

Our school



Basic info of our school

Hj.Nortamo is not a big school. We have about 550 students and they are separated into 3 grades: 7th grade, 8th grade and 9th grade. There are about 20 students in each class. We get free food in our school and it is pretty good.



School

Our school is a barrack school. It has two storeys. Downstairs we have languages, history, health education and religion classes. Upstairs we have mathematics, Finnish language and literature, biology, music, art and geography classes. Our school students can have tiny closets.



Chemistry and art classes

We have different classes for chemistry and art. In chemistry class we do some experiments. For example we mix different chemicals. In art class we mainly draw and

paint.



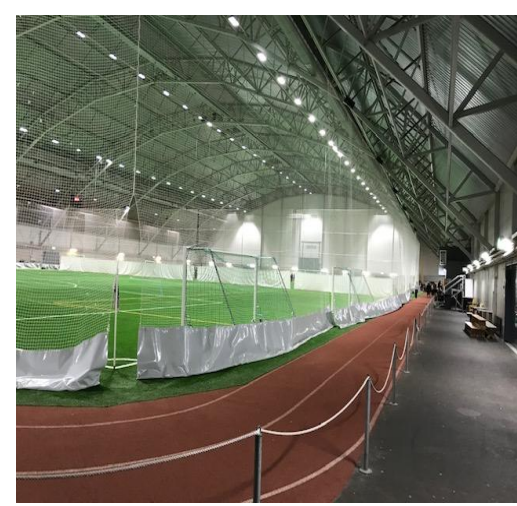
School yard

We don't have much activities in our school yard but we have benches and three sheds.



School sports

We have many different places to do sports. For example gym and sports hall. The gym is opposite to our old school and the sports hall is near our school. Sometimes we go to the public swimming pool or indoor ice rink. In the gym we play floorball and volleyball and do workout. In the sports hall we play badminton and football. We also run and do weight lifting there. Sometimes we go outside for a run or orienteering.



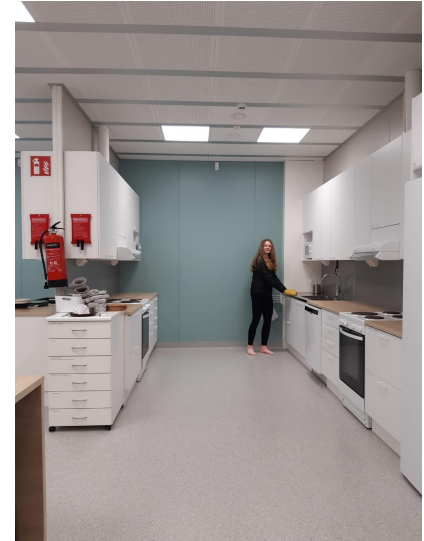
School canteen

Our schools canteen is in a different building. In the canteen we have many seats for students. There is also another school eating at the same place with us.



Crafts and home economics

We have crafts and home economics lessons in a different building (again). They are next to the canteen. There are two kitchens for home economics and we have different classes for crafts.



To sum up: Finland's school system in brief

Preschool starts at the age of 5 and you go there one year. Then you go to primary school. When you go to primary school you are 7 and when you are done you are 13 years old. Then you go to secondary school at the age of 13 and you are done at the age of 16. Then at the age of 16 you go to either vocational school or upper secondary school and you are done at the age of 18. If you chose vocational school you go to work after that or you go to polytechnic and if you chose upper secondary school you go to university.