

# Timeline of Finland's education reforms

The church and guilds as educators  
12th century

Elementary forms of  
general and vocational  
education

Post-feudal society  
16th century

Grammar school

1st University  
1640

factory schools

Civil society and nation state  
19th century

University of Helsinki  
1828

Matriculation  
Examination 1852

the primary school  
1866

compulsory education  
1921

Industrial society and welfare state  
After World War II

Vocational School Act  
1939  
expansion of upper  
secondary education

New universities

Foundation of  
comprehensive school  
1971-1977

School System Act  
1968

Teacher education  
reform  
(to the MA or MSc level)  
1978

Abolition of tracking of  
pupils  
1985

Vocational education  
reform  
1980-90

Upper-secondary  
school Act 1985

Decentralization of  
education 1991-