



# Are you 16-20 years old and want to attend upper secondary school in Iceland?

All students in Iceland that have finished lower secondary school can enroll in upper secondary school, regardless of their academic performance.

Most upper secondary schools (“framhaldsskólar”) offer a broad curriculum in conventional academic education, vocational education and arts. Students receive various degrees depending on their curriculum. Most schools also offer preparatory education and special study programmes for students with disabilities. Conventional academic education takes 3 years and vocational education 4 years, including workplace study.

The following upper secondary schools offer a special integration class where you will receive information on educational options, be assessed, start Icelandic courses and meet students your own age. If another school is assessed more suitable to your needs, the school will assist with your transfer.

The schools are spread throughout the country. If you are 16-20 years old and have a residence permit, all you need to do is to contact the school’s contact person listed below.

If you are older than 20, you can contact the schools to find out if you are eligible for enrollment.

## Reykjavík and surroundings:

### Menntaskólinn við Hamrahlíð (MH)

is located in Hamrahlíð in Reykjavík and hosts around 1100 students. It is ideally located with regard to public transportation. The school offers a progressive academic education, a dance program and a special study program for students with disabilities. It also offers an IB program (International Baccalaureate), taught in English. Classes are taught on-site only.  
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### Fjölbrautaskólinn við Ármúla (FÁ)

is located in Armúli in Reykjavík. The school offers a broad curriculum in both day school and distance learning. It specializes in health care subjects but also offers a special study program for students with disabilities and those that do not meet the criteria for other programs. The school meets the needs of students that do not speak Icelandic. 10-15% of students come from abroad. Around 850 students are in day school and 1100 in distance learning.

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### Borgarholtsskóli (BHS)

is in the Reykjavík suburb of Grafarvogur. It is a modern, progressive and technologically advanced school with approximately 1200 students and a broad curriculum. The curriculum includes academic education, automotive industrial arts, a performance sport scheme, social services programs, arts program, industrial metal works, a special study program for students with disabilities and a program for those that do not meet the criteria for other programs. It is a day school that offers blended learning.  
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## Westfjords:

### Menntaskólinn á Ísafirði (MÍ)

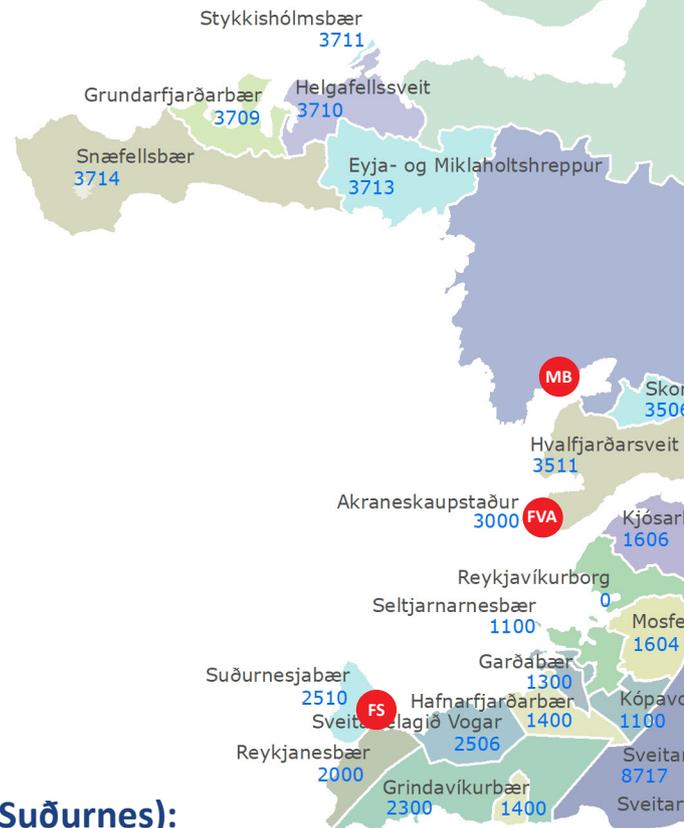
is located in Ísafjörður and has 500 students. The school offers a wide array of options including a special study program for students with disabilities, hairdressing and cosmetology, performance sports, industrial metal works, electronics, carpentry, arts and innovation, practical nursing, steel making and engine practice. The school has a good cafeteria and dormitory and rich social life.  
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## West Iceland:

### Fjölbrautaskóli Vesturlands á Akranesi (FVA)

is located in Akranes (approximately 45 minutes from Reykjavík) and hosts around 500 students. The school offers a broad curriculum of academic and vocational education including performance sports, a special study program for students with disabilities, carpentry, practical engineering, electrical engineering, practical nursing and social assistance. The school has a good cafeteria and a dormitory with 30 bedrooms for two.  
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### Menntaskóli

### Borgarfjarðar (MB)

is located in Borgarnes and hosts around 150 students. The school offers a conventional academic education as well as a vocational line. The school has an active social life and students and faculty are quite close.  
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## Southwest Iceland (Suðurnes):

