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School Description:

Zespół Szkół w Więcławicach Starych is situated 15 km from Krakow. The school is attended by 287 students aged 5-16. They come mostly from rural environment and large families. Their parents live off farm, agriculture or finding a job in Krakow. Our school is also attended by Polish kids from a nearby orphanage located in Sieborowice, and those of Romany descent. Students often require a lot of motivation, support, and additional activities encouraging them to work. Their interests and motivation to learn foreign languages should be constantly aroused. We want to show them the region they live in, as a chance to develop, get an education, and finally, find an attractive job. A lot of children come from families, in which one parent has emigrated abroad to look for a better job. These children don`t believe that staying in their home town may bring them a future success. In our school, except for compulsory subjects, the following special interests groups are carried out: Art, Chess, foreign languages, Maths. We also work using project based teaching. School achievements are presented during Science, Culture, and Art Festival. We also organise sport events like for example: `Saint Jacobs`s Path Run` for students from other schools, and various competitions such as: Kindergartener Competition, Chess Competition, Rubik`s Cube Competition. A well-known event is `Wiecławice Impressions` plein-air painting during which students promote our local heritage. The school employs a closely-knit, creative team of 35 teachers. Teachers working here are engaged in many additional undertakings which help students to fulfil their spare time in a worthwhile way. Our teaching stuff pay much attention to security matter and creating children and teenagers conditions to get to know our local labour market by organising meetings with career advisor or local companies.