

School, preschool and gender identity

What Sweden's curriculum says, what other countries do, what the research actually shows.

What the curriculum says

Lpfö 18 (rev. 2025) — 1. Fundamental values

“No child in preschool shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of sex, gender-crossing identity or expression [...] Preschool shall actively and consciously promote equal rights and opportunities regardless of gender.”

Source: Skolverket, Lpfö 18 (rev. 2025)

Lpfö 18 — 2.1 Norms and values

“Preschool has a duty to counter gender patterns that limit children's development, choices and learning.”

Source: Skolverket, Lpfö 18 sec. 2.1

Lgr 22 — School's mission

“The school shall actively and consciously promote pupils' equal rights and opportunities regardless of gender. The school also has a duty to counter gender patterns that limit pupils' learning, choices and development.”

Source: Skolverket, Lgr 22

International comparison — who is applying the brakes

Country	Year	Measure	Source	Direction
Finland	2020	PALKO/COHERE: psychotherapy first-line; hormones for minors only exceptionally.	COHERE 2020	Brakes
Sweden	2022	Socialstyrelsen tightens guidance; SBU deems evidence insufficient.	Socialstyrelsen · SBU 2022	Brakes
Norway	2023	Ukom classifies affirmative treatment of minors as experimental.	Ukom 2023	Brakes
Denmark	2023	Sundhedsstyrelsen: counselling before medical transition for most youth.	Sundhedsstyrelsen 2023	Brakes
United Kingdom	2024	Cass Review → permanent ban on puberty blockers outside trials; Tavistock GIDS closed.	NHS / Cass 2024	Brakes
Netherlands	2024	Amsterdam UMC pauses parts of the Dutch Protocol; parliament orders review.	Tweede Kamer 2024	Brakes
France	2022	Académie de médecine warns of 'great medical caution' before early transition.	Académie 2022	Brakes
USA (states)	2025	~25 states restrict gender-affirming care for minors; SCOTUS upholds Tennessee's law (Skrmetti).	SCOTUS 2025 · KFF	Brakes
Germany	2024	Self-Determination Act: legal gender change from 14. Affirmative line retained.	BMFSFJ 2024	Affirm
Canada / Aus.	2025	Affirmative model retained in most; Alberta 2024 imposes age limits.	Alberta 2024	Affirm

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