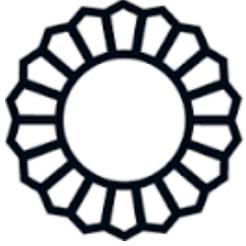


LAPPEENRANNAN  
LYSEON LUKIO

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UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL



## In a Nutshell

Lappeenrannan Lyseo is a publicly funded upper secondary school that shares its facilities with the South Karelia IB World School and the Finnish-Russian School of Eastern Finland.

Number of students: 728

Number of teachers: 42

Number of ancillary staff: 11

# Who We Are

For more than a hundred years now, we have been part of the educational scene in Lappeenranta, a town of some 70,000 people in the south-east of Finland.

Our students are usually 16 years old when they begin their studies with us and graduate three years later.



# How We Are Governed

We are governed and funded by the City Education Department. They determine the intake criteria and allocate our annual budget.

The link between us and the Department is our Principal Mika Luukkonen. He runs the school within the general framework defined by the Education Department.



# The Sidekicks

In addition to Principal Mika Luukkonen, we have two Vice Principals, Helena Mielikäinen and Antti Sirkiä, plus the local IB Coordinator Liina Luukkonen.

We also have two school counsellors and a special needs teacher, who seek to keep our students' goals realistic and maintain their resolve to go the extra mile that sometimes may be needed to achieve those goals.

On the grassroots level, we have an active group of peer tutors ready to guide and advise our newcomers at the beginning of their studies and support them throughout their first year with us.

# What We Do

In addition to regular upper secondary studies leading to university eligibility, we also offer IB classes and a special Russian language programme. As a spin-off, we value international contacts and have a long tradition of projects carried out together with foreign schools in various parts of Europe.



# How We Do It

The school year is divided into two terms: autumn and spring term. The autumn term begins in early August, the spring term ends in early June.

The terms are divided into grading periods: there are five of them altogether. Each grading period has 6 weeks of teaching and one week of examinations.

The subjects we study are divided into thematic parts called courses. Advanced Mathematics, for instance, has 10 compulsory courses plus a number of optional courses. A selection of these courses are taught during each grading period. In 13 periods, all compulsory and the required number of optional courses are completed.

# Towards Graduation

To graduate, every student must take at least 75 courses. They must take all the compulsory courses that are defined in the National Curriculum. They then complement their studies with optional courses. On average, our students take something between 75 and 100 courses before their National Matriculation Examination.

The Matriculation Examination consists of at least four subjects, of which Finnish is always required. The examination is taken online either in spring or in autumn.

# Not Just Academic Work

Our on-line school magazine Lyskari has an all-student editorial staff that work outside regular school hours throughout the year. There are scheduled meetings for the whole staff where stories and illustrations are discussed and decided on, but most of the writing and photography is carried out individually or in small groups.

The address is

<https://lyskari.net>

# Drama Classes

All our students have an opportunity to attend inspiring drama classes intended to bolster their courage of expression, improve their self-awareness and bring out the best of their interaction skills.

The students engage in a variety of exercises in team-building, sensory perception, improvisation and motion control. The basic underlying idea is to find the joy of expression and build trust inside the class. These qualities are needed in the higher level classes where the aim is set for carrying out a full-fledged theatrical production in association with the City Theatre.

# Drama Productions



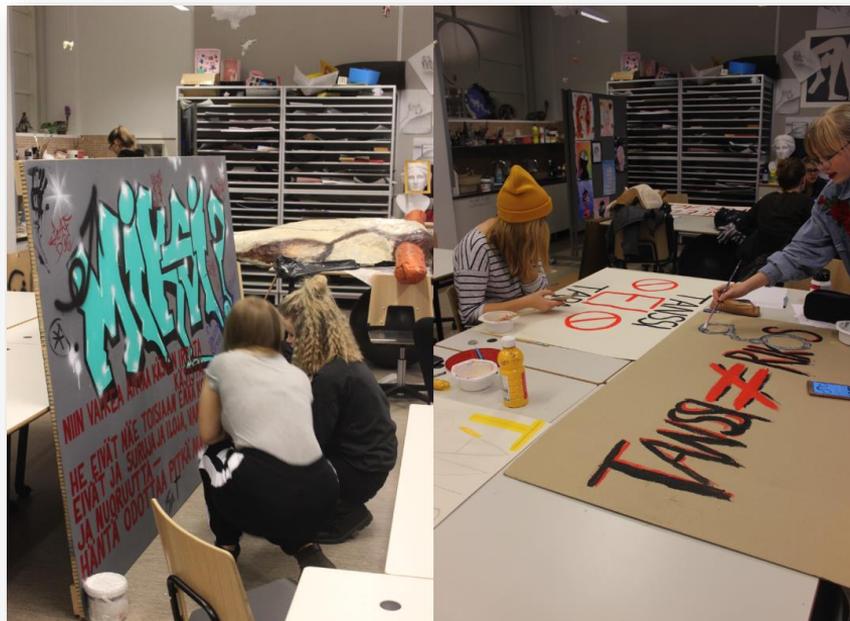
FOOTLOOSE, 2019

THE GIRL IN A LEATHER JACKET, 2017



# Student Council

Our student council organizes student events and festivities. The responsibility for these activities always lies within the council, although in some cases ad-hoc working groups comprising students outside of the council may also be formed to organize events requiring extensive planning.



# Traditional School Events

## SCHOOL-LEAVING MASQUERADE



## SENIORS' DAY DANCE



## GRADUATION CEREMONY



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