



# Culturepath – learning through experiences outside the classroom

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Culturepath is a joint concept created by the City of Turku Education Division and Recreation Division (year 2004) It entails all pupils in comprehensive school being introduced to art and cultural activities and the city's architecture.



Culturepath visits provide pupils with extensive learning environments outside the traditional classroom. Art and cultural experiences and diverse learning environments that are set in the context of activity support positive learning experiences of the pupils and improve their learning results.



Culturepath combines study visits required by different school subjects and curricular themes into a systematic annual programme.

The content of Culturepath visits is part of the content of the cultural education plan and school curriculums.

# Library

The library is visited every year either under guidance of the teacher, or the personnel of the library teaches the library practice and how to search information, or presents books.





# Theatre

Theatre is visited at least four times during basic education under guidance of the teacher.

Teachers can choose themselves the theatre and the play, which support best the subject they are teaching. Theatre visits can be organized together with other subjects.

A theatre can also visit the school.



# Theatre

School classes has a possibility, depending on the theatre of course, to get to know the cast, the director, scenic designers and costume designers. Some theatres also offer possibilities to attend rehearsals.



# Concert

The Culturepath in music provides two concerts by Turku Philharmonic Orchestra. The first visit is made during the year classes 1-4, preferably in the year class 4, and the second in the year class 7.

Turku Philharmonic Orchestra provides learning materials to prepare pupils before the concert visit.



# Concert

The visit in the year class 7 can alternatively be for instance a chamber music concert or a jazz concert.

Culturepath includes many library visits – so, it is also possible to visit Music Library which offers musical experiences and information.



# Museum

Culturepath has altogether five compulsory visits to a museum. Pupils make also two optional visits mostly to a museum in visual arts, one optional visit in history, and one in cross-curricular themes. Therefore Culturepath requires 5-9 visits to a museum in the year classes 1-9.

# Museum – visual arts

The compulsory visit in visual arts:

- the visit to Turku Art Museum in the year class 4 and 7



# Museum – visual arts

The compulsory visit in visual arts:

- the visit to Wäinö Aaltonen  
Museum of Art in the year class 5.





The optional visits can be directed to Luostarinmäki Handicrafts Museum



## The Kurala Kylämäki Village



Workshops in Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova Museums.



It is also possible to visit Turku Castle.

# Museum – history

The compulsory visits in history are made to Turku Castle and to Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova Museums

The optional visit in history is made to Luostarinmäki Handicrafts Museum or Forum Marinum



# Turku Cathedral

In the 7th grade pupils visit Turku Cathedral.

The social- and culture-historical aspects are in focus, so everyone can participate regardless of their religious views.





The framework curriculum for basic education requires that the pupils get to know films and to analyze them. School classes go to the movies in the year class 2, 7 and 9. The purpose of the first common film experience is to learn to understand the media.

The films are mentioned in the framework curriculum in mother tongue and visual arts, but it can be a part of every school subject.



In any case, the majority of the visits supports teaching of cross-curricular themes - especially in the following: to grow up as a human being, cultural identity and internationality, communication and media knowledge, and participating citizenship and entrepreneurship.



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## Kulttuuripolku

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Kulttuuripolku on suunnitelma, jonka perusteella jokainen Turun kaupungin peruskoululainen käy noin kolme kertaa lukuvuodessa eri kulttuurilaitoksissa.

Kulttuuripolku perustuu opetussuunnitelmaan, eli kulttuurivierailut on johdettavissa johonkin oppiaineeseen tai aihekokonaisuuteen. Nämä kulttuurivierailut olisi siis joka tapauksessa tehtävä, mutta Kulttuuripolku tekee retkistä suunnitelmallisempia ja kattavia – ne koskevat jokaista kaupungin peruskoulun oppilasta.

Kulttuuripolku on Turun lupaus oppilaalle ja hänen perheelleen: tällä tavoin aiomme käytännössä toteuttaa opetussuunnitelman vaatimukset. Internetin avulla vanhempien on helppo nähdä tarjonta ja Kulttuuripolku-kirjan avulla he voivat seurata, minkälaisista Kulttuuripolku heidän omat lapsensa kulkevat.

Kulttuuripolun merkitys yksittäiselle oppilaalle voi olla suuri: hän saa hyvän läpileikkauksen turkulaisen kulttuurin kentästä ja tällä tavoin hänestä kasvaa aktiivinen kulttuurikuntalainen.



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The functionality of Culturepath and the number of visitors are monitored on a regular basis, and Culturepath's utilization rate is reported to the Cultural Committee once a year. The annual variation in the utilization rate has ranged from 70 to 80%.

In 2014, a total of 14,934 pupils in comprehensive school visited art and cultural institutions of the City of Turku through Culturepath.



Schools and cultural institutions have always co-operated, but this activity has become more organized and established. Co-operation between cultural institutions and schools is not limited to Culturepath – instead, Culturepath serves as an initiator to new forms of co-operation.



# Kiitos!

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