



- 125 y old
- 440 students





**Forssan yhteislyseo is a part of  
Arts and Education Center Elli →  
students can choose courses from  
Music Academy,  
Art school and  
Adult education center**



# The organization

- Mr Simo Veistola principal at Arts and Education Center Elli
  - Finance and administration at yhteislyseo
- Mrs Taina Kemppi, deputy headmistress
  - Supervisor, school days
- Mr Heikki Jokinen, deputy headmaster
  - Planning the school year, vcourse choises with students

# The budget

- Elli's budget around 5 million euros
- Autonomous unit
- The city provides funding, but it is mainly based on state contributions)
  - includes absolutely everything (salaries, facilities)
  - the number of students has an effect: a high school student brings 7,500 euros a year to the city → high school

# Finnish high schools

# High schools in Finland

- 50% of the age group applies to high schools, 50% to vocational school
- In high school, you get prepared for university studies.
- All high schools are good in Finland: high-educated, motivated teachers!

# High schools

- 3-4 y studies
- To study is free for Finnish students (incl. Laptop, books, lunch)
- Electronical matriculation exams



# Forssa Syllabus

- 1) is designed to last three years, but students may complete it in 3 to 4 years.
- 2) 150 credits are needed to receive a school-leaving certificate. Normally it takes three years.
- 3) <https://www.oph.fi/en/education-and-qualifications/subjects-general-upper-secondary>
- 4) 1 credit: ca. 19 lessons a 45 minutes



# Studies

## Compulsory subjects

- 1) Mother Tongue (Finnish) 12 credits
- 2) English 12 credits

## Compulsory subjects

- 1) Math 12-20 credits (general or advanced)
  - 2) Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography,  
total 10 credits
  - 3) History and social studies, philosophy  
etc. Total 26 credits
  - 4) Music, art, P.E. 8 credits
  - 5) Study counselling 4 credits
- TOTAL 94-102 (compulsary credits) +  
optional courses 56-48: sum 150 credits

# Languages

- For instance, Forssa high school offers a wide selection of courses in different languages, such as Swedish, English, German, French, Russian, Italian and Spanish.

# Through the eyes of a student

- individual guidance
- we take care
- personal study paths







# Academic areas of focus

- Plenty of studies available in all subjects
- Wide selection of foreign languages
- Erasmus accreditation: numerous cooperative high schools in Europe
- Special programs:
  - Sport Academy
  - Arts and design

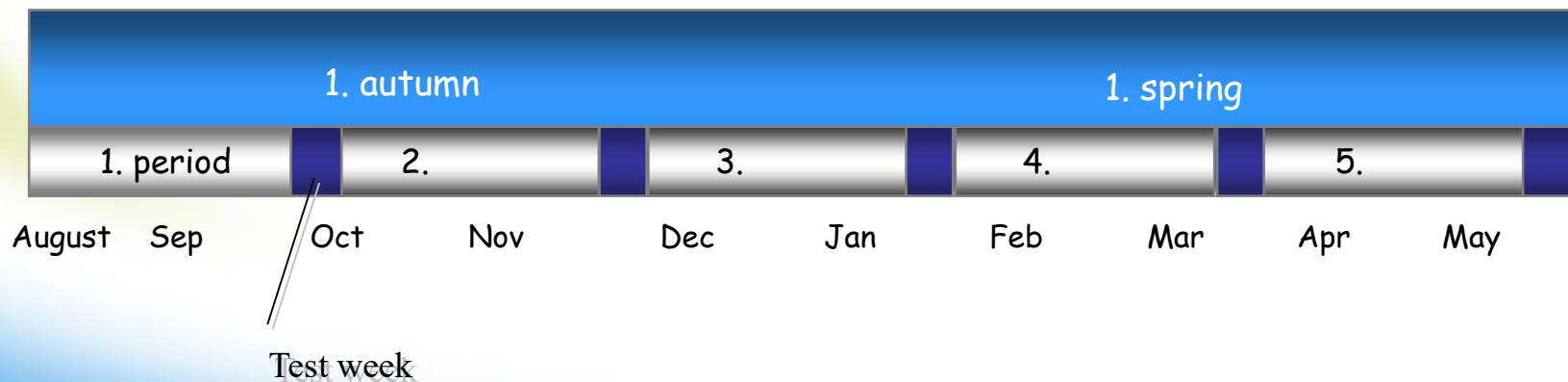
# Schedule



## Studies in upper secondary schools

- - Five study periods
  - 2 credits course: 3\*75 min in seven weeks)
  - 7 d test "weeks", one test / day

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# Students choose

- Courses
  - Even teachers
- Each student has her own study schedule for each course

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
8.15-9.30	7	6	7	6	7
	MATH	CHEMISTRY	MATH	CHEMISTRY	MATH
9.45-11.00	1	2	3	4	5
11.00-11.45	L	U	N	C	H
11.45-13.00	4	2	3	2	2
13.15-14.30	3	1	4	1	6
					CHEMISTRY
14.40-15.55	8	8	5	8	
Evenings					

# Matriculation exams

## National matriculation examination

- 1) Schooling ends with the national matriculation exams.
- 2) Mother tongue (=Finnish [own test for immigrants]) is only compulsory test
- 3) Swedish, Math, Foreign language, general studies (humanities and natural sciences, e.g. Biology, history etc.): A student selects 4 tests.
- 4) Optional tests e.g. in languages. Students normally take part in 5-7 tests.



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## National matriculation examination: e-tests

- Tests to be taken electronically
- Good grades open doors to all universities in the world







# Where to go after high school?

- universities and polytechnics (applied universities)

Finnish high schools offer

- < high-quality teaching and counselling
- < individual study paths