



A CONCEPT OF AN IDEAL SCHOOL

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The aim of the project was to let the students think about an ideal educational institution and through observations of various school systems and mutual cooperation design an ideal school, applying effective principles they have observed in their partner schools.

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SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

The school will have students from the ages 3 - 16.

There will be three levels:

kindergarten: 3 - 5 (for 3 years)

primary: 6 - 10 (for 5 years)

secondary: 11 - 16 (for 5 years)



The classes will have 20 students (mixed classes boys and girls, the same age or one year difference). There will be 3 classes in each year.

There will be decorations in the corridors done by students with notices about upcoming events, students' achievements, work, projects, display tables. The classrooms will also be decorated (posters, maps, practical advice).

There will be a blackboard/whiteboard and an interactive board in each classroom.

The teacher-parents' meetings will take place 3 times a year (to get information about the behaviour and the educational progress of the students).

There will be a motto with an emotive message elaborated by the students (different one every year).

There will be projects for students like Erasmus+, eTwinning and many others.

There will be no uniform, students can wear what they like.

There will be a dresscode for PE: trainers, white T-shirt with the school logo and dark blue or black sweatpants for everyone.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The school will have 2 floors and a square shape.

There will be four buildings (one for primary and kindergarten, one for secondary, one building for gym (a big one) and a swimming pool and one for a canteen and a big theatre room for meetings).

There will be specialised classrooms for music, science (labs with equipment for experiments), art, languages. The classrooms will be equipped with computers, so students don't get bored and will be more interested in what they study.

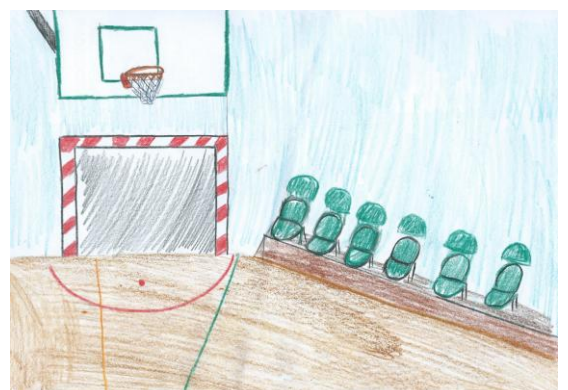
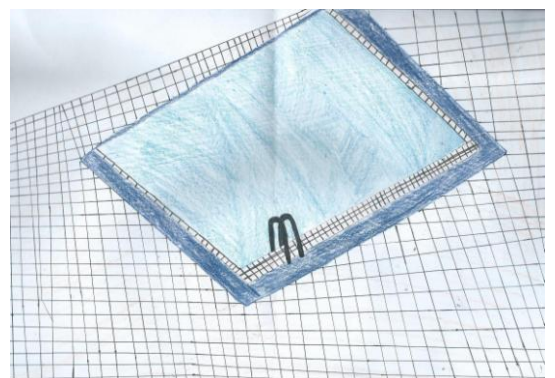
There will be 2 libraries with a relaxation zone with sofas and armchairs (one library in the building of a primary and one in the building of a secondary school), a teacher will be supervising the students there.

There will be lockers in each classroom for students' belongings, hooks for coats in the classrooms, students will not change their shoes (only in bad weather).

There will be a swimming pool, football pitch and gym (for PE).

At lunch students can go to the canteen and for a break to cafeteria with vending machines.

At breaks students can meet in the corridors.



LOCATION

An ideal school will be located in the centre of town, close to the bus stops. Students will be travelling to school by school bus, so no one will be late.

There will be parks in the school area /where students can relax/ with summer houses and benches, swings, 2 multifunctional playgrounds/pitches + a running track/ - available during the breaks where students can have their snacks.

There will be a shop to sell snacks in the school area, open during break times, and a cafeteria for eating snacks in the shop with tables and chairs for eating (cafeteria will be open before the school starts in the morning, then during the breaks and after the school finishes).



SCHOOL DAY

The school day will start at 9:00 a.m.

There will be **50 - minute lessons** and **30-minute breaks** after every 2 lessons.

9:00 - school starts

9:00 - 9:50 first lesson

9:50 - 10:40 second lesson

10:40 - 11:10 break

11:10 - 12:00 third lesson

12:00 - 12:50 fourth lesson

12:50 - 13:20 lunch break

13:20 - 14:10 fifth lesson

14:10 - 15:00 sixth lesson

15:00 - school finishes



The students can spend the breaks outside, eating snacks, brunch or light lunch:)

There will be a covered area where the students can stay in bad weather.

They can then either have lunch at school or eat at home after school.

There will be 6 lessons a day. No school on Saturday.

