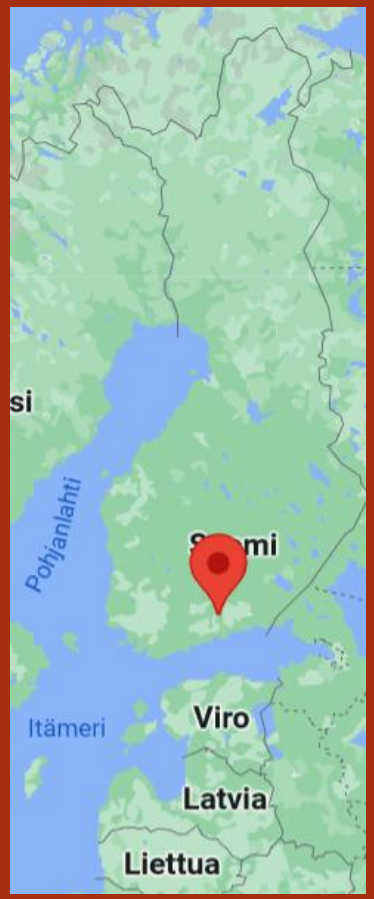
Jokivarsi School Orimattila Finland





Jokivarren koulu, Orimattila
Comprehensive school / Basic education

- Grades 0–9 (age 6–7)
  - Primary and lower secondary education
- Pupils 470 (100 pupils with special needs)
  - 31 classes
  - 10 special classes
    - 4 classes for children with some kind of grave developmental disabilities ("Life skills education" instead of subject based education)
    - 1 class is placed in a residential childcare unit
  - 60 pupils have other mother tongue than Finnish
    - Today Estonian, Pilipino, Spanish, Japanese, Arabic, Russian, Bulgarian, Twi, Dari and Ukrainian

Staff

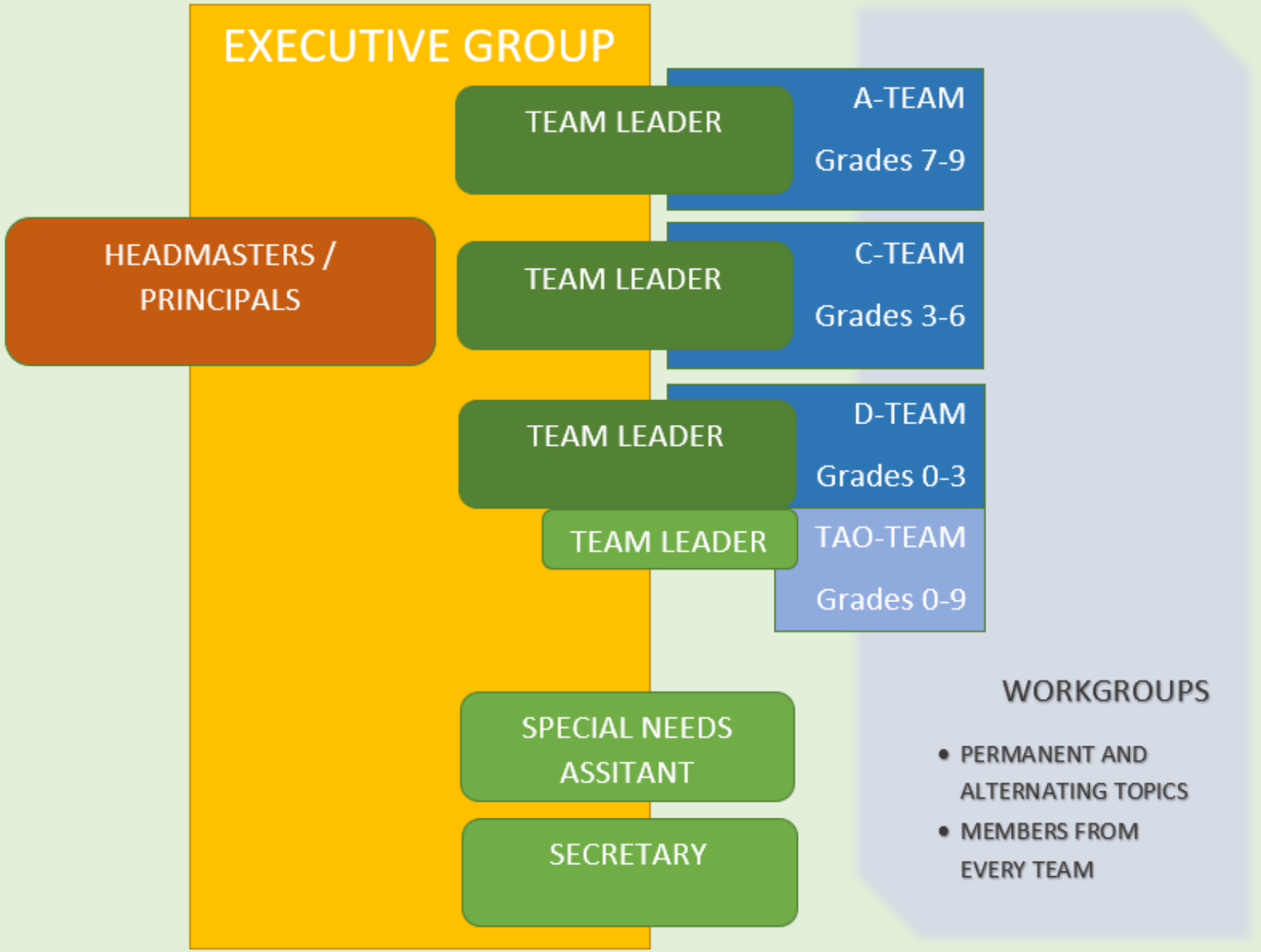
- Teachers 45
  - Class teachers 12
  - Special class teachers 10
  - Subject teachers 16
  - Guidance counsellor 1
  - Special teachers 5
- Special needs assistants 22
- Secretary 1

