

Privacy notice for Tuettu study

The Tuettu study is a four-year follow-up study (2020-2024) funded by the Academy of Finland and carried out by a consortium of the University of Helsinki and Tampere University. The study examines issues related to inclusion from the perspective of the placement of students.

The aim of the study is to collect statistical data on the connection between the teaching group and the student's cognitive skills and perceptions of their own learning. The data will be used in the development of Finnish schools.

An individual pupil, class or school cannot be identified from the Tuettu study publications.

This privacy notice describes what the researchers at the University of Helsinki and Tampere University do with the data collected in the study. It also explains how privacy is protected. In other words, the privacy notice tells you

- who is collecting the data and how,
- what information is collected for the purposes of the Tuettu study,
- the lawful basis for the collection and processing of the data,
- to whom the data may be disclosed,
- where and for how long the personal data will be stored; and
- where and how you can request further information.

1. Who will carry out the Tuettu study and collect the data?

The University of Helsinki's Tuettu Research Group and Tampere University's Research Group on Education, Assessment and Learning are jointly responsible for implementing the Tuettu study. The study is funded by the Academy of Finland.

Both universities process personal data in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council and other data protection legislation. The processing of personal data has been agreed upon in a data controller agreement between the two universities under the EU General Data Protection Regulation. The data controllers for the study are:

University of Helsinki

Fabianinkatu 33, 00014 University of Helsinki and

Tampere University Foundation sr

Kalevantie 4, 33014 Tampere University.

2. What and how is the data collected to carry out the Tuettu study?

In order to carry out the Tuettu study, the University of Helsinki collects the following background information on the students participating in the survey:

- name,
- year and month of birth,
- gender,
- curriculum in mother tongue and literature and
- information on intensified or special support
- [grades for spring 2023 \(Finnish, mathematics, science, A1 language\) \(updated 16.10.2023\)](#)

The survey collects data on students' performance on tasks measuring verbal and mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills. The survey also includes questions about students' attitudes towards school and learning and some background information. Answering the questions is voluntary. If a pupil does not wish to answer a question, it can be left blank. The answers will not be known to the teacher and will not affect, for example, grades.

In addition, a school questionnaire will be addressed to the principals of the participating schools and a teacher questionnaire to the teachers of the participating classes. All surveys will be completed electronically. The questionnaires of the different groups of respondents will be combined.

The data may later be combined with official municipal and school-level data from official Statistics Finland statistics and municipalities, on educational institutions and the pupil register data from the Koski database of the education administration (updated 16.10.2023).

The data will be stored in numerical format. The numerical data recorded represent choices (e.g., multiple-choice), yes/no answers or values.

Appropriate security and confidentiality of the data will be ensured as required by the EU General Data Protection Regulation.

The REDCap tool is used for the direct transmission of personal data, specifically designed for the collection and management of survey data containing personal data and sensitive information. The missing data can also be completed by telephone.

3. What is the lawful basis for the collection and processing of data?

The processing of personal data collected in the context of the Tuettu study is necessary for scientific research purposes (Data Protection Act 1050/2018, Section 4(3)).

This means that for the purpose of scientific research, authorisation may be granted to obtain information from public authorities.

In addition, the following special categories of personal data (i.e., sensitive personal data) under Article 9 of the GDPR will be processed: information on possible support for intensified or special support and, for special support, information on the teaching group and the individualisation of the curriculum.

4. To whom is personal data disclosed?

Personal data will not be disclosed outside the research team.

No data from the register will be transferred to a third country or international organisation outside the EU or EEA.

No automated decisions will be taken in the research.

5. Where and for how long is personal data stored?

For data security reasons, direct personal data are stored separately from other research data at all stages of the study in the Umpio storage space maintained by the University of Helsinki's IT Centre, which requires a separate two-step authentication process. Researchers do not have access to direct personal data. Directly identifiable data are only stored for the purpose of linking different data collection rounds of the Tuettu study.

Direct personal data will be stored for as long as necessary, but until the end of June 2028 at the latest. After that, it will be destroyed. The data used by the researchers will be pseudonymised throughout the study. The pseudonymised data will be stored as long as the data are used in the study. After two consecutive years of non-use, the data will be anonymised.

The anonymised data are archived in the Data Archive.

6. What rights do you have and how can you influence the processing of your personal data?

The University of Helsinki and Tampere University process your personal data in accordance with the rights of individuals under data protection legislation (EU General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 1050/2018).

Data subjects have, subject to data protection legislation:

Right of access (right of access to personal data)

Data subjects have the right to know whether or not their personal data are being processed and what personal data are stored about them.

Right to rectification

Data subjects have the right to obtain the rectification or integration, without undue delay, of incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete personal data concerning them. In addition, data subjects are entitled to have any unnecessary personal data deleted from the University's systems.

Right to restrict processing

Under certain circumstances, data subjects have the right to request the restriction of the processing of their personal data until their data have been duly verified and corrected or completed.

Right to object

Under certain circumstances, data subjects have the right to object at any time to the processing of their personal data for compelling personal reasons.

The right to transfer data from one system to another

Under certain circumstances, data subjects have the right to obtain the personal data concerning them, which they have provided to the controller in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format and the right to transfer the data to another Data Controller.

Right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority

Data subjects have the right to lodge a complaint, in particular with the supervisory authority of the place of their habitual residence or place of work, if they consider that the processing of personal data infringes the EU General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679. Data subjects also have the right to administrative remedies and other judicial remedies.

Contact information:

Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman
Street address: Lintulahdenkuja 4, 00530 Helsinki, Finland
Postal address: PO Box 800, FI-00531 Helsinki, Finland
Switchboard: tel. +358 29 56 66700
Fax: +358 29 56 66735
Email address: tietosuoja@om.fi

Requests to exercise the rights of data subjects will follow the controller's information request process.

<https://tietosuoja.fi/ilmoitus-tietosuojavaltuutetulle>.

7. Who can I ask for more information?

For more information on the practical implementation of the survey, please contact Markku Jahnukainen, markku.jahnukainen@helsinki.fi, tel: +358 29 41 44122.

If you are concerned about how your personal data is processed in the context of the Tuettu study, you can raise your concerns directly with the universities that process your personal data. You can contact the Data Protection Officer at the University of Helsinki at tietosuoja@helsinki.fi and the Data Protection Officer at Tampere University at dpo@tuni.fi.