



KARHUNMÄKI SCHOOL
JOENSUU, FINLAND

KARHUNMÄKI SCHOOL

- Situated in a growing residential area
- Established in 2017
- Basic primary school education for grades 1-6
- 360 pupils, 26 teachers and eight assistants
- Two to four parallel groups in each grade
- One group for pupils with special needs
- A fragrance free and shoeless school



KARHUNMÄKI SCHOOL PREMISES

- A modern learning environment that meets the goals of the renewed 2016 curriculum
- Three dens with four classrooms
- Each den has a central common area
- Movable classroom walls enable to turn the dens into one single learning space
- Modern technology and ICT facilities



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- Two modular school buildings
- Classrooms specifically designed for arts, crafts and music teaching
- A school yard with versatile playground equipment and mini arenas
- A sports field and a running/skiing trail right next to the school



THE 2016 RENEWED FINNISH CURRICULUM

- Taking care of oneself and others, managing daily activities, safety
- Cultural competence, interaction and expression
- Multiliteracy
- ICT competence
- Competence for the world of work, entrepreneurship
- Participation and influence, building the sustainable future
- Thinking and learning to learn

Applying the 7 key competences



SUBJECTS

-> PHENOMENON AND ACTION BASED LEARNING

-> MULTIDISCIPLINARY LEARNING UNITS

- Mathematics
- PE
- Finnish / Finnish as a second language
- Crafts
- Civics (grades 4-6)
- Science (grades 4-6)
- English
- History (grades 5-6)
- Art
- Swedish (grade 6)
- Music
- German (optional)
- RE/Ethics



HOW TO SUPPORT STUDENTS' WELL-BEING AND SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT?

- Student council
- Eco agents
- International agents
- Peer supporters: sixth graders act as peer supporters for first graders
- Recess buddies
- Action based learning
- Four qualified school dogs
- Welfare councillor
- School assistants
- School nurse
- School social worker



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