- Headmaster / Principal
  - Administrative
- Vice-principals 3
  - 1 full time (starts in Februari 2027)
  - 2 half time

Other professionals

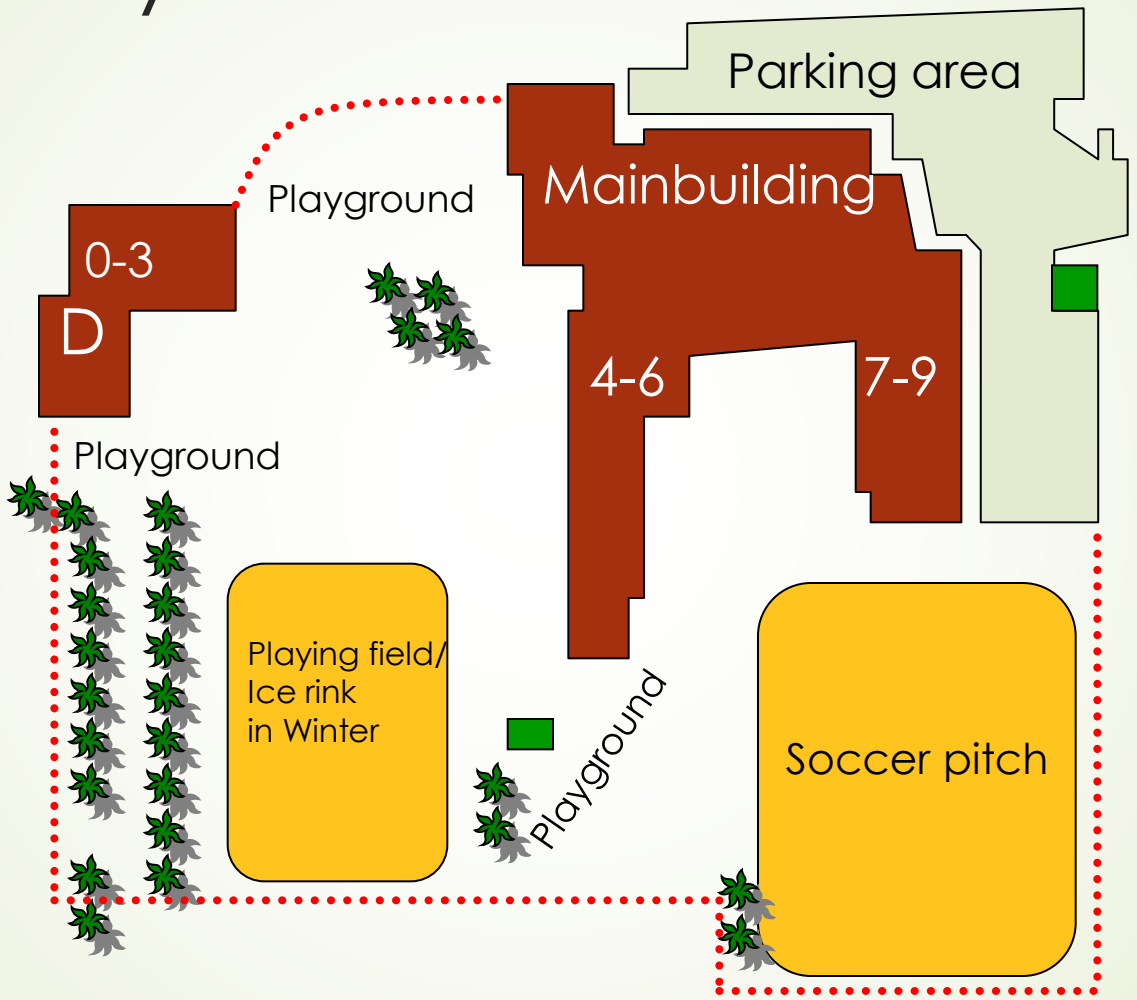
- School social worker (4 days a week)
- School psychologist (sometimes)
- School nurse (every day)
- Youth worker (every day)
- Dentist and dental nurse (public service)
- Cooks
- Cleaners

