



**FISTA**

Finnish **International**  
School of Tampere

**JOINT  
APPLICATION  
INFORMATION  
EVENT**

23/9/2020

**Time flies...**



**Your baby is  
already a 9th  
grader!**





## **COVID-19 implications on the 9th grade**

- No more the Great Unknown!
- They learn a lot about change and plan Bs 😊

### **As of today....**

- TET (Work experience) will take place
- Visits to lukios (general upper secondary schools) have been cancelled till Christmas
- Visits to vocational colleges still available to students
- Possible effects on entrance exams / aptitude tests



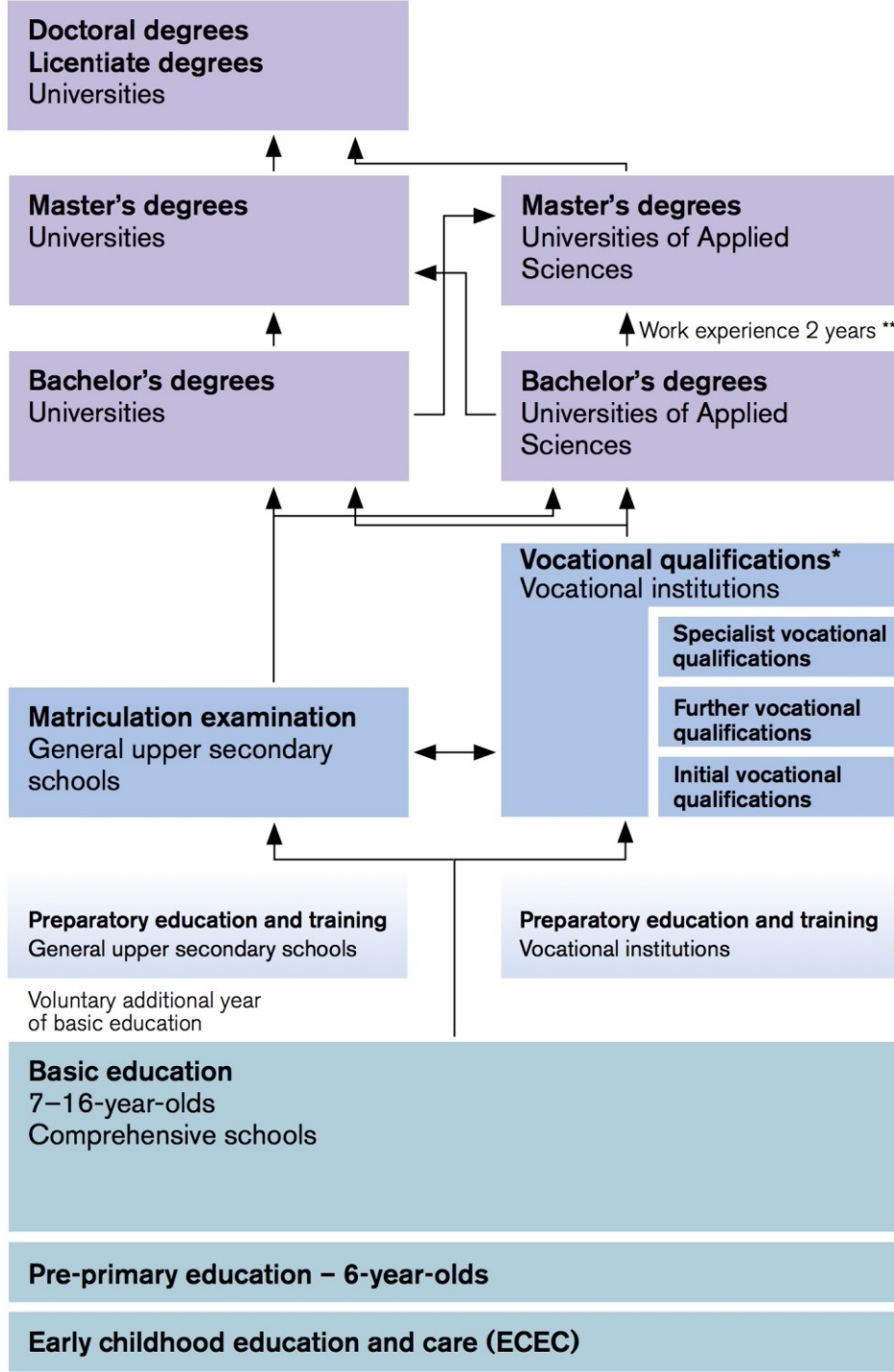
## **Be prepared for distance learning!**

- How does your 9th grader feel about it?
- Do you have all the necessary equipment?
- A working password to access Teams?

