



# Early childhood, pre-school and basic education in Savonlinna







Lake Saimaa

Town Hall



Olavinlinna Castle



# Facts about Savonlinna

2024



Founding year: 1639 (385 years old)

Province: Etelä-Savo (South Savo)

Inhabitants: 31 470

Large area: 3 598 km<sup>2</sup> - 38% water, Lake Saimaa

Savonlinna Centre, Punkaharju, Kerimäki, Savonranta

## Employment sectors:

- Services 71 % (public & private services e.g tourism)
- Industry 22 % (mechanical engineering, wood processing)
- Agriculture and forestry 4 %, other 3%

Culture: Olavinlinna Castle (550 years old), The Opera festival, Riihisaari, Lustojärvi

Nature: Lake Saimaa, forests, Saimaa ringed seal



# Education in Finland



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Higher education, provided by universities and universities of applied sciences (UAS)

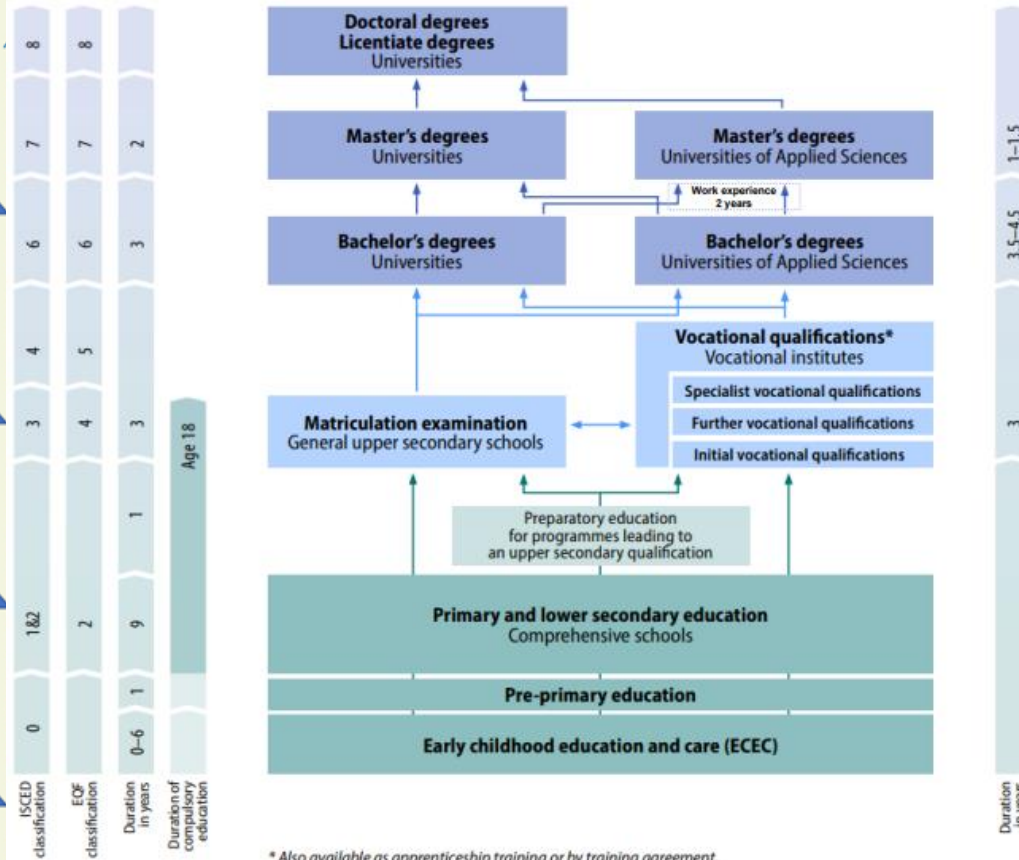
Upper secondary education, which consists of general and vocational education

9 years of basic education (comprehensive school)

1 year of compulsory pre-primary education;  
**Goal is to improve children's opportunities for learning and development.**

Early childhood education  
•education, teaching, care

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# Early childhood education and pre-school education in Savonlinna



## Early childhood education age 0-5

550 children

Day Care Centres (Päiväkoti) in Savonlinna, see the map:

[Päiväkodit](#)

## Pre-school Education age 6

200 pre school students

Pre-school units are located either in Day Care centers or adjacent to school



# Education in Savonlinna



## Elementary education, grades 1-9

2 500 students

4 comprehensive schools (1-9 grades)

7 primary schools (grades 1-6)

Elementary schools, see the map

[Koulut](#)

## Upper secondary education

2 upper secondary schools + 1 for adult education

800 students

- Savonlinnan Lyseon lukio (general, sports) <https://savonlinnanlyseonlukio.onedu.fi/web/>
- Savonlinnan Taidelukio (music and art) <https://www.taidelukio.fi/>

## Vocational education

- Samiedu Vocational College <https://samiedu.fi/en/>
- Tanhuvaara Sport Institute [Tanhuvaara Urheiluopisto & Sport Resort | Ilo liikuttaa!](#)



# Emphasized learning paths in Savonlinna basic education



## Science education (Mertala comprehensive school)

- 7.-9. grades
- Emphasize mathematics, chemistry and physics



## Music education (Mertala and Talvisalo comprehensive school)

- 5.-9. grades
- Emphasize music (playing different instrument and singing)



## Sport education (Talvisalo comprehensive school)

- 7.-9. grades
- support physical capabilities and sports characteristics

# Higher education in Savonlinna



**University of Applied Sciences**

[South-Eastern Finland University of Applied Sciences \(XAMK\), Savonlinna Campus](#)

**University education, online courses in Universities**

<https://savonlinnankesayliopisto.fi/>





# Registration, Early childhood education and preschool, children of age 1-6:



- Registration in advance is mandatory.
- Apply when you know your address in Savonlinna.  
Children are placed to the nearest Day Care center.
- The educational office is closed in July.
- **Early childhood education** - apply via the educational office – **ask for a registration form in PDF format**
  - You will receive a decision about acceptance from the director of the Day Care Center.

**PDF application form, Early childhood education ECEC (daycare and preschool, päiväkoti and esikoulu),**

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**The online forms for enrollment and applying (only in Finnish)**

Daycare: [Desktop \(savonlinna.fi\)](https://savonlinna.fi) (Finnish personal ID numbers (henkilötunnus) are required, Adjust English settings)



# Registration, basic education, elementary schools, children of age 7-15:



- Registration in advance is mandatory.
- Please, apply before June 20th if you need a place starting in August, or as soon as possible after arriving to Savonlinna.
- The educational office is closed in July.
- **Basic Education** – apply via the educational office – **ask for a registration form in PDF format**
  - You will receive a decision about school placement signed by the head of the education
  - Usually children attend **preparatory class** for about 9 months and then continue studying in the nearest school.
  - Preparatory classes are located in Mertala School, Simasalonkatu 2, 57200 Savonlinna

**PDF application form: Basic education** (elementary school, koulu)

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Elementary school: [Savonlinnan kaupunki - Huoltajan ilmoitus kouluun tulevasta oppilaasta \(epalvelu.fi\)](https://www.savonlinna.fi/kaupunki-huoltajan-ilmoitus-kouluun-tulevasta-oppilaasta)





# Welcome to Savonlinna

