



Introducing the Istituto Comprensivo "Ezio Giacich"

Our 50-year-old school has got about 1300 pupils in 7 different buildings and consists of 3 pre-primary schools (3-6), 3 primary schools (6-10) and one "middle school" (11-14). At the "middle school" there are 17 classes, about 380 students and about 40 teachers. Lessons are from Monday to Friday, from 7.45 to 13.30. The school year starts in September and ends in June.

Each class has got about 20-25 students. Many of them come from other countries, mostly from Eastern Europe and Bangladesh. Moreover, there are many students coming from Southern Italy. In fact, our town is an important industrial centre: it's hosted for about 100 years one of the biggest shipyards in Italy. Many families moved and still move here for a job, which is often a temporary one. It means that some students arrive at our school at any time during the school year. Some of them leave and stay abroad for quite a long time (months, years) and then come often back again.

We support our students through a wide range of language courses, which are mostly held in the afternoon, as we can't create different level groups in the morning. All the students attend the same lessons in the morning, which means a great challenge for the teachers. There are additional teachers only for the students with special needs, who take part as much as possible to the class activities. All the pupils study English and German as foreign languages. For each foreign student and student with special needs the teacher team plans an individual project, which is then shared with the parents.

Our school is run by our new headmistress Maria Cardella. About 10 people work in the secretary. There are teachers responsible for Foreign Languages, Intercultural Development, Learning Disabilities (dyslexia, ADHD...), Special Needs, ICT. Each class has a responsible teacher for the class and for the work with the parents. He also have cultural mediators who help us in the communication with foreign parents.

In the afternoon we offer language courses (German and English for gifted students with final Cambridge and Goethe Certificates) and sport activities for free. In particular, our "Integrated Sport Activities" have a quite long tradition: students with special needs play sport, such as basketball and volleyball, together with the other students.

We also organize many activities dealing with health, environment, safety, e-safety, tolerance. Our main focus is inclusion at all levels: it involves foreign students, students with special needs, gender equality.

For more details visit our school website: <https://icgiacich.edu.it/>