

Gandhi Foundational Secondary School and Dormitory

Gandhi Grammar and Boarding school was established in 1994 by teachers whose focus was to examine the processes of society and to have an influence on those processes by their own means, by public figures who shared our viewpoint and by people who were politicians at that time.

Our mind is, according to the foundation document of the Gandhi Foundation later the Gandhi Public Found, to educate students who are open-minded, receptive to the science and attached to their people and mother tongue, to afford them the same quality education as their non-Romani peers and to give them the opportunity to learn in an ethnic school similar to other national minorities in Hungary.

The organizational framework of the education is a six and four grammar school for ethnic minority with the importance of teaching languages. In our ethnic minority programme students can have the possibility to learn both languages spoken by the Romani living in Hungary, to see their beauty and to make them parts of their identity together with the elements of the Romani culture thought in the given national language.

At present Gandhi Grammar and Boarding School owns a hostel that can sleep 340 people, a library with a reading room, a computer room, 10 classrooms 6 rooms for different activities groups, a room for craftsmanship, 3 communal rooms and a sport hall.

Children come to our school from the region of South-Transdanubia or sometimes from the area beyond it. It is very important that those teachers who work in the boarding school have to take care of the students to make them feel at home and help them overcome the feeling of distress caused by staying far from their parents and from their independent life.

The modern well-equipped sports hall affords the possibility for organized physical training which is not part of the physical education in the Schedule, looking at professional matches and holding various school (such as six-formers dance, Gandhi days and competitions).

The first class took the exams in 2000 and half of them were accepted in several universities.

Most of the students succeed in learning two Roma languages and two foreign languages.

Those learning German have the opportunity to practise the language in German, at a Danish Minority Leisure Centre.

Our traditional musical group has performances on the Roma days in the Transdanubian region. Some of the students take part in plays performed at they showed the play Anna Frank in London and Amsterdam.

Most of the students who come to study in our school have socially disadvantaged background. During their education we do not want

them to stop their learning because off financial reasons, therefore two social workers are employed to keep an eye on the families.
We can offer them our support when they have difficulties