

2025–2026 Studies at Efo



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SCHOOL RULES

Evangeliska folkhögskolan is a Christian school where we take responsibility, show consideration and work in an atmosphere of mutual respect. These school rules apply to all school activities, both inside and outside of school premises.

- 1. We act kindly, respectfully and fairly towards all students and staff.
- 2. We use a friendly and polite way of speaking. We show consideration towards others in the way we express our thoughts and opinions. The school has a zero tolerance for any kind of bullying, violence, discrimination or harrassement.
- 3. We allow ourselves to work in a peaceful environment and avoid distractions. Digital devices (mobile phones, computers, tablets) are used according to the teacher's instructions. Disturbing use of a phone or other digital devices is forbidden during lessons, and mobile phones should be switched off or turned into silent mode and stored in the student's bag or pocket. Food and beverages are generally enjoyed during the breaks.
- 4. We allow others to work in a peaceful environment. We are all responsible for creating a positive, encouraging and forgiving learning environment.
- 5. The school is a safe place for everyone. Dangerous objects and substances are strictly forbidden on the school premises.
- 6. We are careful with the furniture and equipment in the school. We clean up after ourselves and leave the school classrooms, cafeteria, common areas and toilets looking welcoming for the next person to use them. We inform the staff if something accidentally breaks.
- 7. Drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, e-cigarettes and snuff are strictly forbidden. Smoking is allowed only in designated areas outside.
- 8. We respect puctuality and are not absent without a reason. Permission to be absent must always be asked for and granted by the teacher **before** the start of the lesson. For students under the age of 18 their guardian/s is/are responsible for communicating with the school. In case of a longer period of absence a written application must be sent to the teacher by email well in advance in order to be approved by the teacher conference before the period of absence starts. Absence without permission is considered **unauthorized absence**. The school is obliged to report absence to concerned authorities
- 9. In case of illness please inform your teacher **before** the first lesson. For sick leave lasting more than three days, a medical certificate from a doctor needs to be submitted. For students under the age of 18 their guardian/s is/are responsible for communicating with the school.
- 10. We participate in festivities, theme days, and excursions organized by the school unless explicitly voluntarily. The school's working days can be found on the school's web page

Disruptive students may be removed from the classroom. Failure to follow the shool rules may result in a written warning from the principal. If this proves insufficient the student may be expelled for a certain period of time or to the end of the school year. A student under the age of 18 can be suspended for up to three months.

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Important dates

Week	Date	Autumn term 2025
33	14.8.2025	Start of Autumn term
42	13-17.10.2025	Autumn break
49	5.12.2025	Independence Day celebrations at school
51	19.12.2025	Final day of Autumn term
51-1	22.12.2025 - 7.1.2026	Christmas break

Week	Date	Spring term 2026	
2	8.1.2026	Start of Spring term	
7	10.2.2026	Theme day: Friend's day	
9	23-27.2.2026	Winter sports break	
12	22.3.2026	Annual get together of Efo-vännerna, Efo 100 year-celebration! School day on a	
		Sunday.	
13	2-6.4.2026	Easter break	
18	1.5.2026	First of May (no school)	
19	14.05.2026	Ascension Day (no school)	
21	22.5.2026	Last day of the Spring term	
22	25-29.5.2026	Practice S1A and S2	
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23	1-5.6.2026	Practice S1A and S2	

USEFUL INFORMATION

Phone numbers: office 010 327 1610

headmaster 010 327 1601 teachers' office 050 575 8740

E-mail: <u>info@efo.fi</u>

Wifi: ECguest Password: vitsippa24

Contact details for the school staff is available on the school website.

