

## General Information

The Academy of Pedagogy and Social Work was founded in 1981. Its establishment stemmed from the need for qualified teachers in nurseries and kindergartens in the area of Bratislava.

The Academy is located in a quiet quarter of the Bratislava suburb – Dubravka. It is a secondary school specializing in pedagogy. Secondary pedagogical schools are the oldest type of schools in Slovakia, dating back to the 1870s. Our Academy is fairly young, but in its 30 years of existence has established itself firmly in the net of Slovak secondary schools. 370 students are currently registered at the Academy. Up to date, the school had approximately 3,000 graduates.

In November 2006 the Academy was awarded the **European Label Certificate** in connection with teaching foreign languages.



## Fields of Study

The students of the Academy can choose from three fields of study:

1. Teaching in nurseries, kindergartens and after-school supervision
2. Working in cultural and educational establishments
3. Pedagogical lyceum

The full-time study for all of these specializations lasts four years. Upon completion of their studies, students must pass a leaving examination, consisting of theoretical and practical components.

The Academy also offers a two-year study for high schools graduates, specializing in teaching in nurseries and kindergartens, and in special pedagogy. The graduates can teach in nurseries and kindergartens as well as work in nursing homes.

## Graduates

After graduation students can either find employment or they can continue their studies at university. In most cases they choose to study at the Departments of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Applied Arts. About 50% of our graduates continue their studies at universities.





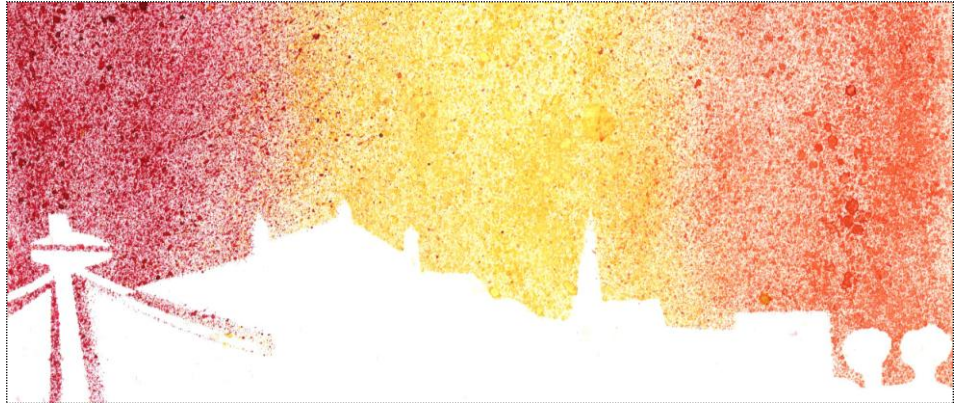
Those who decide to find employment can work as nursery and kindergarten teachers, after-school activities supervisors, educators in school clubs, organizers of activities in cultural establishments, civic centers, holiday clubs, in institutions connected with tourism industry, state employees, teacher's assistants, as well as working in public service organizations.

## School Equipment

The school building was constructed specifically for educational purposes. The equipment in our school complies with high standards.

There are two information technology rooms, an information and communication technology room with an e-Beam board, an art studio, a music room, a performing arts classroom as well as a pottery workshop with a kiln, a biology lab and a special room for cultural activities. Each classroom is equipped with a piano.

The school has two gymnasiums and a weight-lifting room. There is a library with over 7,000 books which is also equipped with a computer and a photocopier. Internet connection throughout the whole school is readily available and students can have hot lunches at the school canteen. Our students can also use a skating rink and an indoor swimming pool both of which are located in the immediate vicinity of the school.



## Cooperation with Other Organizations

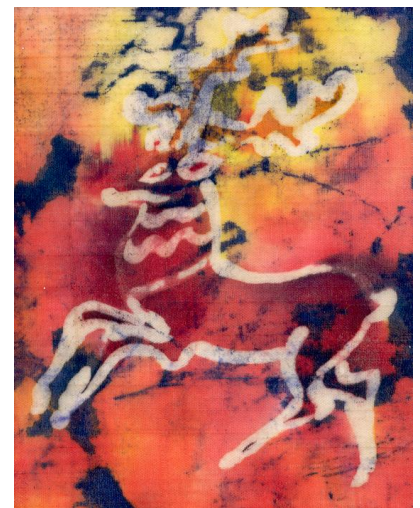
The Academy closely cooperates with the Ministry of Education, sports clubs, and various cultural establishments.

Our third and fourth year students have practical training classes at nurseries and kindergartens, elementary schools, special schools for handicapped children, leisure-time centers and travel agencies.

University students in their third and fourth year specializing in education also teach at our Academy as part of their training.

## Projects

The Academy has taken part in several national and international projects such as INFOVEK, UNESCO – aimed at getting to know and preserve world cultural heritage sites, SOCRATES – “Textiles Without Borders” – in cooperation with Belgium, Lithuania and the Czech Republic, EUROPEAN CLUB – in cooperation with Austria, Germany and Italy. We were cooperating with an Austrian school on the project “Art as a Means of

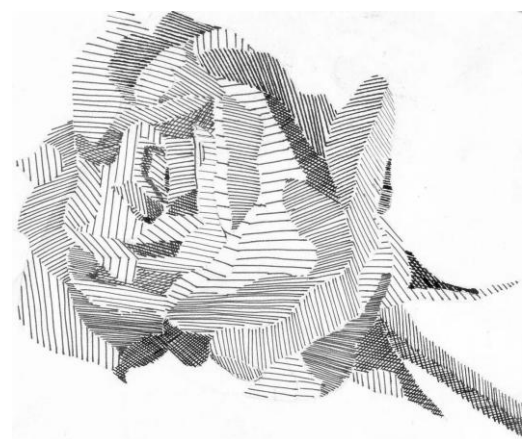






Communication". The result of that cooperation was a great success for the school – a Certificate of European Label. Currently we are taking part in the Comenius project We Have the Same Colors.

