

What You Need to Know

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Where to Find Information

Use the QR codes to instantly access digital information.



edubcn.cat

All the information about **Barcelona's educational offerings**: a guide to the city's schools, educational zones, schools near your home, affiliated schools, new schools and open day activities...

pre-inscripcio.gencat.cat

All the information you need to be informed before **pre-enrolment**, to guide you through the application process, submission and follow-up, and finally, to enrol your child at the assigned school. In the "Help Centre" section, you will find various **useful digital resources** such as guides, FAQs, videos and podcasts.



District Information Sessions

(Schedule on page 4)

Come and find out the basic information about the pre-enrolment process and the district's overall availability of places.



Open Days

Find out the dates for discovering the educational programmes of schools near your home, the services they offer, extracurricular activities, available places, teaching staff, etc.



IMPORTANT

For Children with Special Educational Needs

Do you think your child may need special assistance or support because you have noticed they have developmental delays or slower development? Or perhaps due to challenges related to learning, hearing, vision, cognitive development, communication or health?

- **Fill out the form** available via the QR code or at edubcn.cat/formulariNEE so that we can contact you, review your case and invite you to a specific meeting for families where we will guide you through the educational process for your child.



Help Centre with Guide, Audios and Much More

Visit the website preinscripcion.gencat.cat (Department of Education and Vocational Training) for **multimedia resources**: frequently asked questions, the pre-enrolment and enrolment guide for the 2026-2027 academic year, audio podcasts explaining the different stages of the pre-enrolment process (priority criteria and points, calendar and key dates), and how to complete the online application.



Support for pre-enrolment

School Admissions Support Offices

Opening hours of each office at edubcn.cat/oficines

Ciutat Vella (Placeta del Pi, 2), **Eixample** (Carrer de Roger de Llúria, 1-3), **Gràcia-Horta** (Carrer de la Mare de Déu de la Salut, 87), **Nou Barris** (Carrer del Nil, 27), **Sant Andreu** (Carrer del Montsec, 20-22), **Sant Martí** (Carrer de Cristóbal de Moura, 223), **Sants-Montjuïc** (Plaça d'Espanya, 5).

- **Support for online pre-enrolment starting March 4.**



Videos on *How to Complete the Pre-Enrolment*

These videos explain step-by-step **how to fill out the digital pre-enrolment application form** and how to attach any required documentation to apply prioritisation criteria.



Telephone Information

Citizen Services. Generalitat Government of Catalonia:
Tel. 012 | educacio.gencat.cat

Barcelona City Council:
Tel. 010 | barcelona.cat/educacio

Schedule of Information Sessions

Districts	Date	Time	Location
Ciutat Vella	Tuesday, February 10	4 pm	Sala Ernest Lluch - Ciutat Vella District Office Plaça del Bonsuccés, 3
Eixample	Monday, February 9	4 pm	Urgell Civic Centre Carrer del Comte d'Urgell, 145
Gràcia	Wednesday, February 11	4 pm	La Sedeta Civic Centre Carrer de Sicília, 321
Horta-Guinardó	Monday, February 9	4 pm	Casal d'Entitats Mas Guinardó Plaça de Salvador Riera, 2
Les Corts	Wednesday, February 11	5 pm	Les Corts District Office Plaça de Comas, 18
Nou Barris	Thursday, February 12	4 pm	Sala de plens - Nou Barris District Office Plaça Major de Nou Barris, 1
Nou Barris, Northern Zone	Thursday, February 5	4 pm	Biblioteca Mària Sánchez Carrer de Vallcivera, 3 bis
Sant Andreu	Wednesday, February 11	4 pm	Biblioteca Ignasi Iglesias - Can Fabra Carrer del Segre, 24
Sant Martí	Monday, February 9	5 pm	Auditori de Sant Martí Plaça d'Angeleta Ferrer, 2
Sants-Montjuïc	Monday, February 9	4 pm	Casinet d'Hostafrancs Carrer del Rector Triadó, 53
Sarrià - Sant Gervasi	Thursday, February 12	4 pm	Vil·la Urània Civic Centre Carrer de Saragossa, 29

Key Dates

Don't make assumptions without having visited a school. New programmes and methodologies are introduced each year.



