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School “ATHENS”
made by parents
for their children
Types of talents
(according to Nikolai Guzik)

Academic: 67%
Creative & artistic: 20%
Sports: 7%
Strategic & planning: 3%
Technological & productive: 1%
Social leadership: 1%
Spiritual: 1%
21st century individual

- IQ
- SQ
- TQ
- PQ
- EQ
School “Athens” stages

~ 6–8 yo  ~ 8–10 yo  ~ 10–13 yo  ~ 13–15 yo  ~ 14–17 yo

1st stage  2nd stage  3rd stage  4th stage  5th stage

(1–2 grades) (2–4 grades) (5–6 grades) (7–9 grades) (10–11 grades)

Primary School  Secondary School

Remedy & adaption system
Soft skills on the 1st stage

For the 1st year students it’s very important:

- to find out & name emotions
- to realise that there are rules in the world which you need to follow
- to be ready to work in team while making projects
- to perform, sing & dance on the stage
- to start taking part in hikes & sport competitions
Soft skills on the 2nd stage

Activities for kids aged 8—10:
- team game “Wandering under sail”
- creative thinking development
- individual creative projects
- arttherapy
- practical courses which are taking place out of school (e.g. “Practical Maths”, “Nature Study”)
Soft skills on the 3rd stage

Students of different age are able to:

- work in a team while studying “Science”
- create own social projects and make teams to fulfil them
- participate in different charitable events
- participate in extra school activities e.g. Dancing, Singing, Chess, Lego, Gun Fu, different kinds of arts, Theatre, Language clubs, etc
Soft skills on the 4th stage

Participation in:

- debates
- courses of critical thinking and oratory
- trimester exams
- “Immersion”, a special project which is held out of school during a week and has lots of cross-subject and cross-cultural tasks
- various types of vocational counseling named “Vocations of 21st century”
Cross-subjects “Immersions”
Soft skills on the 5th stage

Students are divided into 3 faculties ("Science", "Media Technologies", "Social Activities") and practise in:

- making their own research projects under the guidance of experts and pros
- project management
- time management
- family law
- financial literacy
- first medical aid