



## Mother-tongue Department

To preserve and develop one's mother-tongue is of the utmost importance for learning another language, learning other subjects and, last, but not least, for the multilingual student's development of his/her identity.

The Mother-tongue Department in the Sigtuna municipality school district is its own organizational unit/department with a principal/rector who is responsible for the entire organization.

This department offers mother-tongue instruction from kindergarten through the 9th grade.

It is the parents who apply for mother-tongue instruction for their children. At the moment, we have instruction in approximately 25 languages for approximately 1200 students in the municipality.

The Mother-tongue Department is also responsible for study assistance in their native language for students who are new arrivals in Sweden and for students who cannot speak Swedish well enough to understand the instruction of different school subjects in Swedish.

The classroom teacher identifies and applies for study assistance for students that qualify. For newly arrived students, the mother-tongue teacher and the classroom teacher map out or outline the student's knowledge in each school subject.