Members of staff:

Jan Åbacka	headmaster		
Niklas Lindvik	assistant headmaster, coordinator Linje X		
Ann-Sofie Rönnblom	head teacher Linje S, Swedish teacher		
Sofie Granlund	Swedish teacher		
Elisabeth Ekstrand	Swedish teacher, coordinator GruVux		
Sanna Söderström	Swedish teacher		
Kristina Engman	teacher and counsellor		
Anna-Maria Storgård	teacher Linje X		
Ann-Katrin Kvist	IT teacher, contact person student health care		
Maj-Sofie Teir	financial manager		
Carolina Djupsjöbacka	course coordinator		
Camilla Nordblad	matron, cook		
Jessica Sandström	head chef		
Yvonne Eklund	cook		
Ning Qiu	cook		
Mifa Gref	cleaner		
The Lieu Chau	Cleaner		
Lena Holmlund	hostel host		

Student card

All students can apply for a student card for discounts at Matkahuolto and VR (bus and train). The student card costs €9,90 (2025-2026). You can apply for the student card online.

Parking

Parking is free in the street around the school. Bicycles can be parked outside the main entrance.

Morning prayer

A short prayer is held every morning in the assembly hall at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join in!

EC Café

You can buy coffee, tea and light refreshments in the café on the first floor. For **all Efo students** a morning coffee between 9.45-10.15 and lunch + coffee between 12.30 a.m.-13.15 p.m. are included. You can **buy** breakfast from 7:30 a.m. Family members who come for lunch pay the full price.

For any **dietary requirements**, please fill in your details here: https://efo.fi/behov-av-specialkost. To avoid unnecessary waste, please remember to notify the kitchen well in advance whenever you're absent from school. Call 050 342 6863.

In case of emergency

The general emergency number is 112 (fire brigade, ambulance and police).

Please take note of where all emergency exits, fire-extinguishers and fire points are in the building!

In case of emergency, all students and staff gather in the park area on Strandgatan opposite the school where everyone has to be accounted for. Once outside, notify the teacher so we know that you're safe.

Camera surveillance

There are recording surveillance cameras in the school areas.

HEALTH CARE

School nurse Hanna Vanhatupa, hanna.vanhatupa@ovph.fi, tel. 040 549 8826

- consulting at Efo every other Tuesday starting from w. 35
- consulting at Rådhusgatan 31 (Alma Adult Education Centre), Monday Thursday at 8.30-9.30 a.m.

The contact person for health care at Efo is Ann-Katrin Kvist.

All students are offered a medical check-up during the school year

INFORMATION ABOUT FEES

Applies to those who start their studies at Efo in Autumn 2025.

The study fee for full-time students (25h/week) is 3420€/school year, and includes teaching, lunch on school days, insurance, all books and learning materials, paper copies and all material costs in the optional courses. Students who have an integration plan approved by the Employment Services are entitled to a 50% discount on the study fee.

The study fee for part-time students (20h/week) is 2736€/school year, and includes teaching, lunch on school days, insurance, all books and learning materials, and paper copies.

The fee will divided into rates and **billed** five times during the Autumn term and five times during the Spring term.

	Study fee	€/invoice Autumn -25 (x5)	€/invoice Spring -26 (x5)
25 h	3420,00	323,00	361,00
25 h -integration plan	1710,00	161,50	180,50
20 h	2736,00	258,40	288,80

We use **computers** in class. Please bring your own laptop if you have one. If not, the school has a number of Chromebooks that you can lease for 20€/month. You will receive an email address specifically for your studies at Efo.

If you discontinue your studies at Efo, you should immediately notify the school in writing to stop the billing.

If you're unable to pay your fees on the date of payment, please contact the school office immediately. We charge an interest rate of 10,5 % for late payments. Financial manager Maj-Sofie (maj-sofie@efo.fi) answers questions about billing.

NB! To receive your certificate all bills must be paid in full.

If you belong to one of the following groups, you can apply for **student vouchers**:

- you are unemplyed
- you are an immigrant without an integration plan
- you do not have a profession
- you have learning difficulties
- you are receiving a pension.

If granted, the student vouchers offers a discount on the study fee.