

Kópavogur, April 24, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians of 10th-Grade Students,

Exciting and significant milestones are approaching in your children's lives, as enrollment in upper secondary school begins today. Through this letter, we aim to inform the parents and guardians of 10th-grade students about the enrollment process for new students in upper secondary schools next fall, which will occur via the website Ísland.is. To apply, you or the applicant must possess an electronic ID on your phone. Since 10th graders are minors, the consent of their legal guardians is necessary for enrollment. Confirmation of the electronic application is sent directly to the students, but by informing you of the enrollment process, we aim to ensure that parents/guardians are involved and follow their children's enrollment.

### Application and information about studies

Applications for upper secondary schools are submitted through Ísland.is: [island.is/umsokn-um-framhaldsskola](https://island.is/umsokn-um-framhaldsskola), where all key information about the application process can be found. We strongly encourage students to review the admission requirements of the schools they are interested in before applying. Admission requirements can be accessed on the respective school's website.

On the website Næsta skref ([naestaskref.is](https://naestaskref.is)), various useful and interesting information about continuing education is available. We encourage students to familiarize themselves with the content of the website before applying to upper secondary school.

### Application deadline

Enrollment in upper secondary school occurs **from April 24 to June 10, 2026**. Students apply to two or three schools and select two study programs within each school (first choice and an alternative). During the enrollment period, students can modify their application. This may be due to a change of heart or if a student believes they do not meet the admission requirements for the initially selected programs.

Once elementary school concludes in the spring, final grades (report cards) are sent electronically to the schools to which the students applied.

### Attachments with applications

It is unnecessary to send copies of certificates with the application. Certificates or special information, such as learning difficulties, academic history from foreign schools, or special schools, may be included with the application. Such documents can also be mailed to the relevant school or requested from the elementary school for sending. Diagnostic documents should not be included with applications.

## Regarding elementary education abroad

If a student has completed elementary education abroad or studied an equivalent program, it is advisable to contact the upper secondary school directly. The names of those responsible for admissions at each school can be found on their websites.

## Application processing

After enrollment closes at 11:59 PM on June 10, applications can no longer be modified.

Upper secondary schools select students based on established criteria. Each school ranks applicants according to its own admission policies. School placement depends on the applicant's choices as well as the school's approval.

If an applicant is not accepted by any of the schools they applied to, the Center for Education and School Services will ensure they are provided with a school placement. The goal is for all students to receive a placement by the end of June 2026.

The school that accepts a student will send an invoice for the enrollment fee to the legal guardian's home address or online banking. Each school sets a deadline for payment, and if the fee is not paid on time, it is assumed that the student will not accept the school placement for the autumn semester of 2026. The school may then offer the place to another student.

The headmaster of each upper secondary school is responsible for ensuring that the application process complies with the school's requirements and the ministry's regulations. If an applicant requests it, the headmaster must provide a reasoned explanation for the school's decision. If the applicant is not satisfied with the explanation, the decision can be appealed to the ministry.

## Need further assistance?

You can send us questions at [innritun@mms.is](mailto:innritun@mms.is), and we will respond promptly.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Haraldur Guðmundsson".

Director General – The Directorate of Education and School Services