

Prioritizing Joyful Teaching and Learning

A serene landscape with a misty lake, reeds, and evergreen trees. The scene is captured in a soft, light blue color palette, creating a calm and peaceful atmosphere. The reeds are in the foreground, and the trees are in the background, all reflected in the still water.

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The Finnish Approach

- Less school hours
- Less standardized testing
- Less competition between schools
- Less homework
- Less teacher accountability

Joy in the Core Curriculum

“Positive emotional experiences, the joy of learning and creative activities promote learning, and inspire the pupils to develop their competence.”

(Finnish National Board of Education, 2014, p.17)

5 Ingredients of Joy

- Well-being
- Belonging
- Autonomy
- Mastery
- Mind-set

The Learning Environment

“The holistic well-being of the school community and each pupil is taken into account in the development of learning environments. The environment must be safe and healthy and promote healthy growth and development as indicated by the pupils’ age and capacities. The pupils are guided to act responsibly and safely in all learning environments. Learning is supported by a peaceful and friendly working atmosphere and a calm, peaceful mood.”

(Finnish National Board of Education, 2014, p.31)

