

SISU Schools[®]



ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

**Elementary
Classroom
Teacher**

SISU Schools®

SISU Schools® offers a globalized education program that aligns with Finnish, American, and international standards. Our unique approach to learning emphasizes entrepreneurship, fostering a foundation for children's success and overall happiness.

As a collaborative effort between two renowned education providers, International Schools Services and Lumo Education, SISU Schools® is a transformative school model. It brings high-quality education to any country, in any language, and at any school level.

The SISU Schools® Educational Program includes:

SISU Kids

- SISU Care
- SISU Early Years (Ages 2-4)
- SISU KG/Preschool (Age 5)

SISU Students

- SISU Elementary (Grades 1-6)
- SISU Middle School (Grades 7-10)

SISU Scholars

- High School (Grades 11-12)

SISU Way

Heroes of Learning

The SISU Way is a whole new approach to learning and a life philosophy about each child reaching their full potential and becoming their own best version of themselves – a hero!

SISU Schools® promote entrepreneurial mindset and holistic growth. In the spirit of "less is more" we understand what contributes to a child's success and well-being. Each child is a hero in a SISU school!

This revolutionary program is a unique blend of the best educational practices from two of the world's most acknowledged and recognized educational systems: Finnish and American International.

This powerful combination of overall happiness and entrepreneurial approach to learning ensures success not only in school path but in life.

Learning Environment

Ikgai SISU School has a unique learning environment that promote learning and well-being. The school facilities promote children's natural curiosity and desire to learn as well as guide them to play, be physically active, explore, express themselves through various ways.



Ikigai SISU School Punta Cana

Ikigai SISU School Punta Cana is a distinguished institution that stands as a proud member of the esteemed SISU Schools® network. This educational venture is the result of a fruitful collaboration between two renowned entities: International Schools Services and Lumo Education.

Ikigai SISU School Punta Cana was established in 2021, and it offers a diverse range of educational services to a student body including Early Years (0-3 years), Pre-Kindergarten (4 years), Kindergarten (5 years), and grades 1-3. The institution is proud to announce the upcoming academic year 2024-2025 will showcase continued institutional growth through the introduction of a 4th-grade section. This expansion is a testament to the school's steadfast commitment to providing top-quality education while meeting the needs of its diverse student population.

At the heart of our educational ethos lies the integration of Finnish pedagogy, emphasizing child-centeredness, active student participation, and holistic well-being. This aligns seamlessly with schools goal of cultivating an enriching and innovative learning environment.

The facilities of our school have been meticulously designed by visionary architects to complement our unique pedagogical approach. Notably, our collaboration with the local reef club for outdoor activities provides a practical and experiential dimension to the educational journey.

The school values a diverse teaching team and embraces the cultural diversity and wellbeing of its staff members. As a low-hierarchy organization, it allows all members to be seen, heard, and valued. The academic faculty is often described as warm, caring, and showcasing the Latin way of celebrating each team member's success and growth.

We Offer



UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Opportunity to co-create unique educational experiences combining the best of Finnish and American International education and local values and culture



PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

New opportunities for professional and personal growth



LOCATION

A unique location in the Caribbean: Dominican Republic, Punta Cana; sunny, warm and culturally rich environment



TRUSTED PARTNERS

Working with trusted partner Ikigai Sisu School Punta Cana, International Schools Services, the USA, and Lumo Education, Finland.



INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

A great international community of professionals where your expertise and skills are valued.



COMPETITIVE PACKAGE

Competitive Salary and Benefits Package: This is a full-time position with the possibility of extension, offering a comprehensive package that includes:

- Competitive salary with taxes covered by the employer
- Flight allowance provided at the beginning and end of the contract
- Housing allowance, including utilities
- Meals provided at school (breakfast, lunch, snack)
- Medical insurance coverage
- VISA support with associated costs covered

Job Description

TITLE

3rd Grade Teacher (Ages 8-9)

REPORTS TO

Principal

APPOINTMENT

Full-Time (1-year contract, renewable)

LOCATION

SISU School Punta Cana, the Dominican Republic

DESCRIPTION

Provides advanced classroom instruction to third-grade students, specializing in a broad spectrum of topics and subjects. Proactively participates in collaborative co-planning and co-teaching initiatives, cultivating a dynamic learning environment that supports the professional development of colleagues. Demonstrates a keen understanding of cultural differences, ensuring an inclusive educational experience. Possesses the ability to support the diverse needs of students, fostering an environment that accommodates various learning styles and individual requirements. Assumes a pivotal role in shaping the comprehensive school program and contributes significantly to the development of the school's operational culture.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Classroom

- Performs daily classroom teaching activities and participates in the planning of instructional practices that best support student learning
- Works closely with students, parents, and colleagues to develop the student's Individual Learning Plan (ILP) ensuring understanding, agreement, and support of all stakeholders.
- Provides plans and documents needed based on school's requirements.
- Acts as an active member of the learning community and participates in assessing and developing it.
- Regularly evaluates student progress using research-based formative and summative assessment practices.

RESPONSIBILITIES

General

- Communicates students' everyday activities and progress to parents
- Seeks actively to improve her/his craft as a professional
- Follows established policies and school guidelines
- Knowledge of content, instructional strategies, and student development
- Creates and maintains a respectful and positive learning environment
- Possibility to participate in co- and/or extra-curricular school activities

QUALIFICATIONS:

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

Required:

- Master's Degree in education
- Strong experience, minimum 2 years of elementary level, preferable on grades 1-3
- Experience and knowledge of the Finnish curriculum, pedagogy and instructional strategies
- Mastering co-planning and co-teaching methods

Preferred:

- Previous experience working in a dynamic, multicultural working community and international educational environment

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Required:

- Fluent English

Preferred:

- Any knowledge of Spanish is considered an advantage

PERSONAL QUALITIES

- Person of integrity
- Ready for challenges
- Team player
- An entrepreneurial mindset/SISU mindset on teaching and learning and on one's personal growth
- Approachable and empathetic
- Strong communicator
- Student-centered

NOTE

Should the candidate proceed to the final phase of the recruitment process, the selected candidate must provide:

- Criminal Record Extract (Rikosrekisteriote) not older than 6 months
- 2 References