäivätoiminta, Suokatu 42, 70100 Kuopio, or as an attachment to a secure e-mail. Instructions for sending a secure e-mail can be found at www.kuopio.fi/kuopionkaupunki/asiointi-ja-neuvonta/suojattu-sahkoposti/

Please find more information about afternoon activities, printable instructions and forms at www.kuopio.fi/perusopetuksen-iltapaivatoiminta

Afternoon activities planner and afternoon activities secretary provide more information by phone 044 7181388 (service telephone for afternoon activities) or at iltapaivatoiminta@kuopio.fi (service e-mail for afternoon activities).

Telephone service hours are

- *Mondays 13.00 to 15.00*
 - *Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9.00 to 11.00*
- A personal appointment must be made in advance by telephone or e-mail.*