Our students are eager to participate in the projects and their contributions reach high standards.



## CURRICULUM

Field of Study: Working in Cultural and Educational Establishments

### Compulsory Subjects:

Slovak Language and Literature  
 English Language  
 German Language  
 Conversation in a Foreign Language  
 History  
 Civics  
 Ethics/Religious Studies  
 Mathematics  
 Biology  
 Geography  
 Physical Education  
 Theory and Methodology  
 of Leisure Activities  
 Pedagogy  
 Psychology  
 Sociology  
 Art History  
 Art Management  
 Basic Tourism  
 Administration and Correspondence  
 Information Technology

### Optional subjects:

Students must choose two of the following subjects:

Drama  
 Music  
 Choice of a Musical Instrument  
 Physical Activities  
 Art Techniques and Handicrafts  
 Leisure-time Management  
 Foreign Language  
 Workshop in the History of Slovak Culture  
 Tourism



# CURRICULUM

Field of Study: Teaching in Nurseries and Kindergartens

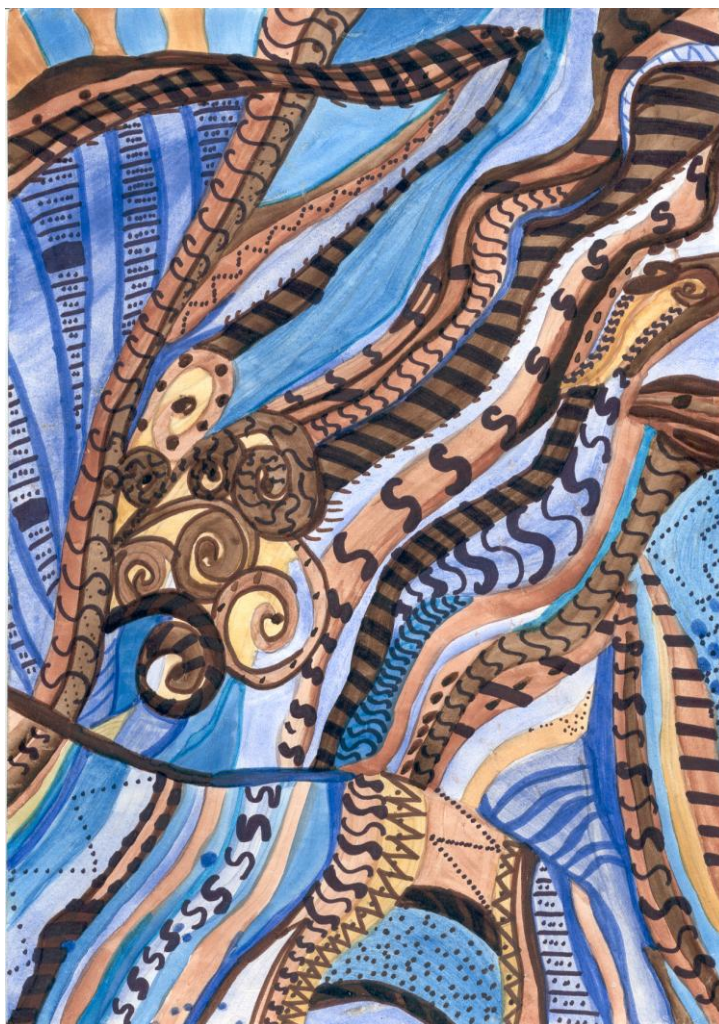
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English Language  
German Language  
History  
Civics  
Ethics/Religious Studies  
Mathematics  
Information Technology  
Pedagogy  
Psychology  
Special Pedagogy  
Biology and Health Care  
Music Methodology  
Art Methodology  
Physical Education Methodology  
Choice of a Musical Instrument  
Science Workshop  
Drama Workshop  
Practical Training

## Optional subjects:

Students must choose one of the following subjects:

Music  
Art



# CURRICULUM

Field of Study: Pedagogical Lyceum

## Compulsory Subjects:

Slovak Language and Literature  
English Language  
German Language  
History  
Civics  
Ethics/Religious Studies  
Mathematics  
Information Technology  
Pedagogy  
Psychology  
Special Pedagogy  
Biology and Health Care  
Music Methodology  
Art Methodology  
Geography





- Pedagogy of Free Time
- Sociology
- Physical Education
- Drama Workshop
- Practical Training
- Optional subjects:**
- Music
- Art
- Physical Education
- Drama
- Art History
- Choice of a Musical Instrument
- Slovak Literature
- Conversation in a Foreign Language
- Multicultural Society
- Informatics
- Introduction to the World of Work
- Law

There is a continuing interest in our Academy by pupils who have completed elementary education as we are the only secondary school offering education specializing in humanities, namely arts, pedagogy as well as psychology.

Our graduates are successful in positions where organizational and communication skills and independent work are required.



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