



# Mother tongue policy at ISGR

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Mother tongue lessons offered in Sweden give students with a mother tongue other than Swedish the opportunity to study their native language as an additional subject in school. Access to the mother tongue is of great importance for the child's language, identity, personality and thought development.

1. The application can be only made for **one language**, the one that is actively used at home. The purpose of teaching is to give a student the opportunity to further develop the mother tongue skills. Mother tongue lessons are not language acquisition classes.
2. The mother tongue lessons at ISGR can be offered to international students from grade PYP1 to MYP9. MYP10 students can also apply for mother tongue lessons via IHGR.
3. IB PYP and MYP students must have completed at least twelve months of schooling at ISGR before an application for mother tongue is made.
4. The lessons are scheduled outside the school hours, and they might take place at schools other than ISGR.
5. Application procedure:
  - Submission of the application form either as a hard copy or electronically (by emailing a scanned copy to [modersmal@staff.isgr.se](mailto:modersmal@staff.isgr.se)). Families living in the municipality of Mölndal must complete the Mölndal specific application available on the school website.
  - The Mother Tongue Coordinator sends the application for revision to the Language Center for the municipality.
  - The mother tongue teacher contacts the applicant within 2 weeks after the application has been submitted.
6. Application periods:
  - For the Autumn Term: from August 15th to September 30th,
  - For the Spring Term: from December 1st to January 31st
7. Attendance:
  - A child's absence needs to be reported to the mother tongue teacher in advance.
  - Three unexcused absences will result in automatic withdrawal from the course something along these lines: A new application will need to be submitted during the application period (see point 6.) to rejoin the mother tongue lessons.
8. Withdrawal from the mother tongue course:
  - The below withdrawal slip needs to be submitted to the Mother Tongue Coordinator at least 1 month before the last day of attendance



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### **Mother tongue withdrawal slip**

Student's name (as in the passport) and class	
Student's personal number	YYMMDD-XXXX
Mother Tongue course	

Last day of attendance	
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