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Dialogue cards for discussions on the future of school education

Futures Work in Comprehensive Schools project (2023–2024)

Dialogue on school education of the future

Many changes and challenges affect our world right now. They should make us stop and think about what we want from our school education in the long term.

What does school education of the future look like? What are the new skills students will need in the age of artificial intelligence? How can schools help students from different backgrounds build a good life for themselves?

To spur this discussion, the Ministry of Education and Culture has created dialogue cards with eight questions. They encourage you to reflect on, brainstorm and dream about the future of the Finnish comprehensive school education. The cards can be used in class with students as well as in organisations, communities and other similar places.

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These dialogue cards have been created for the Ministry of Education and Culture project 'Futures Work in Comprehensive Schools'. Its purpose is to outline a vision for school education by identifying areas where comprehensive schools need development and capabilities which education should offer to future students. The work centres on changes in society, such as the rise of artificial intelligence and the transition to sustainability, which challenge us to completely redefine the objectives and methods of education.

The project will outline a shared, national vision for school education that can provide the building blocks for future. The project aims to provide opportunities for everyone in Finland to contribute to the work. We hope that these cards will inspire a broad range of people to join the discussion on the future of comprehensive school education.

Read more about the [Futures Work in Comprehensive Schools](#) (in Finnish and Swedish)

Have your say – Join the discussion

The following slides have dialogue cards with eight questions, one slide per question. You may also print out the slides and fold them into cards. The questions are drawn from the online participation tool that was open to everyone in autumn 2024.

The questions prompt you to think about the current state of school education, future skills needs, and broader issues related to the future and sustainability of education.

After the discussion, you can tell us your group's thoughts and ideas by responding to a Webropol survey, where you can give your answers to all or just some of the dialogue card questions. There is a text box at the end of the survey for feedback.

Link to the Webropol survey: <https://link.webropolsurveys.com/S/DCDB4E5533494D6D>

Schools of the future

1.

Which words or characteristics would you use to describe the best possible comprehensive school in the world?

Competence and learning

2.

What are the most important skills or knowledge one learns at school?

Future skills and competence

3.

Which new skills do you think will be needed in the future?

Meaningful school education

4.

How do you think school can support a good and meaningful life?

Schools as drivers of change for a positive future

5.

How can school create and support a positive future for individuals, society and the planet?

Current state

6.

What do you value in our schools today? What is worth preserving for the future?

Current state

7.

What is not working or should be improved in today's school?

Schools of the future

8.

What do you think would be the best motto or slogan for the best possible Finnish school system in the future?