Jokivarren koulu is organised in three teams and several workgroups



Buildings and the school yard

PALOJOKI



Promoting emotional and communicative skills

Started for some years ago as a pilot school in a national program and now we have a territorial model for strengthening pupils' commitment to school by promoting

- Emotional skills (e.g. empathy)
- Communication
- Self-esteem
- Membership & participating
- Feeling of to be safe in own class with all the other pupis and the adults

Besides of awareness all the time, we have

In primary classes (1–6)

- One separate lesson in a week
- School social worker / psychologist / school youth worker co-operate with the class teacher / special class teacher once a month

In secondary classes (7–9)

- One separate lesson in two weeks
- School social worker / school youth worker co-operate with the homeroom teacher / special class teacher when needed

TAO = ”Life Skills Education”

For children with serious disabilities who can´t get benefits of subject based education.

- Motoric skills
- Communication skills
- Social skills
- Cognitive skills
- Everyday skills

Maximum 6 pupils in a class. Special class teacher and special needs assistant(s).

Staff qualifications

All the teachers (and headmasters) in primary and secondary schools have

- Masters' degree
  - In pedagogics for class teachers and special class teachers
  - In some of subjects for subject teachers
- At least 1600 hours studies in pedagogics (including in masters or after masters examine)

Special teachers and special class teachers have

- At least 1600 hours studies in special pedagogics (including in masters or after masters examine)
- Subject teacher + studies in special ped. => special teacher
- Class teacher + studies in special ped. => special class teacher & special teacher

The special need assistants have

- One-year studies and training or
- Some vocational examine in social / health care / pedagogics

Schools in Orimattila

Comprehensive schools 1650 pupils (primary & lower secondary)
High chool 170 students (upper secondary)

Primary schools, classes 1–6

Vuorenmäen koulu (100)

Pennalan koulu (100)

Virenojan koulu (80)

Tönnön koulu (150)

Myllylän koulu (280)

Jokivarren koulu (300)

Secondary schools

Jokivarren koulu

classes 7–9 (170 / lower secondary)