### Fjölbrautaskóli Suðurnesja (FS)

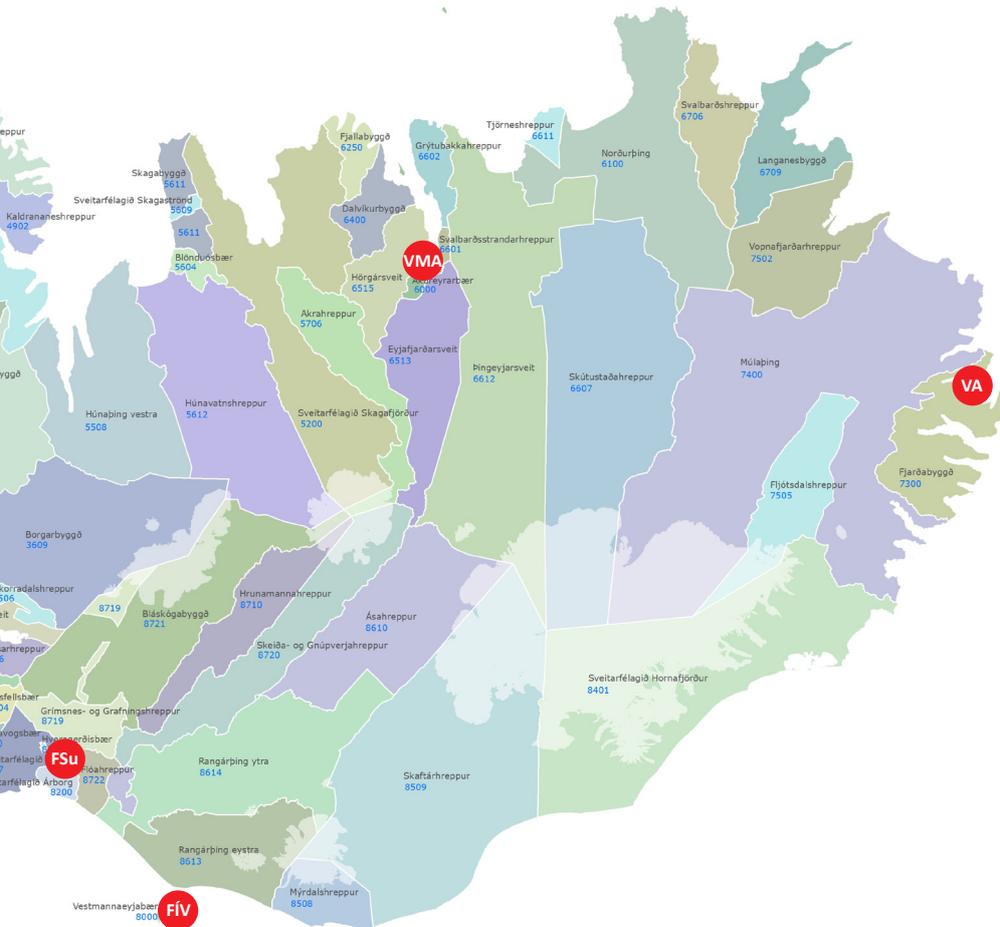
is located in Reykjanesbær and hosts around 900 students. The school offers a broad curriculum including both academic and vocational education, a special study program for students with disabilities and a program for foreign students. Students can study sciences, social studies, economics, fine arts, clothing production, sports, computer science, building and construction, electrical technology, engine practice, hairdressing and more. The school also offers a program for those that do not meet the criteria for other programs.  
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## North Iceland:

### Verkmenntaskólinn á Akureyri (VMA)

is located in Akureyri and has over 1000 students. The school offers a broad curriculum with both academic and vocational education. Programs include practical nursing, electronics, carpentry, food and nutritional sciences, engine practice and hairdressing. The school also offers a program for those that do not meet the criteria for other programs as well as special programs on an individual basis. The social life at the school is active and so is its international collaboration that students readily get to participate in. A competent team of counsellors and teachers, along with a nurse and psychologist, monitor the students' wellbeing. The school also offers a dormitory.

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## East Iceland:

### Verkmenntaskóli Austurlands (VA)

is located in Neskaupstaður. The school puts emphasis on diverse education where students' interests and talents can develop. The school offers vocational education such as programs for electricians, mechanics and carpenters, as well as academic education. A special study program for students with disabilities is also offered. The school has around 370 students and a dormitory.

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## South Iceland:

### Fjölbrautaskóli Suðurlands (FSu)

is located in Selfoss and hosts around 800 students. The school offers conventional academic education and various vocational programs such as woodworking, metallurgy, electronics, hairdressing, practical nursing and horsemanship. It also offers a special study program for students with disabilities. The school puts emphasis on sports and sport academies can be integrated into the school's programs. The school has an active social life and a dormitory.

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### Framhaldsskólinn í Vestmannaeyjum (FÍV)

is located in the Westman Islands. The school is a comprehensive college which offers vocational as well as general education as a preparation for academic studies. Vocational programs include electronics, metal and engine technology, engine practice and practical nursing. The school offers a special study program for students with disabilities. Sport academies can be integrated into the school's programs. The school has approximately 200 students.

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