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Keynote speech: Education and equal rights

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Education and equal rights

- Every child have the right to study Swedish as a second language until the reach first-language level
- Every child have the right to study their mother tongue if at least one of the parets have another language than Swedish.



Luleå



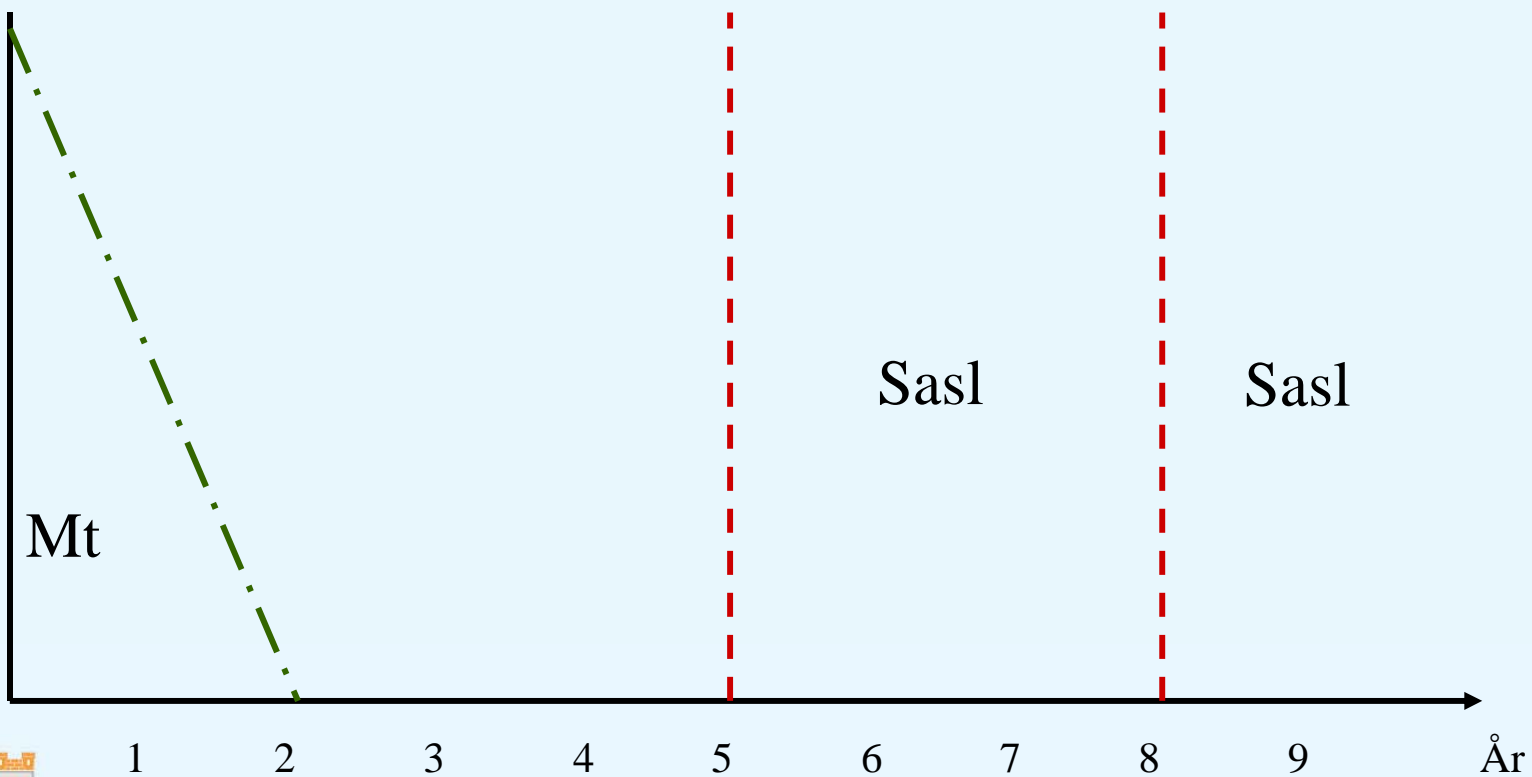
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International research

- When starting school 4 000 – 6 000 words.
- Between 2 000 – 3 000 words every year.
- You need 25 000 – 30 000 words to read and understand schoolbooks and newspapers .
- It takes between 5 – 8 years to learn a second language for studying school subjects.

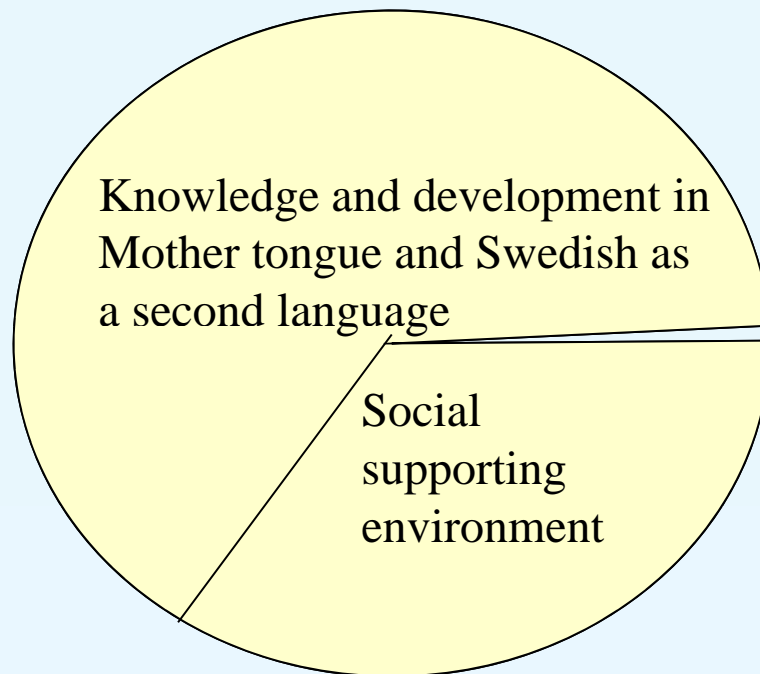


Language as a tool för learning



The National Agency for Education, report:

