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Owner

Grennaskolan Riksskolan is a wholly owned subsidiary of Jönköpings kommuns Rådhus AB. Grennaskolan is one of Sweden's three national boarding schools and is located in Gränna, a small town of around 3,000 inhabitants beautifully situated by Lake Vättern.

Economy

The school has a yearly turnover of approx 45 million Swedish kronor and has been awarded highest credibility by the Swedish Credit Agency (Upplysningscentralen).

School

Grennaskolan offers education within the national three-year upper-secondary school programmes – the Social Sciences Programme, the Natural Sciences Programme, and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. The school also has a small high school with one class in each of the years 7, 8 and 9 with part of the teaching in English. The school has a total of about 250 students, of whom half are boarders. More than half of the boarders are young Swedish expatriates, who come from about 30 different countries. Over 100 of the students are day students who live in Gränna or nearby.

Accreditation

All of Grennaskolan's upper-secondary school programmes are accredited by the Swedish government and registered with the educational authorities. Final examinations from Grennaskolan qualify the student to apply to universities and university colleges within Sweden and abroad. Teaching costs are financed by the municipality for students living in Sweden, and by government grants for students living abroad.

Personnel

School management

Grennaskolan is an independent municipal limited company with a CEO/Head who is responsible for overall operations. He is assisted by a principal for the national programmes and an IB coordinator for the IB Diploma Programme. The school also has a study and career guidance counsellor (SYV) to assist students with applications to universities, university colleges further to their completed upper-secondary studies.

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Administration

The school's administration includes a superintendent, a school assistant and an information officer.

Student health

Grennaskolan employs a full-time welfare officer and a part-time school nurse. The school also has a school priest and a special educational needs coordinator (SENCO).

Teachers

There are ten teachers in the national programmes, nine teachers in the IB Diploma Programme, and ten teachers in the junior high school. A presentation of each teacher with their background, education and experience is available at the school's website at www.grennaskolan.se.

Dormitories

Grennaskolan has six dormitories comprising 148 single rooms. Twelve house parents work within the boarding dormitories, and most of them have been with the school for more than ten years.

Leisure time

Strong relations and good study results are created through a large range of various activities within sport and esthetical activities, both within the school's work and during leisure time. In addition to rowing, golf and fencing, Grennaskolan also offers the possibility to take part in weight-training in our own gym, team sports such as volleyball, football and floor-ball, street dancing, hunting, riding, clay-pigeon shooting, sailing, cooking, and much more. Students also produce each year a musical that is performed in the final school week of the academic year.

Programmes

Social Sciences Programme
 Social Sciences Programme with teaching in English
 Natural Sciences Programme
 IB Diploma Programme with all teaching in English
 Junior high school years 7-9
 Summer school in Swedish or English

Number of students 2011-12

	Number of students	No. students Year 1	No. students Year 2	No. students Year 3
Total Grennaskolan	252	46	81	62
Diploma Programme	100	19	40	41
Natural Sciences Programme	30	7	18	5
Social Sciences Programme	59	20	23	16
High School years 7-9	63	23 - year 7	16 - year 8	24 - year 9

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Curricula

The High School and National Programmes follow the curricula established by the Swedish National Agency for Education, see www.skolverket.se. The IB Diploma Programme follows the curricula established by the International Baccalaureate Organisation, see www.ibo.org

IB Diploma Programme

Grennaskolan was one of the first schools in Sweden with the IB Diploma Programme, which is a two-year university-preparation curriculum produced to foster international understanding and to enable students continue their studies in other countries. A Preparatory Year, Pre-DP, has adapted the curriculum to the Swedish upper-secondary school level. All teaching is performed in English. During the first year (Pre-DP), everyone reads the same basic subjects in preparation for their studies in the IB Diploma Programme. Final examinations are held at the end of the third year, with the possibility to pursue international studies in approximately 100 countries across the world, including Sweden.

Upon completion of Pre-DP, each student chooses six different subjects – one from each following group, three at "Higher Level" (HL) and three at "Standard Level" (SL). Grennaskolan offers the following IB Diploma Programme subjects at both high and standard levels (unless stated otherwise):

Group I

Language A1; English or Swedish

OR Self taught Language A1; German, French, Russian or other (at SL only)

Group II

Language B; English, Swedish, French, German or Spanish

Group III

Individuals and Society; Psychology, Geography, History or Economics (Economics at SL only)

Group IV

Experimental Sciences; Biology, Chemistry or Physics

Group V

Mathematics; Maths or Mathematical Studies

Group VI

"Sixth subject"; an additional subject from groups I, II, III or IV.

In addition to these six subjects, students also read Theory of Knowledge (TOK), write an Extended Essay, and complete the Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) programme. This programme is designed to drive the student's creativity, activate the student physically, and provide greater insight and understanding of the society in which we live. Further information about CAS is available at IBO's website www.ibo.org

Final examinations and appraisal

The third year closes with written examinations, which lead to an IB Diploma. Both the Higher Level and the Standard Level are graded on a scale of 1 to 7. At least 24 points are required to obtain a pass in the final examinations. Should the student not attain the required 24 points, it is possible to retake the examination on two further occasions. TOK and Extended Essay can give bonus points. The maximum number of points that can be attained is 45.

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Grades/ number of final results

Results of IB Diploma Grennaskolan 2006-2011

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
World average mean score	29.55	29.51	29.57	29.56	29.89	29.61
Grennaskolan mean score (excluding retakes)	32	31	32	31	31	31
Highest score	45	38	40	38	36	43
Average grade in each subject	5.0	4.94	5.22	4.93	4.97	5.0
Diploma Passes (Students with 24 points or more)	88%	88%	87%	88%	95%	75%

Results of National Programme Grennaskolan 2008-2010

Proportion of students (%) qualified to apply to university college of those who obtained a final grade in each respective academic year	2008	2009	2010
Natural Sciences Programme	*	100	*
Social Sciences Programme	100	97.6	90.5

*There were too few students to provide underlying statistical data (less than 10 students)

Source: Swedish National Agency for Education

Results of Junior High School Grennaskolan 2011

Qualified to apply to upper-secondary school 2011: 100 %

Ranking

Schools in Sweden do not use a system where students are ranked against each other.

School restaurant

The school restaurant prepares and serves lunch and dinner to its students every day of the week. We strive to use ingredients that are locally produced and organic. The school restaurant has a chef, a cook and several kitchen staff.

Summer school

Grennaskolan organises each summer a three-week language course in Swedish for foreign students who have insufficient or no knowledge of the Swedish language. An intensive course in English is also arranged during the same period.

Alumni association

Further to the final examinations, Grennaskolan's students become a member of the school's Alumni Association, which contains a worldwide network of previous students with more than 3,000 members located in 49 countries. Further information about the association is available at the association's own website at <http://grennaforedetting.wordpress.com/>

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