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SHORT HISTORY OF DEAF EDUCATION IN SWEDEN

- 1809 Pär-Aron Borg founded Manillaschool in Stockholm
- 1880 the Milano Congress
- 1938 Swedish Government took control over the deaf school.
- Oralism dominated - had a peak in the 50th

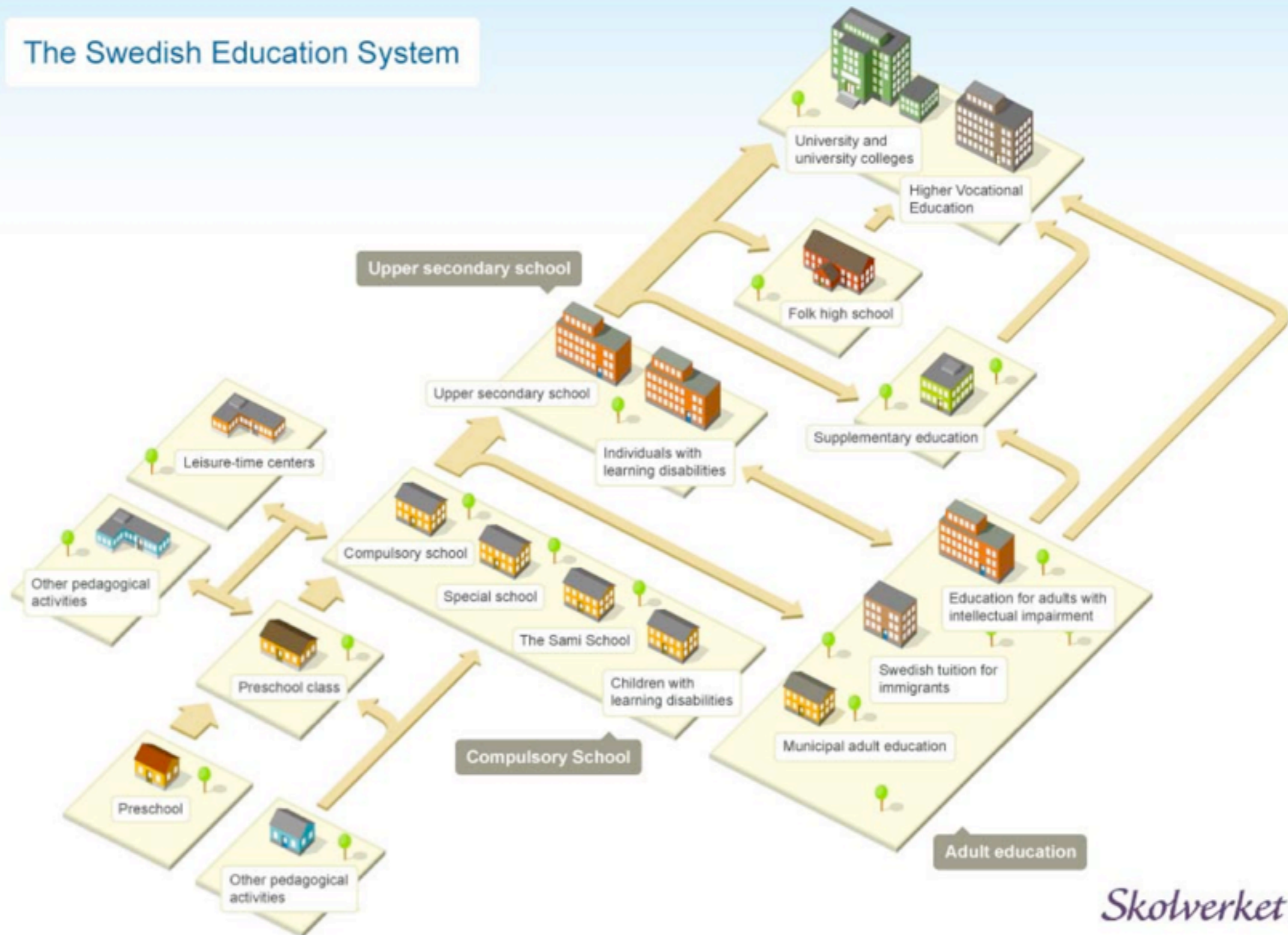
- Deaf Association were fighting for the right to have education in sign language.
- 1969 - a compromise which was the beginning...
- "Signed Swedish" - signing became very popular, but...
- Researching started at Stockholm

- 1981 Government acknowledged Sign Language
- 1991 The worlds first professor in Sign Language, Brita Bergman
- 2009 Language Law

PROBLEMS OCCURRING

- education of teachers and interpreters
- teachers competence or language skills?
- Attitudes

The Swedish Education System



Skolverket

THE GOVERNMENT SPECIAL SCHOOLS

- Five Special schools
- bilingual, using swedish, signs or both
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UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

- RGD was established in 1967
- 1984 RGH
- About 450 Students
- About 150 staff
- Attending tuition at 4 of 6 Municipality Schools

The only School in Sweden

- Students from whole Sweden
- Home community pays for accomodation
- Swedish Government pays for Tuition and Travels
- Örebro Municipality arrange Dorms and Staff

DEAF STUDENT CURRUCULUM

- Same Curruculum as Hearing, except Speech and Listen - part
- First year possibility to catch up with Elementary School courses
- 3 years with possibility to add one year
- Vocational practise 3 days / week, teorethical 2 days / week

- Ivan lektion <http://youtu.be/D5nyJLiux-Q>
- Bilingual <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwCDiiMKszo>
- Veronica: <http://youtu.be/demFcSS8kU>



HIGHER EDUCATION

- University studies with interpreters
- teachers, dentist, psychologist, actors, headmaster, researchers, chef etc

