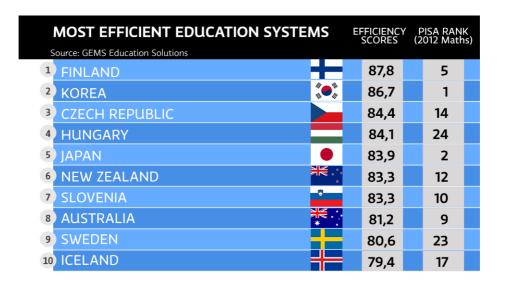
Title:	Why Finland's schools outperform most others across the world
First Broadcast:	Jan 2020
Source:	ABC's 7.30 Report
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Video & Script:	https://www.abc.net.au/7.30/why-finlands-schools-outperform-most-others-across/11915770
Summary:	Finland's schools consistently outperform Australian schools and most others across the developed world.

KEY WORDS

Below is a list of words which appear in the report - can you match the words with their correct definition? Use a dictionary to help you if you aren't sure.

assess	
collect	
fair	
fear, concern or nervousness	
have a role in or be an important part	
of something	
immensely	
much desired or in demand	
noisy, boisterous	
of the same or a similar kind	
programme of studies	
put on warm clothing	
something built for a specific purpose	
unwelcome involvement in the	
activities and concerns of other people	

curriculum (n)
feature (v)
rug up (v)
raucous (adj)
school facilities (n)
raise funds (v)
equitably (adv)
evaluate (v)
sought after (adj)
interfere with their work (v)
anxiety (n)
vastly different (adv)
homogenous (adj)



SUMMARY

Finland's schools consistently outperform Australian schools and most others across the developed world.

FOCUS QUESTIONS

- Where is Finland? What do you know about the country?
- In Finland, there's little anxiety about finding the right school for your child why?
- Why do you think Finland's schools consistently outperform schools in most developed countries?
- What might be the single biggest difference in Finnish education?
- School students in Finland spend a lot of time playing, either indoors or outdoors. Do you think this is important?

LISTENING

First watch the report and answer the questions

•	Compared to Australian school kids, students in Finland spendtime in a classroom.	as much
•	How the curriculum is taught in Finland is decided by	
•	Finland's schools do not have exams. T / F	
•	The single biggest difference in Finnish education is the	
	OMPREHENSION QUESTIONS fer watching the report, try to answer the following questions	
1.	Who decides how much technology features in Finland's classrooms?	
2.	Who pays for student lunches and things like books and excursions?	
3.	Parents only have to pay school fees. T / F	
4.	There are regular exams in Finland but the results are not	·
5.	All teachers in Finland must have a	
6.	What advice does Vesa Ayras, a school principal, give?	
	Try to build (a) system (in which) you	
7.	What does Oona Arnez, a teacher, say at the end of the report is very important in Finland comes to education?	when it

"Society respects the teachers and it means also _

evaluate sought after

curriculum feature rug up raucous raise equitably evaluate soug

CLOZE

Use the words to complete the sentences

The form of the word may need to be changed

facilities raise

	interfere anxiety vastly homo	genous	
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3.	3. It is very common for students to feel before an exam		
4.	4. Many people questioned whether giving private schools, which charged pare	ents thousands of doll	lars
	of fees, the same amount of government funding as public schools was		
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	can earn tens of thousands of dollars per booking.		
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	how they teach their classes.		
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	was freezing.		
13.	13. There were cheers from the crowd when the home tea	am scored a third goa	al
	and won the game after they had been 2-0 down.		

ANSWERS

• half	1. teachers
(individual) teachers	2. it is free
• F	3. F
standard of teaching	4. published and shared
	5. Master's degree
	6. trust the people
	7. " the parents respect the teachers and they don't question the teachers"

assess	evaluate
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immensely	vastly
much desired or in demand	sought after
noisy, boisterous	raucous
of the same or a similar kind	homogenous
programme of studies	curriculum
put on warm clothing	rug up
something built for a specific purpose	facilities
unwelcome involvement in the activities and concerns of other people	interfere

- 1. As part of the state's high school **curriculum**, every student had to study English right through until they completed year 12.
- 2. Each year, all teachers at the school had to undergo peer **evaluation** of their classroom teaching practices.
- 3. It is very common for students to feel **anxious** before an exam.
- 4. Many people questioned whether giving private schools, which charged parents thousands of dollars of fees, the same amount of government funding as public schools was **equitable**.
- 5. Once they leave office, American presidents are much **sought after** public speakers and can earn tens of thousands of dollars per booking.
- 6. Teachers sometimes complain that parents these days tend to **interfere** too much in how they teach their classes.
- 7. The country has a very **homogenous** society with most people sharing similar cultural backgrounds and values.
- 8. The government announced an extra \$100 million in funding to build new classrooms and upgrade the country's educational **facilities**.
- 9. The new school playground **featured** a basketball court and an ice rink.
- 10. The school held a cake sale to **raise** money to buy books for the new library.
- 11. The school's new state of the art library was a **vast** improvement on the previous one which was basically just a small classroom with some books in it.
- 12. The teacher told her students to rug up if they were going to play outside because it was freezing.
- 13. There were **raucous** cheers from the crowd when the home team scored a third goal and won the game after they had been 2-0 down.