



NURMIJÄRVI

# Rajamäki Primary school



## Schools in Municipality of Nurmijärvi

- 18 primary schools, classes 1 to 6
- 1 primary school for Swedish speaking children, classes 1 to 6
- 2 comprehensive schools, classes 1 to 9
- 3 lower secondary schools, classes 7 to 9
- 1 school for children with special needs
- 3 upper secondary schools, one of which is a private school
- 1 upper secondary school for adults





## Equality of teaching



- Educational laws and regulations
- National bases of curriculum
- Steering and guidelines: Ministry of Education, National Board of Education, Educational services of Municipalities
- Local curricula
- Cooperation between schools, districts, municipalities, organisations etc.  
=> professional frame of reference





## Pupils at Rajamäki Primary school



- Rajamäki Primary school gives elementary education for pupils between ages 7 and 12.
- There are 600 pupils in Rajamäki Primary school.
- 25 classes/groups  
(pupils in one group 17 – 29)
- Three groups for children with special needs.  
(max. 10 pupils/group)





## Staff



- Principal
- Vice-Principal
- Deputy Principal
- 25 Class teachers
- 3 Special class teachers
- 3 Special needs teachers
- 2 Teachers in crafts
- 2 Teachers in languages
- 9 Special needs assistants
- Office personnel
- School social worker, psychologist and school nurse



## Projets

- Deminishing group size
- Educational equality

To Decrease differences between districts (social background/unemployment/low level of education of parents)

- Demanding special needs education
- Finnish schools on the move

To Increase physical activity

- ICT

Regional project/10 municipalities



## New Curriculum 1/2



- The objective of the new curriculum is to meet the challenges of our current society and future competence requirements.
- In the new curriculum education constitutes a uniform learning path starting from early childhood education and continuing through out basic education.





## New Curriculum 2/2

- The new curriculum takes into account new learning methods, such as ICT and integrated learning, and the changes happening in the learning environment.
- The focus of the new curriculum is to improve the pupils learning outcome and introduce new tools in supporting the well being of a child in a school environment.





# Learning community and shared leadership

## Teachers

- Teachers have a high professional stature  
Respected profession  
Trust in the teachers abilities and know how (tradition of educated teachers)
- Responsibility of their own class/group  
Plan – Do – Check – Act.
- Every teacher is a member of two teams  
Teams of development  
(curriculum, quality, happenings, ICT)  
Grade level teams



# Learning community and shared leadership

## Tasks of the teams

- To deploy curriculum
- To improve and develop cooperation
- To participate continuing education and share know-how
- To plan multidisciplinary modules and cross-curricular modules
- To plan and carry out support of learning
- To participate pupils to work, planning and developing
- To participate to work of executive team (chairman)



# Learning community and shared leadership

## Principal

Pedagogical leadership

Management

Inc. for example

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## **Why we have excellent possibilities to be succeed in reform?**

- "We have done this together"
- Expecting atmosphere
- Strong pedagogical support to municipalities and schools
- Cooperation, copartnership
- Trust and respect



## Current issues in Rajamäki school

- Multidisciplinary module "Rajamäki", cross-curricular wholeness, january - april

(mathematics, mother tongue and literature, history, PE, arts)

- Improving study motivation and school satisfaction

(pupils participation in planning, PE/recesses, learning to learn skills..)

- Differentiation, individual needs
- Self-assessment by pupil