

Presentazione Liceo Karis-Billnäs gymnasium

Karis-Billnäs gymnasium is an upper secondary school for secondary education in Karis, Raseborg, situated approximately 75 km west of Helsinki.

The school has 160 students (aged 16-19) and 15 teachers. The language of teaching is Swedish.

The main purpose of upper secondary school is to prepare students for the national **matriculation examination** and for studies at university.

The school year is divided into five periods, consisting of seven to eight weeks and the subjects are taught in courses, each of which usually lasts for one period.

Their national curriculum encompasses the following subjects: Swedish (mother tongue), Finnish, English, German, French, mathematics, natural sciences, history, social science, religion, philosophy, physical education, health and hygiene, art and music.

Apart from a wide selection of courses in theoretical subjects there is also an extensive range of courses for students taking special interest in art, music and sports.

Through cooperation with Västra Nylands Folkhögskola and with Lärkkulla Folkakademi they can also offer courses in Spanish and Russian. In addition, students can take part in a variety of projects. For example, several extensive projects on local history have been accomplished, each of them resulting in a publication written by the students.

At present they are participating in a wide-ranging economy project including topics such as personal everyday economy, the share market, international economy, ethical investments etc.

As for exchange projects they are currently involved in student exchanges with **Varese** in Italy and with Mikkeli and Helsinki in their own country.

Organization of the teaching

- *School year – 5/6 periods*
- *Courses - 38 hours*
- *No fixed forms or year classes*
- *Compulsory, specialised and applied courses*
- *Compulsory studies 60% - optional studies 40%*
- *Individual progress*
- *Student responsibility for planning*
- *Student instruction*
- *Time for studies 2-4 years*

Matriculation exam

- **Compulsory tests:**
 - *Native language*
 - *and three tests in the following subjects:*
 - *Second national language*
 - *Foreign language*
 - *Mathematics*
 - *One test in humanities or natural sciences (history, biology, physics)*
- **Optional tests:**
 - *Mathematics*
 - *Additional language tests*
 - *Additional tests in humanities or natural sciences*
- *Students do in average 6-7 tests*
- **Organization of the tests**
 - *Twice a year in all uppersecondary schools at the same time*
 - *Exam must be completed during three consecutive examinations*



PROJECTS

- **KAVAREX**
Karis-Varese Exchange



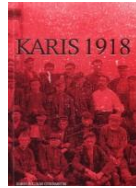
Aims:

- Give an opportunity to international interaction for our students
- Develop the language skills for our students
- Deeper knowledge of our own culture and identity
- Develop skills to present our culture for foreigners
- Develop project work skills as:
 - Accountability
 - Collaboration and organizational skills



