

NYYSIKOOL

How do we teach?



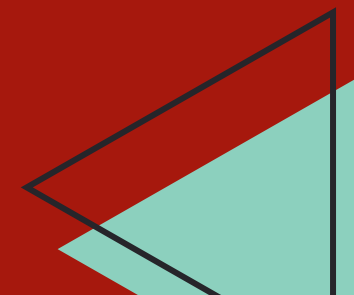


Education or Happiness? The Finnish answer!

The Finnish model is the only education system with top academic results where children are happy and not stressed.

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.



How does it work?

TEACHING

- We want our students to be happy & academically successful.
- We trust teachers to be creative and do their best.
- We prepare children for the real life by teaching them 21st century skills.
- Remote learners need to be socially involved in the education activities.
- Teachers' role is not to "deliver content" but facilitate social activities, reflections, discussions and inspire.
- Interactive apps to keep children engaged and to track the progress

CHILD-CENTRIC

- We don't impose our system. We strive to help every child to advance in their learning journey.
- Individual Learning Plans

COMMUNITY

- We don't run our Learning Hubs as separate mini-schools. Teachers and students work as teams across the hubs.
- Parents are a vital part of the school. We value their ideas, feedback and involvement.
- We welcome diversity and inclusion.

TOOLS

- **MiAcademy Curriculum** – full school curriculum with daily assignments
- **Smartick** – full mathematics curriculum for self-learning
- **Reading Eggs** – English Reading, Grammar, Vocabulary.
- **MAP Growth** – Reading and Mathematics assessment to help teachers and students to plan.
- **Doulingo** – Other languages
- **Gather.Town** – virtual hub for social activities and communication with teachers
- **Khan Academy** – science and math
- **Project Based Learning** – professionally designed projects





Live Online Lessons

Every week, students will have several live online lessons (depending on their age group).

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.





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 & Skills

Students will participate in multidisciplinary projects.

In the Finnish system, transversal skills are a big part of all lessons and projects.

- 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





Responsibility & Planning

- Daily assignments for individual or mini-groups learning
- Calendar with planned online lessons
- A board (like Kanban) for daily tasks
- Team results – the whole team needs to finish daily assignments





Sports & Nature

- Every day children will spend an hour outside in a park
- We hire sports facilities once a week
- Lisbon & Barcelona have swimming lessons once a week
- In Lisbon students participate in a forest school once a week





Additional Studies

- Music lessons
- Arts & Crafts
- Visits to museums and creative places
- Additional subjects chosen by families
- Outside assignments done at the hubs
- We will encourage children to be creative when they spend their days at the hubs

School trips and hubs switching

- School trips is an important part of live at NYsKOOL. This is when all children have an opportunity to meet in person and enjoy time together
- Children can seamlessly switch between the hubs when their families are travelling





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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
- MAP Growth
- Strength-based

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At NYsKOOL we don't use assessments to rank students. 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.**



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