The bell will indicate the beginning and ending of the lessons.

There will be double periods of English classes and PE. In case of Art and Music classes - double periods for those who choose these subjects as optional.

The school year will start at the beginning of September and will finish in mid-June. There will be two weeks of holidays at Christmas, one week of holidays at Easter and some days off for local festivities, depending on the country. There are also suggestions for having two weeks of holidays after seven weeks of school or one week of holidays after two months of school on top of the suggested holidays.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Staff: teachers, native speakers (English, Spanish, Chinese,...), psychologists (for students who have serious problems), ICT managers, secretaries, teacher assistants (for students with learning difficulties), advisors, cleaners, cooks, gate-keeper, coaches for sports and games.

Relationship: friendly relationship between teachers and students. Teachers will make their subject interesting for students. The teachers will choose what they want to be called.

Collaboration: parents will be in a good relationship with teachers, because it helps students to have good relationship with their teachers. Parents should cooperate with the school - help, organize school parties, trips for teachers, parents and children, meet with teachers.

Class teachers for longer periods: the teacher shouldn't change so often, so the students can have good relationship with their class teacher. The tutor will stay the same for more years - 1 teacher for primary and one tutor for secondary. Changes should depend mostly on teacher's health.



CLASSROOMS

The windows in the classrooms will be big, there will be blinds on the windows.

Each student will have a locker in the classroom for their personal belongings.

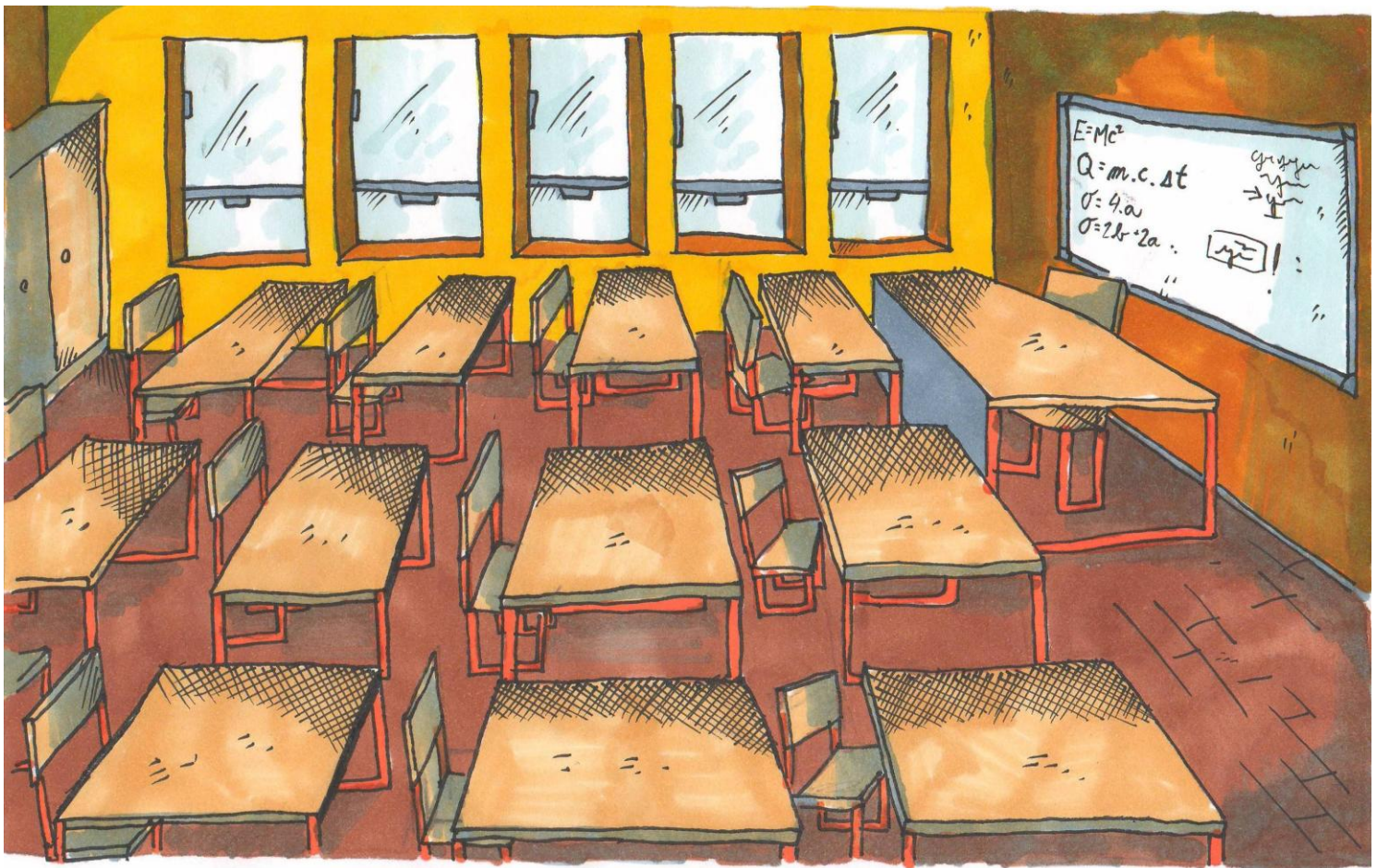
Each classroom will have audio-visuals. There will be a PC, projection, interactive board, laptops for students to use and one whiteboard/blackboard.