PROJECTS/outcomes

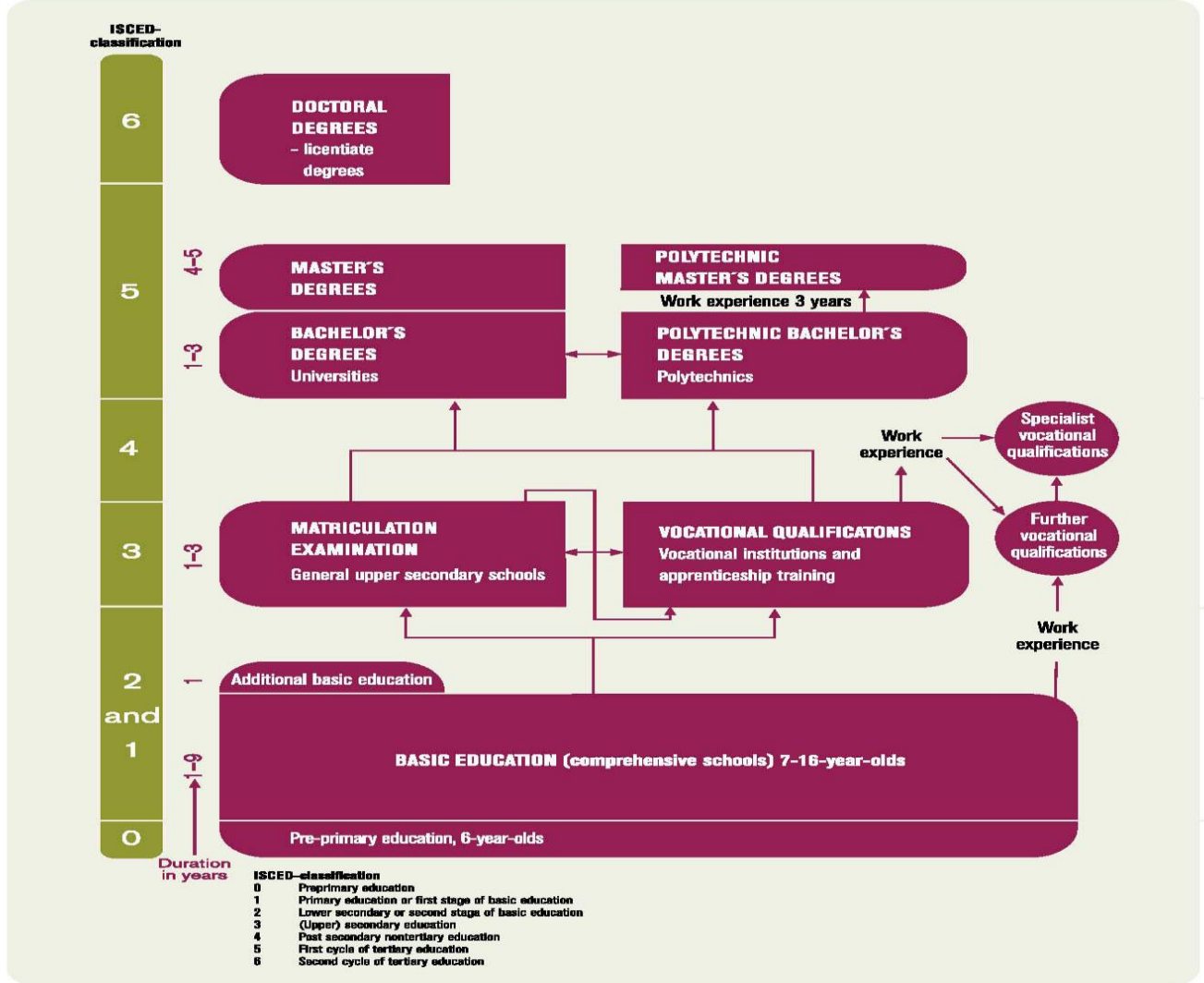
- Books
- Magazine articles
- School magazine
- New courses
- Music CD
- Database
- Microfilms on local historical material
- Exhibitions



- Projects in varying fields, but often common aims
- Projects can promote curriculum change
- Projects have formed our profile
- A local curriculum is an important precondition for school development
- The role of the teachers has expanded
- Favours cooperation between schools as well as teachers and subjects

Here is how the Finnish Education System works – ecco il sistema di istruzione finlandese

THE FINNISH EDUCATION SYSTEM



ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING OF EDUCATION (Who is deciding what?)

- **GOVERNMENT**
 - Legislation
 - National objectives
 - Core contents
 - Funding – about 57% of total
- **LOCAL AUTHORITIES**
 - Organization of education
 - Local curricula
 - Funding

UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Primary aim: Further studies
- Students of 16-19 years age
- 443 schools – average 250 students
- General education
- Native language - Finnish or Swedish
- Second national language
- Foreign languages (English, German, French....)

- *Mathematics*
- *Science*
- *History and social sciences*
- *Religion*
- *Psychology*
- *Philosophy*
- *Music*
- *Visual arts*
- *Physical education*

SOME PICTURES FROM OUR PARTNERS









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