

## **Finland**

#### **Educational Timeline**

- School year: August to June; Graduation occurs in June
- Primary education (Peruskoulu/Grundskola) is nine years, followed by three years of secondary school (Lukio/Gymnasium)

## **Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement**

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

Lukion Päästötodistus/Dismissionsbetyg

Upper Secondary School Completion Certificate

-Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts for three years of secondary school

Perustutkinto/Grundexamen

Vocational Qualification Certificate

-Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts for three years of secondary school

Ammattitutkinto/Yresexamen

Further Vocational Qualification Certificate

-Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts for two years of secondary school

Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/Studentsexamensbetyg

Matriculation Examination Certificate

-Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts for three years of secondary school

# **Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement**

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

Peruskoulun Päästötodistus

Comprehensive School Completion Certificate

#### **GPA Calculation**

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by using all grades listed on the official certificate from "Group A" above. Convert all grades listed on the certificate line-by-line to US equivalents. Convert to quality points, and divide the total quality points by the total number of courses attempted. Weight all grades equally.

# **Grading Scale (may not be all inclusive)**

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Description	Translation	<b>Numeric Grade</b>	<b>US Grade</b>	<b>Quality Points</b>	
Erinomainen	Excellent	10	Α	4	
Kiitettävä	Praiseworthy	9	Α	4	
Hyvä	Good	8	В	3	
Tyydytävä	Satisfactory	7	В	3	
Kohtalainen	Moderate	6	С	2	
Välttävä	Adequate	5	С	2	lowest passing grade
Hylätty	Failure	4	F	0	

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#### 5-point scale

Description	Translation	Numeric Grade	US Grade	<b>Quality Points</b>	
Kiitettävä	Praiseworthy	5	А	4	
Erittäin Hyvä	Very Good	4	В	3	
Hyvä	Good	3	В	3	
Erittäin Tyydytävä	Very Satisfactory	2	С	2	
Tyydytävä	Satisfactory	1	С	2	lowest passing grade
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# **Class Ranking**

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in his/her secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students).

## **Post-Secondary Education**

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

University

Polytechnic

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