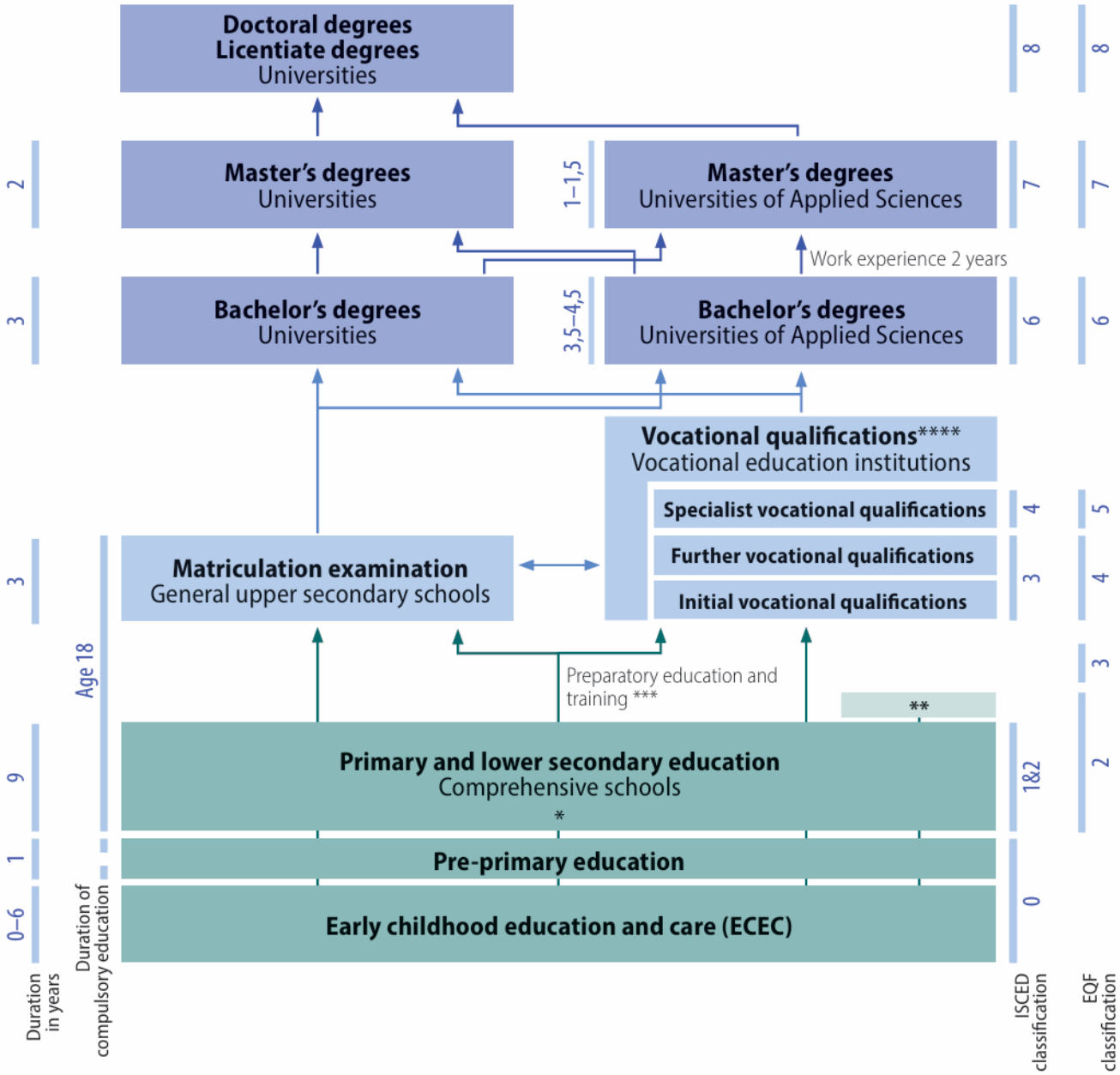
Erkon yhteiskoulu

classes 7–9 (410 / lower secondary)

high school (170 / upper secondary)

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EDUCATION SYSTEM IN FINLAND



****Also available as apprenticeship training or by training agreement.

***Preparatory education and training (for those who need it):

- Preparatory education for programmes leading to an upper secondary qualification (TUVA)
- Education at folk high schools for learners of compulsory education age

**Preparatory education and training for work and independent living (TELMA)

*Primary and lower secondary education syllabus for learners over the age of 17

Non-qualification education

Liberal education

- *Adult education centres*
- *Folk high schools*
- *Summer universities*
- *Centres of learning /study centres*
- *Training centres for sports and physical education*

Basic education in the arts

- *Schools of Architecture*
- *Schools of Fine Arts*
- *Schools of Crafts*
- *Media Arts Schools*
- *Music Institutes*
- *Schools of Literary Art*
- *Schools of Circus Arts*
- *Dance Institutes*
- *Theatre Institutes*

The Finnish education system

- early childhood education and care for children before the compulsory education begins, (at the age of 7 normally)
  - pre-primary education for children in the year preceding the beginning of compulsory education
- nine-year of primary and lower secondary education (comprehensive school), which is compulsory
- upper secondary education, either general upper secondary (gymnasium) education or vocational education and training, compulsory up to 18 year.
- higher education provided by universities and universities of applied sciences.

- 100% inclusive
- Near by 100% inclusive
- Inclusive / Integrated / Segregated
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