Decorations in the classrooms will be done by the students themselves.

There will be bookshelves in the classrooms.

Each student will have an individual desk. The desks can be put together when necessary.

There will be 5 rows of individual desks and 4 people sitting behind each other.



SUBJECTS

TIMETABLE:

- 6 lessons a day
- **30** lessons a week
- 5 days a week

SUBJECTS: compulsory + optional

Compulsory :

Chemistry (*2 lessons*)

Biology (*1 lesson*)

Physics (*1 lesson*)

History (*3 lessons*)

Geography (*1 lesson*)

PE (*3 lessons*)

Maths (*4 lessons*)

first language (*4 lessons*)

English (*4 lessons*)

another foreign language (*2 lessons*)

ICT (*1 lesson*)

Religion or Ethics (*1 lesson*)

- **27** compulsory lessons a week

Tutorial class: **1** lesson for each class with their tutor on Wednesday morning

Optional subjects: Music, Art, Media Studies, Skills for housework (including cooking, gardening, sewing, using tools, woodwork), Technology, Philosophy, Finances or Business, other foreign languages

- **2** optional lessons a week (on 2 different days)

Students will choose 2 optional subjects at the beginning of each school year for one year from the offer.

- additional classes / individual classes for students who have difficulties with the subjects

SKILLS - to learn practical things for life: practical money skills, presentation skills, different kinds of housework

METHODS OF LEARNING:

- group work, students helping each other with problems, discussions, project work, practise a lot at the lessons, no homework and home study, putting new things into practice at school, creative thinking, practical things related to everyday life.

- use laptops instead of tablets for learning and use ebooks with home access to online materials

- meeting with other students after school to do the homework together

- involving games in the lessons

ASSIGNMENT AND ASSESSMENT

The students will only get easy homework - not too much to write, the homework will be voluntary, just to get more practice at home. Reading assignments are ok for homework, as well as activities from the textbook. Most work will be done at school (lots of practical activities).

Studying at home up to 15 min. for every subject, max.1,5 h/day.

There will not be many exams - one written test per week, or more short tests, oral exams only for languages.

There will be outdoor activities related to the subject involved in the timetable at least twice a month.

There will be a lot of project work on the computers - at school in groups to learn more from each other.

The students will be using ebooks in the laptops with online materials.

There will be a school report - twice a year in a paper form.

There will be final exams at the end of the year from the subjects like maths, science, history, foreign language and first language. Students who fail the final exams can get a chance to repeat them.

- marks from 1 - 10 (10 being the best)

- students will get a school agenda with a motto and a school logo. There will be a place for the timetable, school rules, names for teachers and subjects. It will be used for recording marks, for writing the information about tasks, school events, and notes from teachers and parents.



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Students can sign up for after-school activities. There will be many options to choose from.

Languages- foreign language classes

Sports - football, basketball, tennis, table tennis, volleyball, swimming, athletics, badminton....

Arts- Art classes, creative Workshops, Dancing classes, Music lessons, Drama

Community Service- volunteering projects (helping people, other students, etc.)

Hobbies - yoga, relaxing activities (even for the parents of the students)

Travelling- trips to interesting places in our countries, trips for two days or excursions for more days even to other countries. One-week trip at the end of the school year - different places every year.

Academic activities: extra classes for exam preparation, competitions, study skills, science labs



INVOLVEMENT OF THE STUDENTS

The students will have a school parliament to represent their requirements. The students involved will cooperate and make decisions. They will suggest innovations that will be consulted with the headmaster.

There will be 2 representatives from each class of the secondary school (2 volunteers, voted, max. 2 years from secondary school). One of the teachers will be the boss - the students will vote and choose.

The parliament will meet every week on Monday morning and on Friday morning before school (at 8:30 a.m.) where all the goals and their successful achievement will be discussed. The students will then inform their mates at their tutorial class which will be included in the curriculum on Wednesday morning (the first lesson) and will be compulsory.

