

The National Agency for Special Needs Education and Schools



The National Agency for Special Needs Education and Schools is a special needs education resource for all kindergartens and schools throughout Sweden. We provide support in efforts to create conditions that allow everyone to learn and develop to the greatest possible extent.

Various studies and reports indicate that students with disabilities do less well in school than other pupils, and their level of education is lower than that of the rest of the population. A diagnosis should not determine whether children or pupils receive extra adaptations or special support, but in practice, this is often still the case*.

That is the reality, despite the fact that everyone has the right to learn based on their own conditions, and even though everyone should be able to achieve the goals of their education, regardless of functional ability.

*The agency's report "Villkor för utbildning" ("Conditions for Education"):
www.spsm.se/webbutiken







Use us

Every year we undertake thousands of assignments in kindergartens, schools and adult education programmes. The assignments involve the promotion of individual learning, pedagogical work and special needs education work at the organisational level. We know the challenges, we have a national presence, and we meet you every day.

Don't wait – use us! We are a support and a sounding board in promotional and preventative special needs education work.

When you're seeking knowledge

Our website www.spsm.se features a wealth of knowledge, information and inspiration. We also organise courses and activities across the country and via the web. www.spsm.se/kurser

How can kindergartens adapt games for children with mobility impairments?

One of our pupils can't manage to come to school. What can we do?

How should I assess the English skills of a pupil who does not write?

How do we interact with a child with autism in kindergarten?

How do we alter the learning environment to reduce the need for additional adaptations?

Are there digital learning aids for adults who have writing difficulties?

How should I furnish the classroom when I have two students with hearing impairments?

When you're seeking accessible learning materials
“Hitta läromedel” (“Find Learning Materials”) is a search service where you can find learning materials suitable for children, young people and adults with different needs. www.spsm.se/hittalaromedel

When you have questions

Via the “Fråga en rådgivare” (“Ask an advisor”) service, experts answer questions about the pedagogical consequences of a disability. Search through hundreds of answered questions, or ask your own question. www.spsm.se/fragaenradgivare

When you need close and in-depth support

We provide special needs education advice based on the needs of your kindergarten or school. We also conduct special needs education investigations in which we survey pupils' conditions, learning environment and school situation. For example, our surveys can be used as a resource in headteachers' investigations into the need for special support.

www.spsm.se/specialpedagogisktstod

When pupils need an alternative to primary school

In our special schools, our approach is based on the needs and conditions of our pupils. For example, this means that the learning environment and learning tools are adapted and that we employ teachers with specialist expertise. www.spsm.se/specialskola

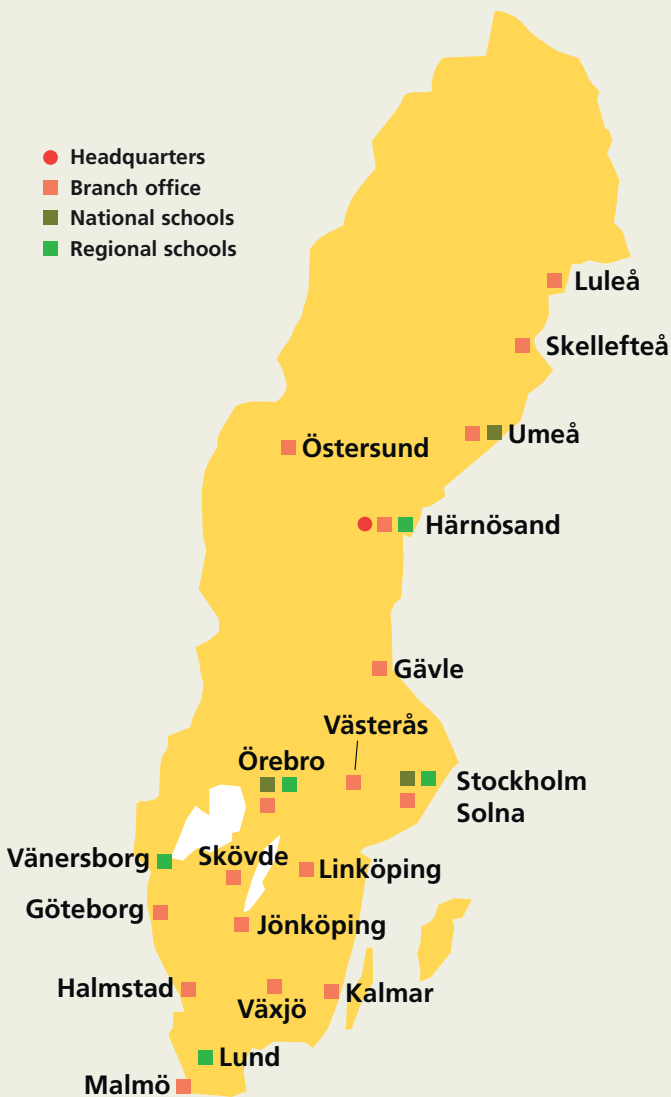
When development efforts demand resources

Apply for grants, such as SIS funding for development projects and analyses. www.spsm.se/bidrag

When you want regular access to information

Follow us on social media and subscribe to our newsletters and magazine, “Lika värde” (“Equal Value”).

www.spsm.se/foljoss



The National Agency for Special Needs Education and Schools has a national presence. We have a total of approximately 1200 employees divided among 20 locations.

An equal education for all

At the National Agency for Special Needs Education and Schools, you receive support in the creation of universally accessible learning environments that allow all pupils to develop.

We provide special education support to schools and kindergartens throughout the country, answer questions, and offer courses and conferences. We also run several special schools, allocate state grants and develop teaching materials.

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