



Evangeliska folkhögskolan

2026–2027

Studies at Efo



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GROUPS ON CAMPUS AUTUMN 2026

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Svenska 1j started their studies in January 2026 and continue until December 2026. The course consists of 20 h of lessons per week, distributed over four days. Included in the course is a language practice during the Autumn term. The subjects taught are Swedish, SKR (society, culture and religion) and IT.

Svenska 2a start their studies in August 2026. The course consists of 20h of lessons per week, distributed over four days. No language- och work practice during term 1. The subjects taught are Swedish, SKR (society, culture and religion), music and IT. The second term of the course starts in January 2027.

GruVux is Basic Education for Adults which is a programme that spans over 3–4 years. The first group started in August 2025. The programme offers full time studies and includes subjects such as Swedish, maths, environmental studies and health education.

Linje X is Efo:s name for the Folk high school year for students in compulsory education. A new group start their studies in August 2026. The programme offers full time studies and includes a wide range of creative and theoretical subjects.



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 harassment.
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 punctuality 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 e-mail 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 school 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.

IMPORTANT DATES SCHOOL YEAR 2026–2027

AUTUMN 2026	Week	Date	Autumn 2026
	33	13.8.2026	Start of the Autumn term 2026
	36	1.9.2026	School's outdoor activity day
	39	24.9.2026	Independent studies (school closed)
	42	12.10–18.10.2026	Autumn break
	49	4.12.2026	Celebration of Finland's Independence Day
	51	18.12.2026	Closing of the Autumn term
	51–1	21.12.2026– 6.1.2027	Christmas break
SPRING 2027	Week	Date	Spring 2027
	1	7.1.2027	Start of the Spring term 2027
	6	11.2.2027	Theme day: Friendship
	9	1.3–7.3.2027	Winter break
	11	14.3.2027	Annual school celebration: <i>Efo-vännernas årsfest</i> (Sunday = school day)
	12–13	25.3–29.3.2027	Easter break
	18	6.5.2027	Ascension Day (school closed)
	21	28.5.2027	Closing of the Spring term
	22	31.5–6.6.2027	Practice Svenska 1a
23	7.6–11.6.2027	Practice Svenska 1a	

USEFUL INFORMATION

Phone numbers: office 010 327 1610
 headmaster 010 327 1601
 teachers' office 050 575 8740

E-mail: info@efo.fi

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 Rönblom	head teacher Linje S, Swedish teacher
Sofie Granlund	Swedish teacher
Elisabeth Ekstrand	Swedish teacher, coordinator GruVux
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
Jessica Sandström	head chef
Yvonne Eklund	cook
Ning Qiu	cook
Mifa Gref	cleaner
Thi 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 (2026–2027). 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 /tea between 12.30–13.15 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 the Autumn term 2026.

The study fee for part-time students (20h/week) is 1292€ for the Autumn term, and includes teaching, lunch on school days, insurance, all books and learning materials and paper copies. Invoicing is carried out in five installments and the first invoice is sent out after the student confirms their place of study at Efo. The first installment is a non-refundable enrolment fee.

Students who have an integration plan approved by the Employment Services (i.e. conduct independent studies of an integration client) do not pay a study fee, but a fee for learning materials. For the Autumn term 2026 the fee is 170. Lunch is included on school days. Invoicing is carried out in one installment and the invoice is sent out after the student confirms their place of study at Efo, in August. The fee is non-refundable.

The study fee for full-time students (25h/week) is 1615 for the Autumn term, and includes teaching, lunch on school days, insurance, all books and learning materials and paper copies. Invoicing is carried out in five installments and the first invoice is sent out after the student confirms their place of study at Efo. The first installment is a non-refundable enrolment fee.

Estimated billing date	Students with integration plan	Part-time students (20h/week)	Full-time students (25h/week)
Installment 1: August 2026	170 euro	258,40 euro	323 euro
Installment 2: 30.9.2026	–	258,40 euro	323 euro
Installment 3: 1.11.2026	–	258,40 euro	323 euro
Installment 4: 25.11.2026	–	258,40 euro	323 euro
Installment 5: 18.12. 2026	–	258,40 euro	323 euro

We use **computers** in class. Please bring your own laptop if you have one. If not, you can lease a Chrombook for 20€/month. It is possible to buy the computer at the end of the school year. You will receive an email address specifically for your studies at Efo.

Financial support for students who don't have an integration plan

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

- you are an immigrant without an approved integration plan for studies at Efo
- you are unemployed
- you have learning difficulties
- you do not have education beyond compulsory education
- you are receiving a pension.

Fill in the application here: <https://efo.fi/en/studies/financial-support/>. The application is valid for one term.

Persons subject to compulsory education are not eligible for student vouchers.

The amount of support is based on available funds and the number of applicants. The support amount is a maximum of 20% of the tuition fee for the semester.

The possibility of receiving student vouchers also depends on the total household income and whether there are children in the household. Therefore, please fill in this information in the form. In the question regarding the household's total income, include all income sources e.g.:

- Salary
- The general social security benefit
- Social assistance
- Student financial aid
- Housing allowance
- Parental allowance
- Sickness allowance
- Rehabilitation allowance
- Pension
- Business profits / corporate profit
- Capital income

Unauthorized absence may affect the student's possibilities to be granted further financial aid.

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. The interest rate for late payments is around 10 %. Ann-Katrin Kvist (Anki) answers questions about invoices (anki@efo.fi).

Failure to pay invoices may result in the school reconsidering the students' right to a place of study at Efo. To receive your certificate all bills must be paid in full.

Welcome to Evangeliska folkhögskolan i Svenskfinland
– we are looking forward to meeting you!

