

PROFILE OF LAJOS KOSSUTH SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our school has got a rather long name: Lajos Kossuth Secondary Grammar School and Primary School. Our institution consists of a secondary grammar school and two primary schools. The Secondary Grammar School and one of the primary schools are situated in Tiszafüred, which is a small town with about 10,000 inhabitants, near Lake Tisza, in Jász- Nagykun-Szolnok County. The other primary school can be found in a nearby village, Nagyiván. Our pupils are between 6 and 18-19 years old. There is a junior section (ages 6-10) and a senior section (ages 11-15) in the primary school and the secondary grammar school is for pupils between 11 and 18-19. After finishing the junior section of the primary school the most talented students can continue their studies in the secondary school. The secondary grammar school was established in 1951 but the present building itself was built in 1968. The building was rebuilt in 2013. This is a state-run school with more than 400 students in 15 classes and 40 teachers.

The overall aim of the school is to provide both a general and specialized education enabling students to obtain the School's Leaving Certificate.

Data about the secondary grammar school:

- Type: 8 and 4-grade secondary grammar school
- Foundation: 1951
- Number of students: approximately 400
- Number of classes: 15
- Age group: 10-18/19
- Rank: one of the best grammar schools in Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County.

We can offer the following educational facilities:

- Eight-grade secondary grammar classes
- Four-grade secondary grammar classes (General and A-level classes)
- Law Enforcement classes
- Four-year Military Cadet Program

Specialities:

- ICDL (International Computer Driving Licence) Centre
- LanguageCert International English Language Centre
- EPAS (European Parliament Ambassador School)
- Ecoschool

Technical background of our school:

- 3 computer rooms equipped with modern ICT devices
- Well-equipped labs for Chemistry and Physics
- Lots of classrooms with an interactive board
- A school library with about 23,000 books
- A school gym and fitness rooms in the building
- Sports fields
- A school canteen
- A school shop
- A music room
- A language lab

Our school, since the beginning has believed in providing its students a most varied education. At present we offer both our students and their parents a programme which ensures the acquisition of high level knowledge. Our students are proud of themselves as being a member of our community, which contributes to their healthy and open attitude to work and performance. The staff has had a reputation of being very dedicated to bringing out the best in a child by providing a background in which we ensure our talented and creative students optimal mental development as well as preparation for competitions in Mathematics, Physics, IT, History, Hungarian Literature and Grammar, Biology, Chemistry and the foreign languages in particular. Most of our students not only get into the best universities, but successfully graduate from them making efficient workforce. Some of our students can leave the school with one or two intermediate or advanced level language exam certificates (English, German). We have had permanent programmes with a primary school in Plonsk (Poland) and a primary school in Durham (England). With the help of our English teachers our students also visit Great Britain in order to improve their language skills.

We have experienced in Comenius and Erasmus+ projects so our pupils can be involved in project activities and they like these things very much. With the help of these international relationships they get to know about other countries and cultures. They find similarities and differences among the participating nations. By learning about different nations our pupils get closer to an approach of accepting others and themselves. Being an EU citizen is considered to be very important at our school. By getting to know other European institutions, nations and people with the help of Erasmus international partnerships we could widen our pupils' and teachers' knowledge on several subjects and we could develop different competences, creativity and tolerance.

Our school received the Erasmus accreditation in 2023, which provides the teachers and the students with several opportunities:

The teachers can take part in different training courses all over Europe where they can improve their English language skills, methodological competences, ICT skills etc. These courses will facilitate learning about other cultures, too. They can also take part in job shadowing activities.

Moreover, it gives students the possibility to travel abroad in bigger groups to visit a partner institution for a week.

Health and physical development:

A wide range of sports offered (basketball, volleyball, table tennis, football, gymnastics) has created a good basis to fulfill this goal. A harmonious and well-balanced development of the personality is helped by putting emphasis on encouraging art activities ranging from folk singing group, choir and instruments (guitar). It's possible for every student to take part in these extra-curricular activities. Summer and winter camps are organized for the holidays including sports, skiing in winter, camping and hiking in spring and summer. In winter you can go skating on the frozen surface of our lake. So many physical activities are at the pupils' disposal so as to be fit and healthy.

To maintain close cooperation with the parents:

We like to think that together with our students and their parents, we have been successfully trying to create well-rounded, useful and happy people for the future of our world.

Four-year Military Cadet Program

In the 2024-25 academic school year, we introduced military cadet general education training in the 9th and 10th grades, during which students learn military cadet basic defense knowledge as a general education subject for 1-2 hours per week. They become familiar with the defense duties of Hungarian citizens and also with what the Hungarian Defense Forces do to protect the homeland. In addition, they acquire numerous skills that can be used in everyday life, such as first aid, orientation in the field, camping knowledge, or even self-defense.

Basic defense knowledge is an optional graduation exam subject, for which students can receive extra points when applying to the National University of Public Service. From the second semester of the 9th grade, students with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher are eligible for a scholarship.

This training also offers many extracurricular programs for students, including excursions, military team visits, and competitions.