



The Icelandic school system



How many schools in Iceland?

- Kindergarten = 276
- Primary and Secondary (Grunnskóli) = 170
- Kindergarten and primary = 2
- Colleges = 30 (16 – 19 year)
- Vocational schools = 5
- Universities = 5
- **Almost all of them are public schools!**
- Uni of Reykjavik costs 2000 Euros per semester for a Bachelor degree

How is the school system in terms of age?



- 1 – 5 years old = Kindergarten (optional). 97% of children go to kindergarten. 200 Euros a month (8 hours with two meals a day).
- 6 – 16 years old = compulsory education, free.
- 16 – 19 years old = college, free.

Vocational schools



- 3 years in a school
- 2 years working
- Different lines f.eks e.g.
 - Plumbing
 - Electricial
 - Painting and decorating
 - Mechanic



College 16 – 19 year olds



- 3 years
- Different lines
 - Languages
 - Business
 - Social subjects
 - Science subjects
 - Art - line



Entrepreneurs in colleges!



- Work on in either for a week or the whole term
- Students in group of 3 – 7 students
- Decide a project to design
- Make a product – or an idea
- Marketing plan in Icelandic and English
- Introduce the project





How long is the school day in secondary and primary?



- From 8:30 – 13:30 (15:00 in secondary)
- Lunch at school paid by parents
- After school activity until 17:00 – paid by parents.

***All children have:
180 days at school each year
30 – 35 lessons a week.***

- Icelandic
- Maths
- English
- Danish
- Social science
- Science
- Sport
- Swimming
- Art
- Woodwork
- Textiles
- Home economics

Secondary can choose 4 – 6 hours a week.

Sports, Spanish, knitting sweater, make-up, finance, steel work, car repairs.



Languages

- Icelandic is our mother tongue.
- From 3rd grade English (most children speak English).
- From 7th grade Danish.
- In college you choose a 3rd language (Spanish, German, French)

Project based learning (PBL)



- Many subjects taught together
- Team-teaching
- “Open timetable”

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National tests..



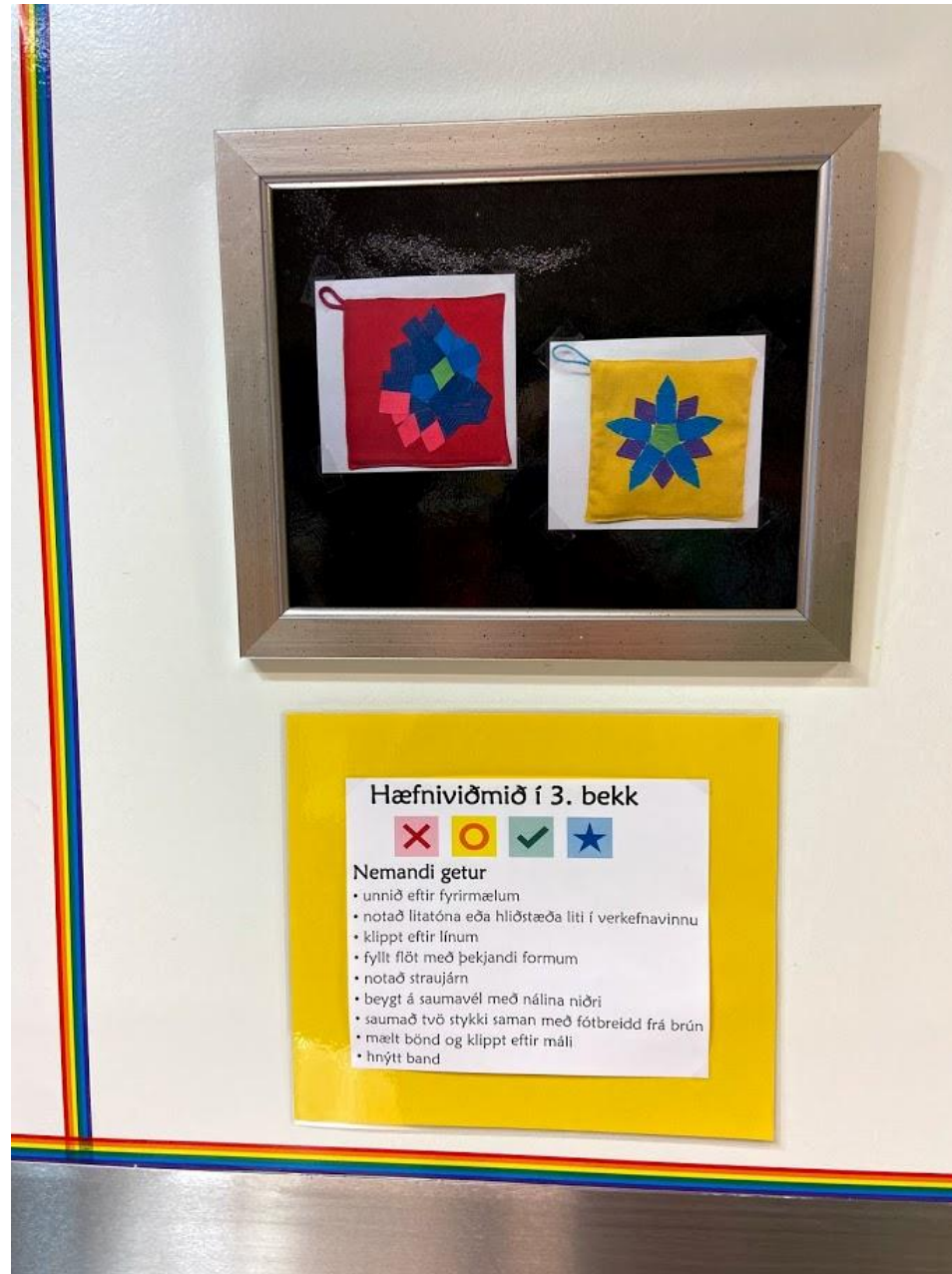
- 4th grade
 - 7th grade
 - 9th grade
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- Pisa – special episode 😊

