

## **General information about the school**

Klaipeda Lyceum was established in 1995. Founders - Klaipeda University assoc. prof. dr. Regina Kontautienė and teacher-methodologist Elona Kerpienė.

Klaipeda Lyceum is Klaipeda University associated school. School working hours are from 7:40 to 17:30. The school organizes various extra-curricular activities. Students' physical and psychological safety is ensured throughout the day. The food is served three times a day according to the menu based on nutritional principles.

The school forms small classes (up to 18 students). The core teaching staff at Klaipeda Lyceum is composed of certified professional teachers ensuring the highest quality of education and maximum educational results.

The school students are the winners of city, country and international Olympiads.

### **Educational departments and classes:**

- \* Pre-school program (5-6 year olds)
- \* Primary education program (1-4 grades).
- \* Lower secondary education program (5-10 grades).
- \* Secondary education program (11-12 grades). The exam session of Lithuanian, English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and History is organised for students who complete the eighth grade. 9, 10 and 11 grade students take optional exams, according to an individual plan.

### **Teaching foreign students**

The school specializes in teaching foreign students since 1998. For this purpose, according to the need, each year a class is formed where children are taught in English. This class is specially developed for students who do not speak Lithuanian and wish to complete the education program in English.

If foreign students wish to learn the Lithuanian language and integrate into the classroom, where the teaching is organized in Lithuanian, then they are additionally taught Lithuanian according to the individual teaching programme.

All foreigners, together with Lithuanian students, attend art, music, choreography and physical education classes, and participate in extra-curricular activities, school events and celebrations.

The educators from the U.S. and Canada who worked in 1999-2002 school years, and the cooperation with the private St. Edmund's College from UK has helped the school teachers to gain international experience in teaching foreign students.

### **School specializes in:**

- \* intensive programmes teaching mathematics and science
- \* teaching English to young learners
- \* gifted and talented education

### **Klaipeda Lyceum Philosophy and Objectives:**

- \* Students will get all the necessary learning assistance in school through the intensive subject modules and consultation hours.

\* Education at school will respond to the student's interests. The school's mission is to provide an environment where students will feel engaged, loved, respected, heard and understood.

\* The teaching staff is children - loving, honest, creative, polite, devoted and highly qualified, most with extensive teaching experience.

The priority area of education at school is the mental abilities training.

To achieve this, the school has developed and constantly improves individualized and differentiated educational programs. Primary school pupils' achievement is recorded using a specially designed scale method. Senior students' achievement is recorded using a cumulative assessment system that allows teachers to continually personalize the content of teaching and the methods according to each student's academic achievement, social skills and maturity. In this way, each student can learn to the best of its mental capabilities: more gifted can exceed the limits of General Curriculum and do more complex tasks and those who are struggling - learn at their own pace, in order to complete the program without stress.

### **Classes in Klaipeda University**

Every Thursday classes for 9-12 graders are organised not at the Lyceum but in Klaipeda University in the faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. The students may use the university specialized teaching rooms, laboratories, along with the university teachers participate in various natural science projects .

### **Students research projects**

Every year senior students of Klaipeda Lyceum participate in research projects. It is an individual student activity supervised by school teachers. Each student chooses a science area and the problem to investigate during the school year and in spring presents the research results to the whole school community in the scientific research conference '*Search, Investigate, Think*'

Students' involvement in research activities helps them to learn how to use the scientific literature, to develop analytical skills as well as the competences of knowledge structuring and exploration.

### **After-school activities**

- \* Organisation of intensive classes of a wide range of subjects (mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology and English, history, etc.).
- \* Provision of individual and group consultation hours of different subjects.
- \* Organisation of a number of clubs: art related (singing, dancing, drama, arts) and sport (basketball, football, frisbee, badminton, table tennis, chess).
- \* Extended day groups until 17.30.
- \* Gifted student education centre.
- \* Homework assistance.
- \* Speech therapist classes.
- \* Psychological counselling.
- \* Saturday Maths and Science School.

## **Students ' self-government**

Students' self-government is active in the school life. Lyceum students' self-government consists of the student President, the Senate and the Volunteer Council. The Senate consists of one student from each class group. The President and the Senate are elected by the secret ballot for one year term. The School Senate and Volunteer Council members, representing all school students, provide a variety of suggestions for school board regarding the organisation of extracurricular activities, festivals, campaigns, and put in every effort to make not only learning but also all the time spent at school fun and meaningful.

## **School events and festivals**

Every school year is full of traditional events and festivals such as art and subject-related. Art exhibition openings are always welcomed by the whole school community. The school can boast about student art exhibitions, not only at school but also in other galleries in the city and the country. There are also constant students' theatre studio performances, meetings with interesting scientific and artistic people organised at school. Students are involved in creatively organized subject-weeks, sports celebrations, geographers club 'Gaubliukas' and its hiking or cycling along the seaside. The school stands out of its festivals - September 1<sup>st</sup>, Christmas charity campaign and a spectacular Christmas performance, Mother's Day, the concert of school students who acquired musical education and the completion of a school year event.

## **Artists Exhibitions at school**

For many years, with the help of assoc. prof. Juozas Vosylius, the head of the Art Department of Klaipėda University, the school organises exhibitions of professional artists. The students of the school have the possibility to learn about the artists' community, as well as deepen their artistic understanding and develop aesthetic taste. The school is stocking a valuable art collection of the art works exhibited.