

About education and teacher training in Finland

In general:

Education in Finland (Finnish Ministry of Education)

General information about education and education systems and institutes in Finland by the Ministry of Education.

<http://www.minedu.fi/OPM/Koulutus/?lang=en>

The Educational System of Finland

Background, Structure, Equivalencies, and New Directions

John D. Hopkins, University of Tampere, Finland

Published in *World Education News and Reviews*, Winter 1990 (note: some facts have changed, there is an update note included, however still mostly still relevant and very thorough)

<http://www.uta.fi/FAST/JH/wesfin1.html>

PISA:

PISA Programme for International Student Assessment: Finnish teacher training

http://www.pisa2006.helsinki.fi/finnish_school/educational_system/teacher_training.htm

The Finnish PISA Success and the Role of School leaders

The Fifth International Stakeholder Seminar on School Management Training (HEAD) March the 10th 2006: Jukka Alava

<http://www.bi.no/cemFiles/HEAD%20seminar%2010th%20March%202006/Jukka%20Alava%20The%20Finnish%20PISA%20Success%20and%20the%20Role%20of%20principals.pdf>

Teacher training:

Final report of the teacher training development programme (in Finnish, the abstract in English)

<http://www.minedu.fi/OPM/Julkaisut/2006/Opettajankoulutus.html?lang=en>

Finnish National Board of Education:

Teachers are respected and influential

<http://www.oph.fi/english/pageLast.asp?path=447,488,57313>

OPE.FI - ICT Teacher Training Project in Finland

The Finnish Ministry of Education has launched a program called OPE.FI in order to improve the ICT-skills of the in-service teachers and teaching personnel.

<http://www.oph.fi/english/page.asp?path=447,5372,572,6011>

The Finnish school – a source of skills and well-being

<http://virtual.finland.fi/netcomm/news/showarticle.asp?intNWSAID=30625>

Free schooling for all: The Finnish school system supports lifelong learning

<http://virtual.finland.fi/netcomm/news/showarticle.asp?intNWSAID=41557>

Teacher training in Finland (pdf) (By the trade union of education)

[http://www.oaj.fi/dman/Document.phx/OAJ/ML2/Koonti2/sahkoiset+julkaisut/opeko](http://www.oaj.fi/dman/Document.phx/OAJ/ML2/Koonti2/sahkoiset+julkaisut/opeko<uleng?folderId=OAJ%2FML2%2FKoonti2%2Fsahkoiset%2Bjulkaisut&cmd=download)

Directorate General of Human Rights (DGII) (report 1999)

Minorities and the training of teachers: Swedish-speaking Finns, The Sami, The Roma

http://www.humanrights.coe.int/Minorities/Eng/FrameworkConvention/StateReports/1999/finland/Article_12.htm

E-learning and technology:

Innovative Pedagogical Practices in Technology-Enhanced Education – Finnish Perspective

<http://e.finland.fi/netcomm/news/showarticle.asp?intNWSAID=41844>

Teachers – trade unions:

Trade Union of Education in Finland (OAJ)

The trade union work begun in Finland in 1893 and OAJ was founded on December 28, 1973. Today the membership is 117 100 (1.1.2007). The union represents teachers at various school levels and institutes of learning, ranging from day-care center teachers to lecturers in universities and vocational school teachers.

<http://www.oaj.fi/Resource.phx/sivut/sivut-oaj/english/index.htx>

The Association of Kindergarten Teachers in Finland

The Association of Kindergarten Teachers in Finland (LTOL) is a trade union with more than 13,000 kindergarten teachers as members. It is a member of the Trade Union of Education in Finland (OAJ).

<http://www.oaj.fi/Resource.phx/ltol/english/yleista.htx?menu=english>

Other

Heaven and Helsinki

Today's international league tables for education will show that Finland leads the world. John Crace went to find out what Britain could learn from the Finns' success

<http://education.guardian.co.uk/schools/story/0,5500,1042479,00.html>