

THE
ENGLISH
SCHOOL





High School: Valimotie 17-19, 00380 Helsinki (Pitäjänmäki)

New School



- Eiel Saarisen tie 41-25 (Etelä-Haaga)
- Construction of the new school started on 26 February 2025 and will be completed in the summer of 2027. **The new school will open in August 2027.**



New in High School!

- **Two study programs**
 1. Bilingual program (“Lukion englannin ja suomen kielen ja kulttuurin linja”), 50 places
 2. English-language program (“General upper secondary education in English”), 20 places (NEW!)



Uutta lukiossa!

- **Kaksi** lukiolinjaa
 1. Kaksikielinen linja (“Lukion englannin ja suomen kielen ja kulttuurin linja”), 50 paikkaa
 2. Englanninkielinen linja (“General upper secondary education in English”), 20 paikkaa (UUSI!)



Applying to the English School

- First-year students (50+20) are chosen through the joint application process (yhteishaku) at www.opintopolku.fi 17.2.-17.3.2026
- Ensimmäisen vuoden opiskelijat (50+20) valitaan yhteishaun kautta www.opintopolku.fi 17.2.-17.3.2026



1. Bilingual Program

- Our high school's *English–Finnish language and culture program* strives for balanced bilingualism in English and Finnish, and every student completes the Finnish Matriculation Examination in Finnish.
- Admission is based solely on the applicant's **weighted Grade Point Average (GPA)** of their academic subjects on their Basic Education Certificate. The weighted subjects are English and Finnish (A1 or A2 English is weighted by 2 and Finnish as a mother tongue or Finnish as a second language is weighted by 2).
- The lowest acceptable weighted GPA is 7,50 (*2025 gpa limit was 7,86 and the average of averages was 8,31*)
- *Please note that a basic command of the Finnish language is needed, and students need to be motivated to improve their Finnish. This is because several study units are studied in Finnish, and the students will take the Finnish Matriculation Examinations as their final examinations (in bilingual program)*



1. Lukion englannin ja suomen kielen ja kulttuurin linja

- Valinta *kaksikieliselle linjalle* perustuu hakijan perusopetuksen päättötodistuksen **painotettuun lukuaineiden keskiarvoon**. Painotettuja oppiaineita ovat englanti (A1 tai A2; painokertoimella 2) sekä suomi (äidinkielenä tai suomi toisena kielenä; painokertoimella 2)
- Alin hyväksytty keskiarvo on 7,50 (2025 alin hyväksytty keskiarvo oli 7,86 ja keskiarvojen keskiarvo 8,31)
- *Huomaathan, että kaksikielisellä linjalla opiskelu edellyttää myös suomen kielen taitoa, koska suuri osa opintojaksoista opetetaan suomeksi ja ylioppilastutkinto suoritetaan suomen kielellä.*



Harkinnanvarainen valinta/Discretionary admission (vain kaksikielinen linja – only the bilingual program)

Ulkomailla suoritettu koulutus

Voit hakea kaksikieliselle linjalle harkinnanvaraisen valinnan kautta, jos sinulla on ulkomailla suoritettu, suomalaista peruskoulua vastaava koulutus (oltava suoritettuna viimeistään 30.5.2026). Näiltä hakijoilta tarvitsemme todistuksen/selvityksen ulkomailla suoritetuista opinnoista huhtikuun loppuun mennessä. Kaikki hakijat, jotka hakevat harkinnanvaraisessa valinnassa, osallistuvat tiistaina 5.5.2026 klo 9.30-11.30 koululla (Valimotie 17-19, 00380 Helsinki) järjestettävään kielikokeeseen. Kokeessa testataan hakijan kielitaito suomen ja englannin kielissä. Hakijoille lähetetään tarkemmat ohjeet kokeeseen osallistumisesta huhtikuun alussa.

Discretionary admission

If you are applying with a certificate from overseas, you must have completed your basic education (Grades 1-9) corresponding to the Finnish Basic Education Certificate (completed by 30.5.2026) in order to be considered a valid applicant for special consideration, discretionary admission (“harkinnanvarainen valinta”). Such applicants must provide us with copies of their studies/report cards by the end of April. Applicants applying for discretionary admission must also take the written exam here at the school (Valimotie 17-19, 00380 Helsinki) on Tuesday, May 5th at 9.30-11.30. The written exam evaluates the applicant’s level in Finnish and English languages. More detailed instructions will be sent to applicants in mid April.