KEY COMPETENCES OF THE CURRICULUM



- Expression and communication
- Creative and critical thinking
- Independence and cooperation
- Using media and information
- Responsibility and evaluation of one's own education
- Wellness and health

Evaluation



School for everybody!



- School without segregation – school for everybody.
- Schools are similar – in general parents do not buy houses in terms of schools in the area.

Working school!

Summer jobs for teenagers





How many children in a class?

- 1 – 3 years old = 5 children per adult.
- 4 years old = 8 children per adult.
- 5 years old = 12 children per adult.
- 6 – 15 years old = 18 – 25 children in a class.
- Primary classes often have a teacher assistant.
- Average = 22 children in a class.

Teacher – education



- 5 years at University!!!
- 5th year get paid to work in school.

New law!

- 1st of January 2021 - All teacher stages are equal!
- 1st of June 2021 – 36-hour work week!

Teachers!



- A teacher that works full time in primary teaches **26 x 40 minutes per week.**
- Most schools **require** that teachers prepare in school up **to 36 – 38 hours a week.**
- Holiday: 10 weeks summer holiday, 2 weeks at Christmas, 10 days at Easter.
- Children are most often 180 days a year in school.

Teachers' – salary!



- Average:
45 years old
15 years of teaching experience
100% post = 26 x 40 min lesson a week.
- Before tax is around ISK 530.000 = **3800 Euros**
- After tax is around 390.000 ISK = **2600 – 3000 Euros**
- One litre of milk costs 170 ISK (1,4 Euros) ☺
- Renting a 90m2 flat in the suburb costs 200.000 ISK a month (1400 Euros!!!)

Teachers' salary and – educational grant



- **Teachers can earn extra money at school by:**
 - Taking extra classes when they are not teaching, well paid
 - Taking break and lunch duties with children
- Professional development = 130 hours a year.
- 1800 Euros over two years.

Other professional staff at school



- Study counsellor
- Occupational therapist
- Leisure counsellors – after school activities
- Psychologist - one pr. two or three schools
- Speech therapist – one pr. two or three schools
- School nurse