5 to 12 February

Attend the general district information sessions.

February

Visit the schools near your home and explore their **open day activities**.

March

Discuss as a family and decide on the schools where you will apply, listing them in order of preference. Prepare the required documentation.

4 to 18 March

Submit your pre-enrolment application online (digital form) with up to ten prioritised choices and the necessary documentation.

From April

Check edubcn.cat for key dates and updates to guide you through the process of allocating places and determining outcomes step by step, including:

1. Publication of provisional scores
2. Submission of appeals regarding the scores
3. Final ranked list
4. Tie-breaking procedures
5. Final ranked list
6. List of allocated places and waiting lists

June

Ensure you complete the enrolment process at the assigned school to confirm the allocated place.

MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU



On **February 4**, a general information meeting will be held for **families with children with specific educational needs**. If you are interested, please fill out the form at edubcn.cat/formulariNEE.

FAQs

The system guarantees the quality of education at any school in the network. Choose ten prioritised options.

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How to apply online?

Applications can only be submitted online via the form available at preinscripcion.gencat.cat. When entering your details, you can also upload the necessary documents, which should be scanned or photographed in advance. Once your details have been entered, your application will be registered and you will receive a confirmation email. You can access your application and modify it throughout the entire application period. There will be no need to submit any documents at the schools.

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How can we find out about available school places and reserved places?

Each school can provide information about the places they will offer for the upcoming school year. Ask about the expected number of places for siblings in I3 (the first year of pre-school) and the provisional availability of reserved places for students with special needs. Schools shall specify in their initial offer the places reserved for students with special educational needs (students with special educational needs or students in a situation of socio-economic vulnerability). **This reservation of places allows for balanced planning within the education system and helps address the diverse educational needs in all classrooms across the city.** Therefore, these reserved places are essential in building a network of equivalent, diverse and inclusive schools, **ensuring equal educational opportunities for all students**, regardless of their personal, social

or economic situation. For this reason, even if the reserved places for students in situations of socio-economic vulnerability are not filled during the pre-enrolment process, they will remain reserved up to a maximum of five working days before the waiting lists are finalised.

Important: In order to maintain these conditions of educational equity, the initially planned reserved places may be reviewed based on the needs identified during pre-enrolment.

You can also find out about the general offer at the district information sessions and at edubcn.cat.

② How are proximity points awarded?

From your address, you can find out which public and state-subsidised schools in your educational zone offer the highest proximity points (priority criterion). You can also earn points based on your workplace. You can find the list of schools by entering your home or workplace address at edubcn.cat or at each school.

② How do the priority criteria and the points system work?

The criteria (both priority and supplementary) are used to sort and allocate school places. Priority criteria are used to sort pre-enrolment applications (proximity, siblings in the school, annual income). In the event of a tie, the points obtained for complementary criteria (large family, single-parent family, disability, parent working at the school, foster care, multiple births, etc.) are applied. If the tie persists, the order will be determined by a public draw.

② How do the priority criteria score?

Priority criteria

- Having **siblings at the school** adds **50 points**. This is the criterion that gives the highest priority.
- **Proximity points** are:
30 points if the school is on the list consulted at edubcn.cat/CentresProximitat from your usual home address; **20 points** if the school is on the list consulted from your workplace address; **15 points** if the school is in your district but outside your educational zone, and **10 points** if the school is outside your educational zone but in Barcelona.
- The **annual income** criterion adds **15 points**.

Supplementary criteria (each condition adds additional points):

- **Disability of the student, parent, guardian or siblings** adds **15 points**.
- Having **a parent or guardian working at the school** adds **10 points**.
- Being **from a large family** adds **10 points**.
- Being **from a single-parent family** adds **10 points**.
- Being **born from a multiple birth** adds **10 points**.
- Being **a student in foster care** adds **10 points**.
- Being **a victim of gender-based violence or terrorism** adds **10 points**.