Important for success in school



Local board of education

- Minimize time for learning Swedish language
- More education in Swedish as a second language
- More education i mother tongue



VÄLKOMSTEN



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Välkomsten -

Pre-school and school for from abroad coming children and teenagers

Välkomsten shall prepare every child och teenager for further studies in Swedish pre-school or school.

- Both Swedish language and Mother tongue development
 - Knowledge about Swedish society
 - Knowledge about Swedish school system
 - Values important in Swedish society
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- Children in school shall have an introduction to some subjects in the Swedish school system



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Välkomsten

Every child and teenager moving into Luleå from abroad starts school at Välkomsten:

- Refugees
- Immigrants
- Alone coming children



Välkomsten - children from different countries

Irak Afghanistan Kurdistan

Palestina Syrien Turkiet

Chile Colombia Mexiko USA

Eritrea Egypten Etiopien Kongo Nigeria Libyen Somalia Senegal

Frankrike Finland Holland Tyskland

Sri Lanka Indien Indonesien Kina

Burma Nepal Thailand Pakistan

Ozetien Ryssland Makedonien Ukraina Uzbekistan



Employees

- Teachers in Sasl
- Recreation instructors, arts
- Pree-school teachers
- Student assistant
- Teacher in sports
- Head master
- Teachers in mother tongue



But also: school welfare officer, school nurse, school psychologist och doctor.





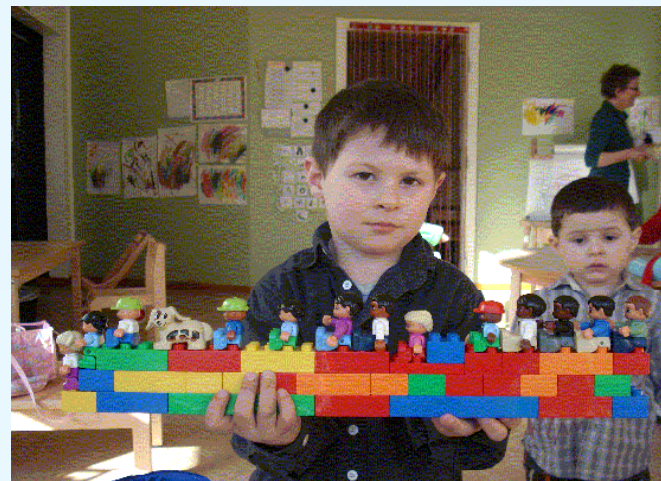
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Commission

- As fast as possible reach a settled level of knowledge in Swedish language
- Have good knowledge about Swedish society, rules ...
- Children at school should be well prepared for successful studies in different subjects in other schools

We follow every child's social development and learning progress.

- Discussions
- Observations
- Schemes
- Tests





Pre school

National curriculum

Local plans for education

Language developing work

- Everyday situations common in every pre-school
- Special activities
- Indoors
- outdoors

Activities

- Language development
- Mathematics
- Fairytails.
- Childrens play
- Nursery rhyme
- Music , Swedish songs
- Outdoors activities



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Compulsory school and upper secondary school

In school we teach:

- Swedish language
- Arts
- Mathematics
- History, religion, geography
- Sports
- English

Subjects the Swedish schoolsystem and Swedish society is important

Democracy

Human rights, respect, equality between sexes, responsibility

Integration of languages, cultures, religions



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VÄLKOMSTEN

Tid	M	T	O	T	F
08.15	Samling So-sva	Samling Bild-sva	Samling Etik-sva	Samling Sva-gram	Samling Sva
09.40	R	A	S	T	
10.00	So-sva	Matematik	Eget- sva	Idrott	Bibl-dagbok
11.30	L	U	N	C	H
12.15	Engelska	Dagbok	Dagbok	Dagbok	
13.15			Idrott		

Culture

Regular visiting **Kulturens hus**, especially the library but also art exhibitions and other arrangements for children and teenagers

In cooperation with **Kulturskolan** our children have education when they practise song and music.



Sports and healths

- Education in sports and healths every week
- Swimming
- Integration through sports



Out-door education

- Skating on ice in the winter
- Skiing on the ice in winter
- Cooperation exercises in the woods
- canoing on Björkskatafjärden (Bay)
- play minigolf on Golfängen
- visit School for environment
- Activities in the woods , picking berries on Ormberget (hill)





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Parents ´meeting



Before starting school:

- Information about Swedish school system, rules at Välkomsten
- Intervju
- Date for beginning

Regular meetings about pupils individual development in School.

Invited to visit school whenever they want.

Regular meetings with all parents about different subjects.

Translator !!



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Figures about Välkomsten

- Started in February 2007 with 22 children in different ages.
- About 250 children have been at Välkomsten until now.
- Coming from 35 different countries.
- In Juni 2009, 145 have left for others schools and pree-schools.
- Most children are coming from Afghanistan, Burma, Irak, Iran, Somalia.



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