

JYRKI VÄLIMÄKI

Special education teacher, principal, supervisor of work

Leadership mentor for early education and basic education



Anyone can hold the helm when the seas are calm. (Pubilius Syrus, fl. 85-43 BC)

Jyrki worked as the principal of Vasaramäki School in Turku during 1991-2019. Vasaramäki School offer basic education from the 1st to the 9th grade. Pupils are 7 to 16 years old. Vasaramäki School also offers preparatory education classes to young students who have recently immigrated in Finland.

Another special feature is the program for young athletes. School offers them training possibilities and additional Physical Education lessons during the school day. The program is organized under the Sports Academy of Turku region.

The profession of school principal or head teacher is more than just a job. For Jyrki it was a way of living.

Working experience has been the base for his work as a leadership mentor work. Experience as a qualified supervisor of work has brought added value to this.

School inclusion, development of the school environment and school culture, empowerment of young people, entrepreneurship and personal leadership are most important themes for him.

Jyrki has worked several years for the Finnish National Board of Education as an expert of EU-programs in the field of education.