

# A collaboration toolbox to build a school for all" 68511BB8E0E4E695



## Engagement of pupils – they can develop and learn by their own choice

## Pupil's choice

The Swedish education system requires that each school offer pupils the opportunity to broaden and deepen their knowledge in a range of subjects of their own choice. The school will determine what subject choices will be offered.

At Storvreta School pupils can choose between:

- Sports and Health (inc the chance to try several sports)
- Music (inc the chance to try different instruments, read and write music and sing. The class concludes with a concert for the whole school)
- Sewing and textiles (pupils make a variety of items)
- Woodwork (pupils make a variety of items)
- IT knowledge (text and image creating skills)

All pupils within Years 1 to 5 (ages 7 to 12) participate and make a new subject choice for each of the two terms per year. Classes are between 40 and 60 minutes per week. Pupils work in these free choice subjects is not allowed to be graded.

Pupils own choice of subjects is a much-appreciated segment of the overall program at Storvreta School.

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#### Classroom

#### Individual goals – a daily reminder

During each term the pupil, class teacher and parent(s) meet to discuss and agree objectives and goals for the pupil's development. The agreed three most important goals are written by the pupil on a paper which is usually taped to the pupils desk lid. This way they are reminded each school day. At the end of term the pupil and class teacher evaluate whether the three goals have been achieved. Examples of goals include: spelling with confidence, remembering multiplication tables, telling the time.

Most of the pupils can see and read the goals, think about them and try to work as they wrote. The teacher can remind them too.

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