



Welcome to preschool!

The municipal organized statutory pre-primary education is intended for all children under school age one year before the start of compulsory education.

In the school year 2025–2026, pre-primary education applies to children born in 2019.

The scope of pre-primary education is at least 700 hours per year. Children must participate in a year-long pre-education or other activities aimed at achieving the objectives of pre-education in the year preceding the start of compulsory education (Basic Education Act 26 a §).

The principles approved by the education board are used in granting pre-school places. In Kajaani, pre-primary education is organized in daycare centers determined by the education board based on the number of registrations for pre-primary education.

Pre-primary education (4 hours/day) is free of charge, but a fee for early childhood education will be charged for any time exceeding that, which is determined by the family's income, family size, and the duration of the child's early childhood education.

In early childhood education, in addition to morning pre-primary education, afternoon pre-primary education is also organized during a time defined by the unit from Monday to Friday for 4 hours a day.

Working and holiday times for pre-primary education in the school year 2025–2026

The duration of the autumn semester is from Mon, August 11 to Fri, December 19, 2025 (90 working days).

Autumn semester holidays and days off:

- autumn break week 42, Mon 13.10.–Sun 19.10.2025
- Christmas holiday Sat 20.12.2025 - Tue 6.1.2026

The duration of the spring semester is from Wed, January 7 to Fri, May 29, 2026 (93 working days).



Spring semester holidays and days off:

- winter holiday week 10, Mon 2.3.–Sun 8.3.2026
- Easter Fri 3.4.–Mon 6.4.2026
- May Day Fri 1.5.2026
- Ascension Day to May 14, 2026
- day off Fri 15.5.2026

Enrollment in pre-primary education

Enrollment for pre-primary education takes place electronically in week 7 (Mon–Fri, February 9–15, 2025) through eVaka at the address: <https://kajaanivarhaiskasvatus.fi/>

The decision on the preschool location will be visible in eVaka in March 2025. The parent evenings for preschool education are held in May. Day-cares will inform families about the matter during the spring.

Pre-primary education

Pre-primary education is an important period in a child's life. Pre-primary education is planned and implemented in such a way that children have the opportunity to get excited, try out, and learn new things. While playing and acting in various learning environments, children expand their skills in different areas of knowledge and skills.

The pre-primary education is developed and organized according to the principles of inclusion. The principles include equal rights for all children, equality, non-discrimination, appreciation of diversity, as well as social inclusion and community. In pre-primary education, attention is paid to supporting the child's learning and participation in pre-primary education. Preschool age children are entitled to student welfare services. Preschool children have the right to free transportation or transportation assistance if the child is only in preschool and the journey is longer than three kilometers. The primary mode of transport is public transport or transport assistance.

You can find more information and the terms of transportation on the kajaani.fi website: <https://www.kajaani.fi/kasvatus-ja-koulutus/perusopetus/koulukuljetukset/>

The curriculum for pre-primary education will be renewed in the autumn of 2025, at which point we will inform guardians more specifically about the operational methods and contents of pre-primary education.



Possible pre-primary education units 2025–2026

Preschool education in daycare is realized if at least 7 children apply to the group.

- Huuhkajavaara
- Pikku-Kettu
- Lohtaja
- Menninkäinen
- Seminaari
- Kuluntalahti
- Teppana
- Kuurna
- Kuluntalahti
- Kätönlähti
- Lehtikangas
- Ratamo
- Männyntaimi
- Otanmäki
- Lilliputti
- Mansikkapolku
- Montessori Kivapaikka
- Montessori-Leikkikoulu
- Sinilintu
- Pikkutassu
- Nakertaja
- Vuolijoki

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