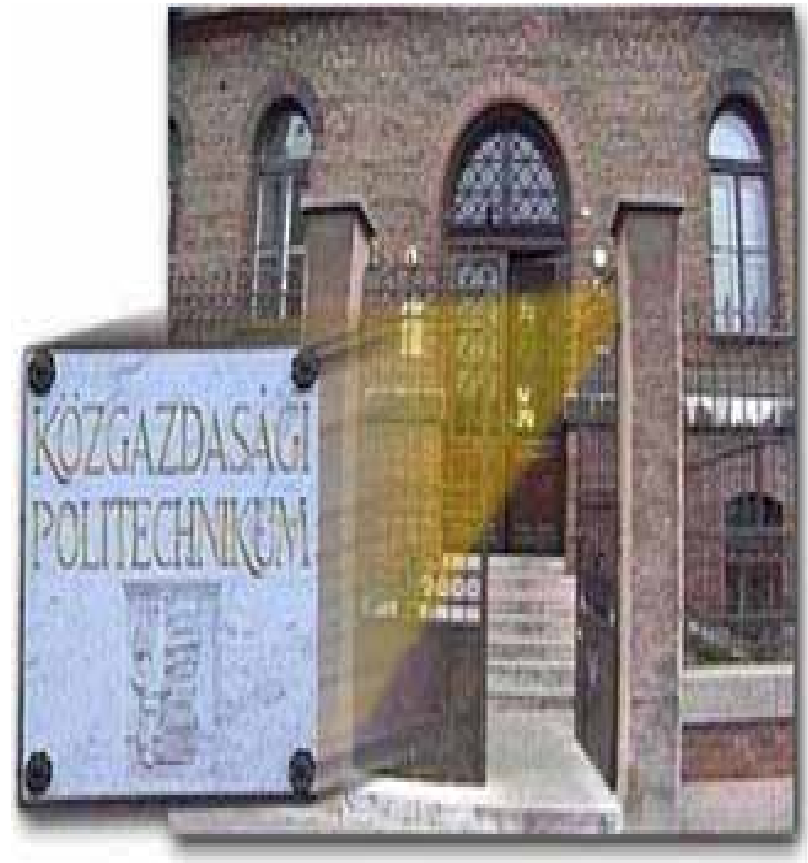


Közgazdasági Politechnikum

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- ✦ „It is just like a school, but much better.” (A student’s opinion)





Közgazdasági Politechnikum

Our Past

- ✦ Established in 1990
- ✦ Aim: to provide an alternative to the existing post-communist educational system
- ✦ New curriculum, new subjects, new rule
- ✦ 1991- the school opens with 90 students

Our Present

- ✦ Approx. 600 students from age 12 to 21
- ✦ 60 teachers
- ✦ Two types of secondary schools (6 grades and 4 grades)
- ✦ Inclusive school based on democratic principles

Basic values

- ✦ Freedom and responsibility-Respecting individual goals and choices
- ✦ Students, teachers and parents-school citizens can all influence our work
- ✦ We follow the principles of person-oriented pedagogy (Rogers and Summerhill)
- ✦ We are strongly committed to enhance equity in education, equal opportunities and democracy

Our Goals

- ✦ Skills development
- ✦ Learner-centered education
- ✦ Social inclusion, tolerance
- ✦ Positive, friendly environment for teachers and students
- ✦ Responsible decision-making

Our Specialities 1.

- ✦ Independence- not a state school.
- ✦ Innovative teachers
- ✦ Constant innovation
- ✦ **The School Council** –students, teachers and parents meet regularly to discuss their problems and ideas.

Our Specialities 2.

✦ **ALTERNATIVE CONFLICT RESOLUTION TECHNIQUES**

✦ **The School Court** – all members of the school can turn to the school court if they can not resolve their conflicts.

✦ **Mediation**

The School Court

- ✦ An institution of the free and democratic school
- ✦ Open space for conflict resolution
- ✦ Creates a possibility for **DISCUSSION**, **UNDERSTANDING** and **EXPRESSING** the norms of the school community
- ✦ Involves Students, Parents and Teachers

The School Court

- ✦ Any member of the school community can turn to the court
- ✦ **INDEPENDENT JUDGES:** a parent, a teacher and a students
- ✦ Discussions focus on the PAST
- ✦ Decisions focus on constructive solutions, accompanied by pedagogical support

Summer camp



Some Great moments



- ✦ Parents and students working on a nice mosaic decorating the school building

Thanks for your attention!

