



***The Icelandic schoolsystem!***



# *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 cost 2000 Euros pr.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.
  - Plummer
  - Electricial
  - Plummer
  - Painter
  - Mechanic



# *College 16 – 19 year old*



- 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. (primary=
- While doing after school activities children can do sports and music.





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

- Icelandic
- Math
- 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, repair cars .**



# *Languages*

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

# *Project based learning (PBL)*



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

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# *National tests..*



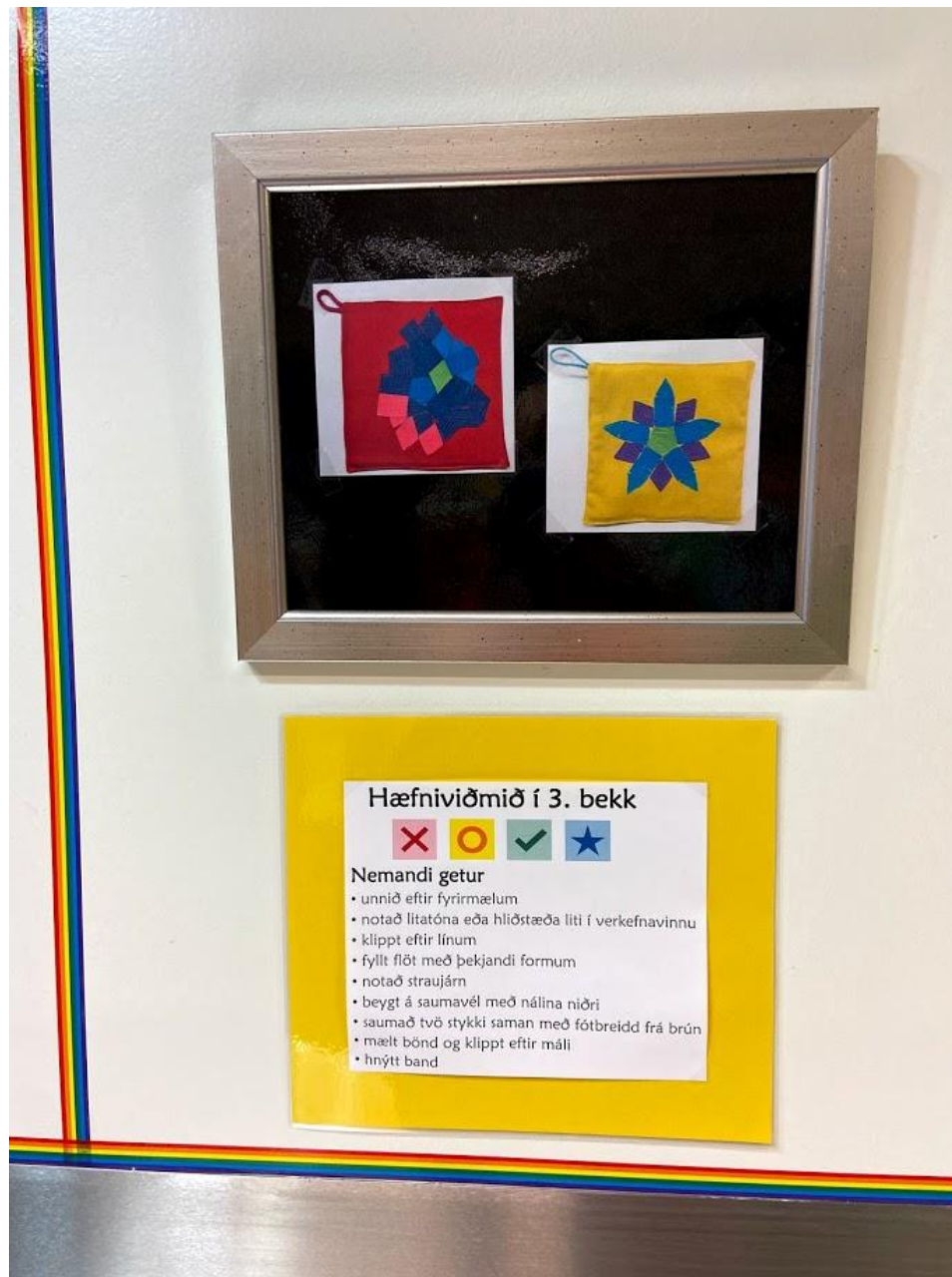
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade
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- Pisa – special episode 😊

# ***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 job 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!!!
- 5<sup>th</sup> year get paid to work in school.
  
- New law!
- 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2021 - All teacher stages are equal!
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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

















