



GOVERNANCE IN EDUCATION

autonomy-accountability

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Need to know...

IN FINLAND

- Schooling starts at the age of seven.
- + All children have the right to participate in voluntary pre-primary education during the year preceding compulsory schooling. Nearly all 6-year-olds do so.
- Nearly all children (99.7%) finish comprehensive school. (age 7-16).

Need to know...

IN FINLAND

- The principle underlying pre-primary, basic and upper secondary education is to guarantee basic educational security for all, irrespective of their place of residence, language and economic standing.

Need to know...

IN FINLAND

- The post-compulsory level is divided into general education and initial and further vocational education and training.

- After basic education, 95.5% of school-leavers continue in additional voluntary basic education (2.5%), in upper secondary schools (54.5%) or in initial vocational education and training (38.5%).

Need to know...

President

Parliament

Government

Ministry of education

National Board of Education

Local Authorities and
joint municipal
authorities

Schools

FUNDING:

Ministry of
Education: 57%

Locally: 43%

In practice:
locally - more
than 50%

Need to know...

DEFINITIONS OF THE GAME (RULES, BORDERS)

STATE

- Legislation (equality)
- Core Curriculum (MinEdu, NBEdu)
- Specific orders
(reports after school term)
- Matriculation exam (after upper secondary school)

Need to know...

DEFINITIONS OF THE GAME (RULES, BORDERS)

LOCAL

- School resources, funding
- Local adds on core curriculum

Need to know...

DEFINITIONS OF THE GAME (RULES, BORDERS)

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYERS UNION – TEACHERS`
UNION

- Agreements on salaries
- Definitions of teacher`s work

Need to know...

- No inspection-system.
- No compulsory national testing for whole age group (until matriculation exam after upper secondary school "gymnaisium").
- National evaluation (math, english,...) is done by random selection.
- Questionnaires to local authorities and schools from MinEdu and NBEDu (statistics).

Autonomy in school/headmaster

- Adds on local curriculum (definitions, vocational subjects, use of materials)
- Use of funding, economy
- Definitions in teachers work and salaries (personal skills)
- Quality control and school development
- Projects
- HR
- School-Parents co-operation

Autonomy in school/headmaster

- Student welfare
- Pedagogy, school culture (rules, practices)
- School building, learning environment, use of ICT
- Accountable to board of education)
- Reports (MinEdu, NBEdu), evaluation questionnaires

CO-OPERATION (local authorities, other schools, district, national)

HEADMASTERS PROFESSION

Leadership instead of managerism