

BASIC EDUCATION IN THE ARTS IN FINLAND

The system of Basic Education in the Arts offers extracurricular arts education primarily to children and young people. It is provided in music institutes, art schools for children and youth, dance institutes, arts and crafts schools, circus schools and in many other institutes. Basic education given in different forms of art progresses in a goal-oriented manner from level to level. It provides skills for self-expression and works as a basis for vocational or higher education in the field. This program is approved by the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture.

The instruction follows curricula devised by the provider on the basis of core curricula issued by the National Board of Education.

Basic Education in the Arts differs from compulsory basic education. A local authority providing basic education in the arts receives statutory government transfers based on the number of inhabitants. Further, public and private education providers receive government grants based on the confirmed number of lesson hours given.

Nurmijärvi Dance Institute (formerly named dance school Balanssi) has been a provider of Basic Education in the Arts since 1989. There are 80 dance institutes / schools in Finland providing Basic Education in Arts. 13 dance institutes receive the government grants, Nurmijärvi Dance Institute being one of them (2016).