

Mother tongue policy

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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 MYP10.
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.

Application procedure

- Submission of the application form either as a hard copy or electronically (by emailing a scanned copy to modersmal@staff.isgr.se).
- 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.

Application deadlines

For the Autumn Term: August 25th, 2025.

For the Spring Term: November 24th, 2025.

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 and a new application will need to be submitted during the application period to rejoin the mother tongue lessons.

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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Withdrawal slip

Student's name (as in the passport) and class	
Student's personal number	
Mother Tongue course/language	
Last day of attendance	