

School Administration

Provision of Basic Support in Danish as a Second Language for Newly Arrived Pupils from Kindergarten to Year 7 in Hillerød Municipality

This brochure provides information on how Hillerød Municipality supports newly arrived pupils who do not speak or understand Danish when they begin their education in the municipal schools of Hillerød.

Kolofon © 2026

Hillerød Kommune

Trollesmindeallé 27
3400 Hillerød

Design: Rumfang – part of IDna Group
Printed by: [Trykkeri]

This publication is available for download at
www.hillerod.dk

Purpose

In Hillerød Municipality pupils who have recently moved to Denmark and do not speak or understand Danish are enrolled directly at their local district school. At the school they receive special instruction in Danish from a teacher who is part of a municipal team known as the Basic Support Team. Pupils in years 8 and 9 are enrolled in the municipality's Extended Reception Class.

This brochure outlines the Basic Danish as a Second Language Support Program for pupils from kindergarten to grade 7 in Hillerød Municipality.

Under Danish legislation, newly arrived pupils who do not have the language proficiency required for them to participate in regular class teaching are entitled to receive basic education in Danish as a second language when enrolling at a school. The purpose is to equip pupils with the language skills and learning strategies they need to participate successfully in classroom instruction and achieve a satisfactory educational outcome.



The municipal Basic Support Team, which is organized under the School Administration, provides Danish basic education during the child's initial period at the school and supports classroom teachers in ensuring meaningful participation opportunities for newly arrived pupils. The Basic Support Team works closely with teachers to further develop language-supportive teaching practices and pedagogical approaches in the classroom. The team focuses on strengthening the pupil's learning, social inclusion, sense of identity and overall well-being.

The tasks of the Basic Support Team

It is vital for pupils' overall schooling that they rapidly establish connections with both social and academic communities.

The Basic Support Team supports the process of helping pupils learn Danish in meaningful contexts. This can be done, for example, during lessons in the classroom through play and interaction with peers or through topics and activities that motivate the pupil to learn and use Danish. The Basic Support Team also provides guidance and support to teachers in the use of translanguaging practices.

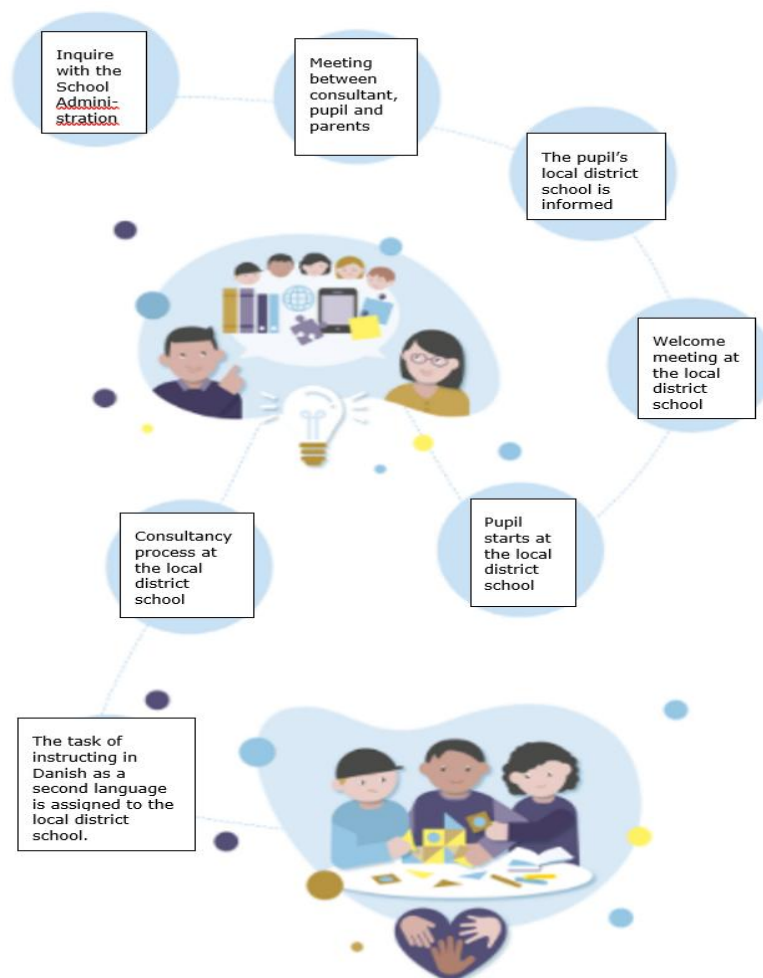
Translanguaging is a pedagogical approach that connects prior knowledge with new learning by making use of pupils' multilingual resources. For example, pupils may write in their first language, communicate with peers in a shared language, or use translation tools to support understanding and expression. By drawing on pupils' multilingual competencies translanguaging promotes both learning and active participation in the classroom.

The responsibilities of the municipal outreach Basic Support Team include, among others:

- Providing basic instruction in Danish as a second language for newly arrived pupils at their local district school.
- Supporting teachers in facilitating pupils' participation and learning in classroom instruction.
- Supporting teachers in fostering effective collaboration with parents.
- Supporting teachers, pedagogues, parents, and pupils in matters relating to pupils' overall well-being at school and in their leisure time.
- Participating in parent meetings and parent-teacher conferences as needed.
- Participating in team meetings at schools.
- Participating in Danish as a Second Language (DSL) adviser network meetings as needed.

From enrolment at the Town Hall to starting at the district school

Effective collaboration between the Basic Support Team consultant, the district school, the pupil and the parents plays a key role in ensuring a successful and positive school start.



Hillerød Kommune

Trollesmindealle 27
3400 Hillerød

www.hillerod.dk

Telephone

+45 7232 0000

Fax: 7232 3213

Opening hours

Mon-Wednesday kl. 10-15

Thursday kl. 12-18

Friday kl. 10-13