- development of their abilitis with the attention to the personal characteristics of an individual
- every day communication with the teacher and tuitor for improvement of the co operation
- the education of gifted the resposibility for learning is at school and with kids themselves
- development of the personality of the pupil
- a wide spectre of not compulsory, voluntary subjects
- we are aimed at the humanitory subjects, as well as at the scientific area – according to their interest
- scholarship, laboratory works at the universities
- part fo the study can be provided in Wien, at our partner school
- the complex education from the elementary school until the graduation



What is the profile of the graduate?

We try to develop the educational and personality potential of each child, not only in their performance

but also in personal, social, emotional and communicative area.

We put the stress on the social competence. We try to educate in an empathic, tolerant, democratic school to form the pupils personality.





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What is the School For Extremely Gifted Children like?

Since 1993, as the only school in Slovakia, it focuses on the education of intelectually gifted kids. Here we speak about children who attract the attention to themselves since their earky childhood, they know all the thing earlier and learn very quickly, easily and better than the others...It is neccessary to prepare different aducational programmes for them, different from the offers of other schools. This school is aimed to the development of extraordinary giftedness and high abilities by an alternative educational programme, which is based on an individual access to students and also on respecting their individualities and exceptionalities and personalities.



How do we recognize gifted children?

They excel since their early age, are extremely active, curious, understand things quickly, have an exceptional memory. They are interested in the letters and number in pre – school age. They have special interests, not very typical for kids of their age level. They constantly need some new information, create their own system of knowledge. They are able to read, write and count in the age of five. They ask and try. They are interested in geography, solar system, animals, human body, etc. And also ask questions, not typical for.

Why do they need separate school?

Because common games and activities which are presented in kindergartens are not good enough for them. They need professional approach and systematic leading to develop of their talent. They need some motivational surrounding which would satisfy their natural interests and would contribute to their knowledge level. That is why they should attend a special school which develops the abilities and giftedness, because family is not able to fullfil the needs and range of interest. Gifted kids are much more sensitive and vulnerable. They are also critical, even self – critical, sometimes reserved, introvert, less communicative. They search for friends among older children or adults. So they need to be treated differently.

What should a parent do, if he has such a child?

In any case, it is neccessary to consult the procedure with specialists – psychologists. Because we stiil do not have any special advisory centre for gifted, you have to come to our school. Ask for an appointment, a consultation or a psychological examining of your child. The results of the tests will help the parents to treat them better and to decide about the choice of the right school. The early contact with specialists often help with the "bringing – up" of the child. Parents sometimes do not know exactly how to raise and guide him/her.

What is the procedure like when a pupil should be placed to our school?

It is required that you contact the school directly. We provide advisory service for gifted kids since the are two years old.

At the same time, we offer special meetings, advice, consultations for families, as well as psychological examining. It is provided at our school. The children go through a psychologist, (IQ test, knowledge test...) and after fullfilling the stated criteria, they can be placed to the first grade.

What have we prepared for gifted?

The School For Extremely Gifted Children offers the education for gifted acroding to its own made programme ERIN with its own methodics and own student books. Our school is:

- school without marks, the kids are evaluated verbally, or by percentage
- school which forces them to be independent and responsible,
- school which develops creative, abstract, logical and critical thinking,
- school where teachers and students are partners,
- school where they can develop their interests in afternoon clubs,

- school where they can fluently enter the high school after finishing the primary part,
- school where they grow up in a tolerant, empathic atmosphere, without tension, stress, fear or bullying



How do we teach at our school?

Except the common, standard teaching, we teach on the base of discovering, experimenting by solving problem tasks. We do not teach them the "already – made" stuff, but we ask the question and they answer... The teachers are young, empathic, fexible, positive and creative. They are partners, advisors, guiders through the world of information. They are friends, children call them by their first names and can trust them if they have any problems.

What are the results?

Since the creation of first classes, it was shown that the education of gifted in small, equal groups is highly effective.

The School For Extremely Gifted Children is a school where the students can find a positive background, atmosphere, respect their specific educational and tuitional needs and they like attending us. They develop their extraordinary abilities and personal dispositions.

In all the awardings and competitions (olympics, Klokan, pythagoriads...),

they reach to the highest results.

What do we offer for parents?

- the choice of regular consultation from the pedagogy and psychology
- taking care of pupils from 7 am. to 6 pm.