## **Do not hesitate to ask help!**

- Homeroom teachers
- Special Ed. Teacher
- Guidance Counsellors
- School Social Worker
- School Psychologist

# FINNISH EDUCATION SYSTEM



No dead ends!

# UPPER SECONDARY STUDIES

## General education (lukio)

- Duration 3 – 4 years
- Compulsory and optional courses, a minimum of 150 credits
- More academic than upper secondary vocational studies
- Studies culminate in a matriculation examination
- 11 schools in Tampere

## Vocational studies

- Duration approx. 3 years
- In addition to vocational studies, the syllabus includes languages, mathematics, sports, social studies and working life skills
- On-the-job learning: 20-30 weeks in total
- Tredu, Varala and Sasky

# WHO IS IT FOR?

## General education (lukio)

- Those interested in academic studies
- Those willing to study on their own too (a lot of homework)
- Those needing time to consider career options
- Those keen to pursue further studies at university or university of applied sciences

## Vocational studies

- Those keen to learn a trade and find work quickly
- Those who know what trade they are interested in
- Those interested in learning by doing
- Those who want to complete part of their studies at work
- It is also possible to combine vocational studies and lukio studies

# JOINT APPLICATION SYSTEM

- National procedure for applying to general and vocational studies at the secondary level
- Students can apply to a maximum of 5 different schools/study programmes
- Online application is available at [www.opintopolku.fi](http://www.opintopolku.fi) in Finnish, some information also available in English
- Application time: February 23 through March 23, 2021
- There are some options which are not included in the joint application system
  - Studies in foreign languages



# TIMETABLE

- National language test in the spring (probably in **April**)
- Entrance examinations and/or aptitude tests **in April or May**
- The results will be in on **June 17, 2021 at the earliest**
- **Enrollment confirmation deadline: July 1, 2021**
- The national supplementary application round (clearing) from June onwards (unfilled study places)

# ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: LUKIO

- Based on the GPA (grade point average) of the academic subjects in the Basic Education Certificate
- Some general upper secondary schools (lukio) also require an entrance exam or additional documents of experience / activities (IB Programme, Sports Programme, Music & Musical Theatre Programme, Art and Design Programme etc.)

# ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: VOCATIONAL COLLEGES

## **Based on points awarded, among other things, for**

- General academic success (GPA of all the subjects in the Basic Education Certificate)
- Success in relevant subjects (especially artistic and practical subjects)
- Work experience
- Possible aptitude tests or entrance examination

# ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: VOCATIONAL COLLEGES

## Points awarded for

- Basic education certificate earned in 2021
- General academic success
- First choice extra points
- Second - fifth choice
- Tests

## Points:

6

1- 24

2

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## Maximum score

32 - 42

# OTHER OPTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- Voluntary additional basic education (**10<sup>th</sup> grade**)
  - The goal: to improve grades according to a personal learning plan
- Preparatory education for general upper secondary education (lukio) for immigrants and foreign-language speakers (**Luva**)
- Foreign-language speakers' pre-vocational programmes (**Valma**)
- Application through the Joint Application System

# SOME FURTHER INFORMATION

- No parents' signatures needed in the online application
- Parents and guardians must be heard according to the law -> we will send you a written "application plan form" to sign
- In case of changes or mistakes, the request must be sent from the **student's email address** to Studyinfo help service at [neuvonta@opintopolku.fi](mailto:neuvonta@opintopolku.fi) during the application period
- For further information, you can also contact the Finnish National Agency for Education (EDUFI) in Helsinki on **029 533 1010** (Phone help service only available from December 2020 onwards)

# PARENTS' EVENINGS ON FURTHER STUDIES

- Joint application and study opportunities in Tampere / Pirkanmaa:
  - **A Teams Meeting at 6 pm on November 5, 2020.**
  - **For parents of students in special education: November 19, 2020**
- More info to follow

# Let's co-operate to support our 9th graders with their decision-making

## At school we:

- Give information about study options
- Give individual guidance counselling to every 9th grader
- Do the Joint Application together
- Check the grades and applications

## We suggest that at home you:

- Talk with your child about his/her wishes
- Discuss different study options
- Be supportive in this period of transition in your child's life





**Let's help our 9th graders to pack a backpack they can carry!**



# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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