The school parliament will have students in different teams (committees):

DISCUSSION TEAM - will talk to the headmaster about the changes, with teachers about their studies and tasks, will try to find solutions to problems.

DECORATION TEAM: responsible for school decorations.

PARTY TEAM: will organize parties and school events, music shows, performances, theatre activities, parents activities, topic weeks (Science week, foreign languages week, reading week,...)

CLEANLINESS TEAM: to check the cleanliness and to find ways how to do it.

FREE TIME ACTIVITIES TEAM: responsible for all sport events at school, for all free time activities, all kinds of competitions at school.

MASSMEDIA TEAM: responsible for school broadcasting, will write articles for school newspaper and create the newspaper.

OTHER MATTERS

- relaxing before lesson (at the beginning of the lesson for 5 minutes at least quiet time)
- students get a calendar for every school year
- open doors day twice a year in the afternoon for parents to see teachers and talk to them.

At the beginning and end of the school year students meet in a theatre room of the school where the headmaster will present information about new school year, activities, trips, projects, optional subject and other important information about new school year. At the end of the year he will present all the activities done during that year.

The school will have a school radio and newspapers, the students from the school parliament will be responsible (special teams).

The school will have the school website, but also social website with new and updated information about school events, easier communication with parents and with information from the school parliament.



SCHOOL RULES

Discipline

Students must respect other students at school and all the employees.

In case of disruptive behaviour, a student gets a record of inappropriate behaviour, if repeated, a parent is called to school, a student is sent home in responsibility of the parents with the tasks to do or given extra work at school (cleaning, doing the dishes etc.).

In case of bullying, the parents are informed, the school director organizes a meeting with the psychologist and the parents, if it is repeated, the police will take over.

Damage

Students must look after the school property and avoid damage. If the damage is caused on purpose, a student pays for it, if it happens accidentally, no payment is necessary. To prevent crime at school, there will be cameras in corridors, cloakrooms, the library and the canteen. It will make it easier to see who caused the potential damage.

Punctuality

The school will start at 9:00, but the students can come to school at 8:30 the earliest. They will spend time before the beginning of the school day in a special room monitored by cameras where they will have wi-fi access and plenty of room for doing classwork, reading, listening to music and other socialising activities. At 8:55 all the students must be in their classrooms ready for the lesson. In case students come late, they have to have late arrivals excused by their parents, but no more than 5 times. If they have unexcused arrivals, the parents are informed immediately.

Absences

All the absences must be excused either by parents or a doctor. If a child is absent, a parent must call the school/teacher. In case of absence, a student will be excused the following week to have time to catch up with the studies. In case of serious illness, 2 weeks are possible.

In case of unexcused lessons parents will be informed, if the situation continues a student will be punished with lower mark for behaviour.

Work environment

The atmosphere at the lessons should be friendly - students must focus on their work and they can discuss it freely with the teachers. If it is necessary (sickness or toilet), students can leave the classroom with the teacher's approval. If a student wants to speak in class, they raise their arm, must not shout or be rude to anyone.

Students mostly work in groups, cooperating, learning from each other.

In case students need to walk in class to get necessary things for learning, they can freely get them during the lesson.

Every student must look after his/her workplace, keep it clean and in good condition.

Uniforms

The school will have no uniforms.

For PE classes, all the students will have trainers, white T-shirt with the school logo and dark blue or black sweatpants.

Classroom changes

Each class has their own classroom, but the students change for some subjects like ICT, PE, Science, Foreign Languages, Art and Music.

When changing classrooms, the students take the things they need and the classroom is locked.

The students will have lockers in the corridor, they will change their shoes only in winter or in bad weather and they will leave their coats in the classrooms.

The students will have the same classroom for 5 years at the primary and for 5 years at the secondary. They look after the classroom, decorate it, make changes so they feel positive about it.

Other rules

Students can use their telephones during the breaks, during the lessons the phones are off.

There will be a safe deposit at the reception desk for those students who want to leave valuable things there.

There will be lessons where students will learn about dangerous situations and how to behave (earthquakes, fire, attacks, etc.)

The students will have school parliament to represent their requirements.

Students will not be allowed to bring dangerous things to school or anything like cigarettes, alcohol or drugs.

Students will have laptops in the classrooms to use anytime necessary, the laptops will also have digital textbooks in them and internet access to be used at the lessons for all kinds of work.



PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS



- **Inmaculado Corazón de María, Logroño, Spain**
- **Institution Sainte Marie, Ribeauvillé, France**
- **IC Camera, Sala Consilina, Italy**
- **Szkoła Podstawowa nr 77, Gdańsk, Poland**
- **Základná škola Staničná 13, Košice, Slovakia**

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