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How do we teach?

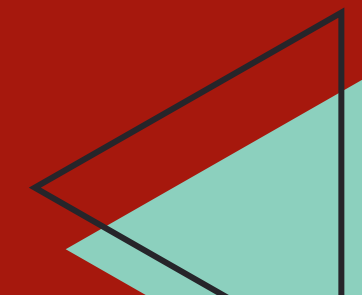




At NYsK00L we follow the Finnish Education Model and U.S Curriculum. Why?

The Finnish model is the only education system with top academic results where children are happy and not stressed. Parents don't need to compromise between the top-quality education and happiness of their children.

In Finland, children study less hours and have very little homework, yet they are extremely high academic-achievers. Finnish teachers focus on nurturing children's natural curiosity and desire to learn. When kids are engaged, they dramatically improve their academic results.



How does it work?

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The Finnish education model is renowned for its efficiency and success, and is globally recognized for its emphasis on play-based learning. Instead of focusing solely on formal instruction and academic pressure, the Finnish educators value holistic development and a love for learning. Through play-based learning, delayed formal education, and individualized support, it nurtures academically proficient, emotionally and socially skilled students who genuinely enjoy learning and succeed in life.

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Education becomes tailored to individual students, allowing them to learn at their own pace and style.

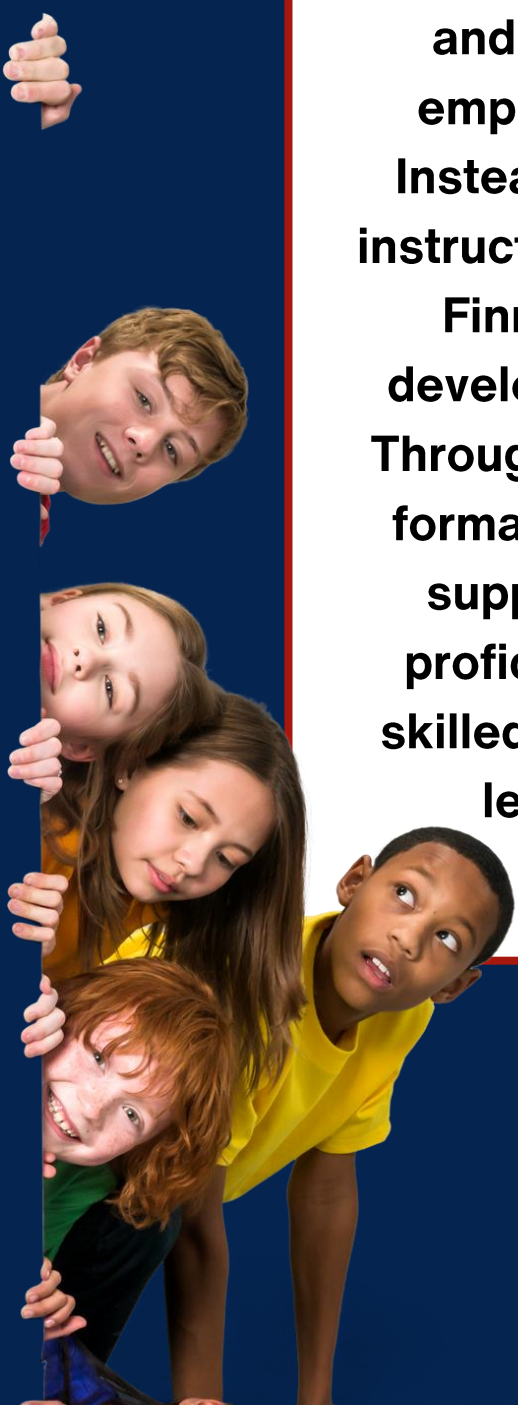
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Allowing for more play-based learning supports brain development and long-term academic success.

Additional to traditional subjects students also study music, art, and physical education, contributing to their overall health, well-being and development.

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Finnish education focuses on nurturing academic, social, emotional, and physical skills through play and hands-on activities, fostering creativity, problem-solving, and emotional intelligence. It emphasizes cooperation between peers and adults, promotes social skills and a sense of community as well as reducing stress.





Start of the day

Each morning, students can talk about their intentions for the day ahead and discuss their previous day at school. We encourage students to tell us how they're feeling, their favourite parts of the week so far and anything they'd like to share about activities they are involved in outside of school.





Live Online Lessons

Each day, students will have two live online lessons from the following subjects: **English, science, history, music or Spanish.** **Maths, PE, Art and Craft** will be independent lessons where students are assigned work in Google Classroom to complete during this time.

During these lessons we will:

- motivate students to participate and be an active part of their learning
- connect students previous knowledge with newly acquired information through play-based methods

If students miss a class they can watch the recording later via our private YouTube channel.





Hands-on

We believe in the “learning by doing” mentality, so our students enjoy lots of hands-on activities. During these hands-on lessons, you can expect different subjects to cross over, intertwine and compliment each other. We try to use recycled materials that easily be found around the house as often as possible as sustainability is one of NYsKOOL’s core values.



