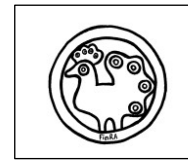


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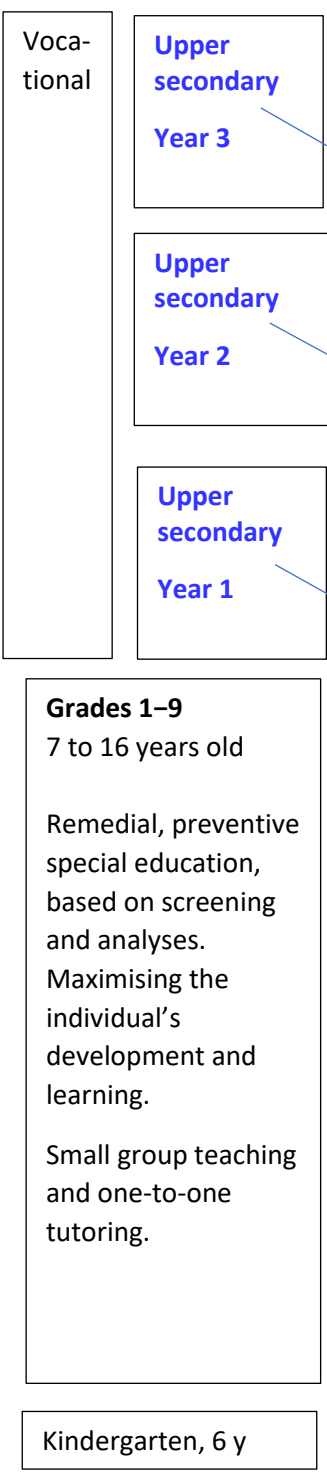
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## Supporting the students in the Gymnasium, the upper secondary school Katedralskolan in Åbo, Finland



The first national exam: The Matriculation Examination is a national examination based on the syllabus of the Finnish upper secondary school

**August 2021 new law**  
compulsory education for all up to 18 y  
12 years free of charge instead of 9 years



As a result, the MEB might allow prolonged time for exams (6+2h), allowing spelling mistakes etc.

Autumn 18 students  
Tests issued by the Matriculation Examination Board (MEB) completed.  
10 students written response.

August all 100 students  
Screened in reading comprehension and spelling

September 30 students (<-1sd)  
individual response, interview: school history, challenges, tests, learning challenges in the family + new test: Letter, word and sentence chains

- ✓ For the student, insight and tools for studies
- ✓ For the teacher, to build on strengths, beware of challenges
- ✓ Maximising each student's performance.

8 students' results meet the requirements for statement of "dyslexia". All tests, observations by teachers, analyses of student's work is included in the application to the MEB.

April, 12 + 6 (new) students  
Screening: self-report, working memory, vocabulary, spoonerisms, phonological and orthographic reading.  
Response mapping of strengths and challenges

October, 12 students  
written response, information of special needs to subject teachers: time, spelling, hypersensitivity, medical issues.  
Further analyses in the spring.

October, 18 students  
written response, tutoring, support lessons, student initiated support