Copies should be delivered to: Englantilainen koulu, Valimotie 17-19, 00380 Helsinki OR english.school@engs.fi

Deadline for copies:

30.4.2026 klo 15:00

More information <https://engs.fi/high-school/admission/>



2. General upper secondary education in English

- Program is intended for young people who have completed studies referred to in the Basic Education Act **for no more than three years** and therefore have insufficient language skills to complete upper secondary school in Finnish or Swedish.
- Students complete their studies according to the Finnish national curriculum and participate in the Finnish matriculation examinations *in English*. Students must take at least five examination subjects, one of which is Finnish (Finnish as a Second Language and Literature).
- English-language matriculation examinations starting in autumn 2028.



- Studies in the English-language upper secondary education are conducted mainly in English, and part of the instruction may also be organised remotely in cooperation with other institutions offering English-language upper secondary education.
- *Please note that strong motivation to learn and study the Finnish language is essential in the English-language program, as Finnish Language is a compulsory subject for all students, and all students are required to take the Finnish language examination in the matriculation examination. Students study two beginner-level Finnish courses (a total of 4 credits) before moving on to the national Finnish as a Second Language and Literature courses. In addition to Finnish as a Second Language studies, we also support Finnish language learning across other subjects. The aim for all students is excellent proficiency in English and at least a good level of proficiency in Finnish.*



- Applications are submitted through the joint application system, and **selection is based solely on the entrance examination**. In the event of a tie in points, the selection will be determined by lottery.
- Students in the English-language program are required to have strong English skills, which are tested in an entrance examination (pass/fail). The entrance exam also assesses the applicant's readiness for upper secondary studies in English (maximum of 100 points).
- **The national entrance exam for English-language upper secondary education will be held on Tuesday, 21 April 2026, from 10.00 to 12.00**. With one entrance exam, applicants may apply to all upper secondary schools offering education in English. The national entrance exam must be taken at the institution that the applicant has ranked **highest** in their application preferences among schools offering general upper secondary education in English.



Studying in the English School

- English & Finnish
- National curriculum, YO + SAT
- Both books *and* digital learning materials
- Further studies in Finland and overseas



- Quite small high school
- International
- High School Diplomas in Music and Art



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Debate Club



Choir

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Olds' Dances
@Tapahtumatalo
Bank

Abi Show,
"penkkarit"

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- Many opportunities!
- A possibility to go on an exchange in Mount Clear College, Australia
- Student exchanges and co-operation with schools in France, Spain, China, Holland etc.





COMPULSORY
NATIONAL IN-DEPTH
SCHOOL SPECIFIC IN-DEPTH & APPLIED



SUBJECTS	1st Year					2nd Year					3rd Year				
AI Mother Tongue & Literature	12	1	2-3	4		5	6-7	8	9		13	10	11	14	15
S2 Finnish as a Second Language	1	2-3	4			5	6-7	8	9		12	13	10	11	
ENA English A1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11/13	10	12	14	15	16
RUB Swedish B1	1'	2'				3	4	5			6	7			
RAB French B2	1	2				3	4	5	6		7	8			
SAB German B2	1	2				3	4	5	6	7	8				
RAB French B3	1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10			
SAB German B3	1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
EAB Spanish B3	1	2	3			4	5	6			7	8			
MAA Mathematics, long	Y1	2'	3	4'		5	6/14	7	8	9'	10	11	12/13		
MAB Mathematics, short	Y1	2	3			4/11	5	6-7			8	9	10		

GENERAL STUDIES

BI Biology	1					2-3	4	5			6				
GE Geography	1	2				3					4				
FY Physics	1-2	3	4			5	6	7			8	9			
KE Chemistry	1-2	3				4	5	6			7	8			
UE Lutheran Religion	1					2	3	4			5	6			
UO Orthodox Religion	1					2									
UK Catholic Religion	1					2									
ET Ethics	1	2				3	4	5			6				
FI Philosophy	1	2				3	4								
HI History	1	2				5	3	4	8		6	7			
YH Social Studies	1					3	2				4	5	6		
PS Psychology	1					2	3	4			5	6			
TE Health	1					2					3				

FINE AND APPLIED ARTS

MU Music	1	2*				3	4	5	6	7	8	9	D		
KU Visual Arts	1	2*				3	4				5	D			
LI Physical Education	1					2	3	4			5				
OP Guidance	1										2				



Opetuskielet opintojaksoittain

lukuvuonna 2022 - 2023

	Opetus suomeksi
	Opetus englanniksi
	Opetus molemmilla kielillä
*	Oppikirja tai keskeiset käsitteet suomeksi

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OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday, 21.1.2026 at 17.00-19.30

On Tuesday, 3.2.2026 at 17.00-18.00 ONLINE!

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