**STUDENTS**

**When does school start and when does it finish?**

Classes start at 8:00 am and end at 13:35pm or 14:25 pm.

**What subjects do pupils have in general education?**

Subjects that are learnt: biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, art, music, ethics or religion, history, geography, physical education, Lithuanian language, English language, Russian language, German language, French language, citizenship, economics, information technologies, technology.

**How many years do pupils go to school?**

Pupils have tostudy for 12 years to get secondary education. But it is possible to study at a vocational school after 10 years at secondary school.

**Are there complimentary activities at the school?**

The school has many activities: there are many active clubs which involve – sports, music, art etc. (the schools musical ensemble, dance club, art, theatre and guitar clubs; journalism club, psychology club, craft club, aerobics, Italian language, volleyball, basketball). It is possible to get consultations concerning your education with any subject teacher, various festivals, celebrations, campaigns and gatherings are organized (for example: movie night on the last Friday of each month; campaigns such as “Freedom For Bikes”; talent shows).

**How many hours do pupils spend on homework?**

The amount of time which students spend doing homework varies from 1 to 2 hours, depending on how much homework they were assigned. If there isn’t a lot of homework, 30 minutes is enough. More time is spent to prepare for tests (from 3 to 4 hours).

**How do pupils spend their free time?**

Students usually spend their free time with friends, peers, on the computer. They sometimes read books or magazines, they enjoy sports (basketball, table tennis, billiard), they sometimes go to basketball or football matches, relax at home, go shopping, go to cafes or movies, take part in club activities, ride bikes or rollerblade.

**How long does it take to get to school and what means of transport do you use?**

To school, students go:

* on foot (4 – 20 min.)
* go by bus (10 – 30 min.)
* parents give a lift (10 – 20 min.)

**What system of marks do you have in your country?**

Our country uses the ten-point grading system; some subjects are evaluated by credit.

**What are the job prospects after school?**

Possibilities of getting a job after graduating:

* Very little, most likely in factories where a lot of workers are required.
* Little, without any experience or specialization.
* A well paid job is very difficult to find.
* After graduation it is impossible to become employed, because further education is required (for example: university, college).

**How long are your holidays?**

There are 4 seasonal holidays during a school year:

* Autumn – 1 week.
* Winter – 2 weeks.
* Spring – 1 week.
* Summer – 2.5 months.

**Tell us the best and worst thing that can happen in your job?**

1. The best:

* Can achieve a lot, can get a lot of stimulation, awards, diplomas for exceptional learning.
* Successfully finish their studies.
* Can become the president of the school, be popular, good learning abilities.
* A student has a lot of options not only in the learning department but also in sports, art, take part in contests, to perfect their skills, to prepare for further studies as well as to find the preferred subject for their degrees.
* To finish school with the best grades and a diploma.
* To learn new things, find new friends.

The worst:

* Possibility of being expelled for bad behavior
* To be left misunderstood.
* A student will be left without the possibility to learn further, for example: will be left to repeat the year, will be expelled.
* Bullying and fights (from/with other students)
* An accident can happen where any member of the community could be hurt.
* Get bad grades and not be accepted by your peers.
* If you have attitude issues or don’t attend your classes you can be debated over in the social commission or a principal meeting.

**Attendance – what happens if you skip classes?**

If a student doesn’t attend their classes: parents are informed (via phone call), various discussions are held with the parents, class teacher, police officers, a meeting can be held with the social pedagogue, the social commission. You can be asked to write an explanation, have a talk with the principal or an official meeting with the principal, parents can get a fine, there is a risk of being left to repeat the year in the same school or to be expelled.

**At what age do children start school?**

Children start school at the age of 7.

**How many students (on average) are in the classroom?**

There are from 25 to 35 students per class.