② Why is it important to carefully consider your first choice?

In addition to listing your preferred school as your first choice, we recommend filling in the maximum number of options available (up to ten). The more schools you list, the higher your chances of securing a place at one of your preferred schools. The first choice is especially significant because:

1. Applications that list a school as the first choice are prioritised over applications listing the same school as a second choice, regardless of the score obtained under the allocation criteria.
2. The score will be calculated based on the points awarded for the first choice according to the criteria, and this score will apply to all other listed options.

② What happens after submitting the application?

Once all applications have been received, provisional results (allocation scores) will be published. Check the publication dates on edubcn.cat, as families will have a designated period to submit **appeals regarding their score** if they have any objections. This must be done before the **tie-break draw** takes place. Appeals should be directed to the school listed as the first choice and can be submitted online via the application portal.

② What documentation is required?

The following basic documents must be uploaded to the online pre-enrolment application after being **digitally prepared** (scanned or photographed):

- A **scanned copy of the DNI or NIE** if the application was not submitted using a digital identification system (e.g. electronic DNI or IdCAT Mòbil). For foreign nationals, a **passport** or a **scanned identity document** (for EU residents) is required.
- **An electronic birth certificate or family book.** (If the student already has an identifier, it is not necessary to submit the family book; the student identifier can be checked at educacio.gencat.cat).

For additional details, including a video tutorial explaining the **specific documentation** required to validate different priority criteria (e.g. foster care situations, foreign applicants, or cases where the registered address differs from the one on ID documents), visit preinscripcio.gencat.cat.

② Could we end up without a place? What is an assigned place?

Over 98% of families with children in the first year of pre-school (I3) secured a place at one of their chosen schools last year. It is important to complete all ten options. Families who do not secure a place at any of their chosen schools will receive an email inviting them to add to their pre-enrolment application (second round) by including schools with available vacancies. If this step is not completed within three days, the administration will assign a place based on the remaining availability at the end of the process.



② **Do state-subsidised schools follow a different pre-enrolment process?**

No, all schools, whether publicly run or state-subsidised, follow the same process and regulations.

③ **What should we do if we don't have access to digital tools or need support to complete the online pre-enrolment?**



You will need to make an appointment with one of the **school admissions support offices** or the Consorci's **Help Centre** (see page 3 of this leaflet).

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What should we do if we believe our child may require special support or monitoring due to developmental delays or learning difficulties?

First, before completing the pre-enrolment process, **you must fill in the form** available at edubcn.cat/formulariNEE. This will allow us to contact you, assess your situation and provide guidance on your child's schooling.

Second, when completing the pre-enrolment application, **you must tick the box that describes the different scenarios of special educational needs**: "Students with developmental delays, disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, severe behavioural disorders, severe mental disorders, or serious and rare degenerative diseases." You should select this option whether your child has **mild developmental delays** or **more complex needs** related to learning difficulties, or issues in the areas of hearing, vision, cognition, communication or health.

By ticking this box, your child will be eligible for a reserved place, ensuring they receive personalised educational support. It is important to understand that there is a wide range of needs that require tailored educational approaches. Early identification allows for personalised learning, helping to enhance your child's abilities and develop skills for a fulfilling life. Schools have qualified professionals to address these situations, and the majority of students with this type of difficulty may have high-quality, inclusive educational development at any school in Barcelona.



In Barcelona, you have a network of pre-school, primary and secondary schools, professionals, programmes and educational resources close by, all working together with you to support your children's education. Discover them today!

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municipal nurseries and public daycare centres

153

public pre-school and primary schools

27

public secondary schools

56

public secondary schools (compulsory education)

148

state-subsidised schools

32

special education centres

41

libraries

123

sports facilities

5

municipal music schools

1

municipal conservatoire

132

community centres

300

public spaces and municipal resources for a safe school environment

36

facilities and services for young people and adolescents

45

children's clubs and play centres

27

family support spaces