Projects

Students will participate in projects related to health, STEM, history, economics and entrepreneurial skills.

Finnish transversal skills are a big part of all lessons and projects. **Those transversal skills are:**

- Thinking and learning to learn
- Cultural competence, interaction and self-expression
- Taking care of oneself and managing daily life
- Multiliteracy
- ICT (Information, Communication, Technology) competence
- Working life competence and entrepreneurship
- Participation, cooperation and building a sustainable future





Afternoons

During the afternoons children will complete independent assignments using exceptional bespoke learning apps. We constantly scan the market for the best EdTech solutions.

At the moment we use the following apps:

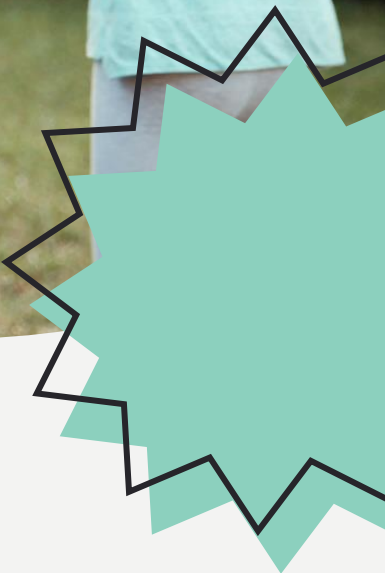
- **Reading Eggs** for English
- **Duolingo** for other languages
- **Smartick** for maths
- **Khan Academy** for extra assignments
- ..and others if and when they are needed.

Students have approximately two lessons of independent work every day, but of course this can vary.



A day at our Learning Hub

Our timetable offers students an effective schedule to complete independent assignments, engage in online teacher-led sessions and participate in projects and activities. Children will have meaningful discussions, complete scientific projects and engage in hands-on activities like building a rocket or an eco-system. Every day children will spend time outside playing sports and learning about the local nature.





Additional Studies

Besides the U.S Core National Curriculum, students can study additional subjects according to their individual needs. These are incorporated into their learning plans. If there are additional costs for these classes parents will cover them, but we will help in providing the best teaching methods and our teachers will monitor their progress and help when needed.

For example, **maybe you would like your child to learn more than one language whilst studying at NYsKOOL.**



Other Types of Lessons and Home Assignments

- Students teaching students
- Masterclasses from parents
- Through our educational apps we might give students individual assignments to do with parents, e.g. going to the forest and collecting 5 types of leaves or shoot 10 hoops at basketball and record a video



Materials for lessons



Standard equipment we will use during the school year include:

- tablets, plain paper, notebooks, handwriting practice notebook (younger students), cardboard, pencils, crayons, coloring pencils, felt tip pens, erasers, rulers, glue sticks, sharpeners, scissors, thread
- Printed materials may sometimes be needed

In addition to these items, in science and hands-on/project lessons, students may need to use everyday household items like coffee filter paper, sugar, salt etc. In PE, students may need a ball, towel or even a stuffed animal.

Teachers will update the calendar every Thursday with all additional materials needed for the next week.



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Learning in Social Interaction:

The theory of learning, according to which an individual's higher thinking skills develop through social interaction.

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Our focus during online lessons are interaction between students. In that way, we make sure that your child will have meaningful relationships with other students around the world.

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We use an online platform called Gather, which enables children to interact online with their classmates from around the world in a fun and engaging way.



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Assessments

- Formative assessment
- Performance-based
- Self-assessment and reflection
- Collaborative assessment
- Individualised support
- Ongoing communication

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At NYsKOOL we don't use assessments to rank students. We are here to nurture their joy of lifelong learning. Assessments are instead issued to provide feedback for teachers as well as students and parents. They allow students, teachers and parents to see what the individual has already mastered and what areas need more practice.

Our assessment methods are versatile and we do not teach for tests.

OUR TEACHERS



Minna

Headteacher

15+ years experience
in Finnish education



Marta

Senior Teacher

10+ years experience
in primary and
secondary schools



Ceyda

Senior Teacher

10+ years experience
as a language teacher



Brenda

Senior Teacher

25+ years experience
in education



Minna-Maria

Teacher

Finnish teacher student with lots of experience in online teaching



Juuso

Teacher

Finnish class teacher with experience of teaching many different subjects like music.



Anam

Senior teacher

Certified Montessori teacher with over 10 years of experience

Public Holidays

NYsKOOL is open all year round! We are a global school with students from around the world. We recognise that holidays vary around the globe. If it is a public holiday in your location, students are able to enjoy the holiday and simply watch a recording of the lesson/s they have missed via our private YouTube channel. NYsKOOL is open year-round, Monday to Friday, to accommodate everyone.

Theme weeks

3-4 times a year we will have “themed weeks”. During these weeks, the focus is more on fun and hands-on activities and there will be less of a focus on academic studies. This will give children a chance to take a break from studying, whilst still learning.



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