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Maria Skłodowska-Curie Liceum, Sokołów Podlaski, Polen



The entrance to the school building

The First Lyceum called Maria Skłodowska-Curie is the oldest and largest Secondary school in Sokołów Podlaski, a town with 20.000 inhabitants in eastern Poland. Over three years, students prepare for their high school diploma. The main goal of the school is to encourage a broad and diverse development of the students.

The photo shows the main entrance to the school building. In the annex on the right hand side, there is a small auditorium which is also used as a canteen.

Courtyard

The courtyard of the Lyceum was created as part of a school project with the participation of the students. There are lots of lawns, plants and seating where the students can relax during the breaks and after school.







An entrance hall

The entrance hall with access to the secretary's office and the headmaster's office. In the entrance hall, there is the Polish flag and a portrait of Marie Skłodowska-Curie (1867-1934), the Jewish-Polish nuclear physicist, Nobel prize winner and school's patron. In a glass case, the founding flag of the school is displayed. On the opposite side of the office, the students can visit a small library with schoolbooks, current magazines and newspapers.

Corridors to the classrooms Corridor to the classrooms with lockers for students. At the end of the corridor, a small shop is situated where teachers and students can buy sweets and drinks. In the stairwell, pictures illustrating the school traditions: the most important events of school life such as school feasts, exchange projects or graduation ceremonies are displayed as components of a photo collage which is added to every school year.







In the classroom: view of the

View into a classroom with board, whiteboard and projector. Teachers have their own classroom which is prepared according to the subject

In the classroom: A social studies lesson

The subjects "Wiedza o społeczeństwie" (social studies) and history are taught in combination as one subject. The photo demonstrates the regular study of a textbook. In the background, there are other media such as maps and globes.







In the classroom: decoration on the walls

The Catholic Church is of great importance in Polish schools. There is a crucifix in every classroom. Beside the crucifix, there are the coat of arms of Sokołów Podlaski and the coat of arms of Poland (gold crowned white eagle on a red background).

Pictures from a textbook in Civic Education

The textbook "Wiedza o społeczeństwie" (Engl.: knowledge about society / social studies) written by Piotr Krzesicki and Małgorzata Poręba is one of the best known books on social studies in Poland. The cover photo shows hands in different colours raised to vote. It underlines how important it is in a democracy to participate in political processes and to express one's opinion, even if it is different from those of others.







Auditorium

The school auditorium with a small stage for school performances. During the week, the auditorium is also used as a canteen and as a rehearsal room for a theatre group or other working groups. As the auditorium is too small for big school events where the whole school community participates, these events take place in the sports hall of the school.

The entrance to the staff room

The door can be opened with a magnetic card (see card reader at the right). In the glass case on the left, there are materials produced by the students for different projects or subjects.







In the staff room

View into the staff room with conference tables, information walls, boards and a projector. The design of the walls and the equipment creates a pleasant atmosphere. Next door to the staff room, there is a tea kitchen with sofas where the teachers can relax during their free lessons.

Graduation ceremony / independence ceremony

The photos give an insight into the graduation ceremony at the end of the school year. The sports hall is decorated with Polish flags, the Polish coat of arms and a portrait of the schools' patron Marie Skłodowska-Curie. The school flag is presented by students. For students, parents and teachers, this day is the most significant celebration after three years of cooperation, intensive work and final exams.











Screenshot of the school homepage:

The homepage of the Maria Skłodowska-Curie Lyceum presents the traditions and the pedagogical concept of the school. At the same time, it offers information about timetables, current school projects and e-learning-tools (www.liceum.sokolowpodl.pl).

