



JONAVA SENAMIESTIS GIMNASIUM

The basis for development is **creativity and initiative**. We consider the development of students' modern skills and well-being to be a personal course of action. We follow the motto "Docendo discimus" (Latin "by teaching we learn") and integrate individual strategy of development into the work of gymnasium as an organization.

Students creativity skills are formed in different surroundings: in the classes, during extra-curricula activities and at home. Thus, the surrounding environment greatly contributes to students' development.

Class activities.

During **maths** and **science** classes students are encouraged to use both logical and lateral thinking. Finding different solutions to a certain problem helps them to apply their knowledge to solving more complicated tasks. During the **language** classes, both native and foreign, students are asked to express their opinions on different topics orally and in written forms. As well as that they participate in a variety of reciting contests, essay, story, poem writing contests, debates, project work. In the **technology** classes students are taught to design and sew clothes, experiment in cooking, design and make useful things from wood and metal, etc. **Art** classes stimulate students to convey their vision of the world through the diversity of artistic styles: painting, ceramics, collage, installations. **Music** classes offer students to develop their singing, music composing and playing a musical instrument skills. **Drama** is the subject which helps students to model different life situations and find the right way how to act on complicated occasions.

Extra-curriculum activities.

Obviously, school life cannot be imagined without extra-curriculum activities as they motivate students to work in groups, teach them to set goals, share opinions, be responsible, reach compromises. Our school has several traditional events in order to organize which students, teachers and students' parents have to use all their creativity.

- **Teachers' Day** is a festival when students express their gratitude to teachers. On this day they organize different activities for teachers and school-leavers deliver a concert. Some students go to primary schools to conduct classes instead of primary school teachers.
- **Techno-art day** is a two-day event which involves dancing, installation, music and fashion contests. Students have to create their own dance, make an installation, compose a song or a non-traditional piece of music, design a collection of clothes. Parents and students from primary schools and nursery school children are invited to participate in the fashion show.
- **A 100-day party** is celebrated on the day when one hundred days are left till the beginning of the examination session. Every year the party has a different theme, e.g. "Station", "The 100th Start", etc. It is the festival of school-leavers. Each class has to prepare a show, showing the most memorable moments of their school life or/and future predictions. Teachers and students' parents also prepare the show for this party.
- **"Slap in the face"** is another event for students to demonstrate their creativity skills. All school students are invited to attend arts, music, dancing, drama classes and they not only observe the lesson they can participate in the process of creating a dance, a play, a painting a song, etc.
- **The Night Project "Terra Incognita"** is held once a year in spring from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Students work in different workshops e.g. chemistry, arts, languages, etc. During the night they go from one workshop to another to try different activities. Usually university students

are invited to organize activities in the workshops.

Clubs.

School students have a possibility to develop their creativity skills in school clubs: a photography club, drama club, a school choir, a school band, dancing club, webpage designing club, ceramics club.