

## IV Language School “Frederic Joliot-Curie”, Varna



IV Language School “Frederic Joliot-Curie” was established in 1958 becoming the first French language school in Bulgaria. In 1984 the school introduced Spanish language teaching. 47 years after the foundation, the IV Language High School consists of two sections, French and Spanish. The French section admits 5 new classes every school year, and the Spanish one - 4. Students come through an entrance examination after seventh grade.

During the first year students study intensively the foreign language of their choice. In the second year they are taught bilingually: history, geography, biology and chemistry are all taught in the foreign language. This form of education has proved to be effective and a good number of our students graduate with excellent grades. Our students regularly take prizes in different contests, language Olympiads, math competitions, etc.

Many of our teachers want to introduce the European values in their work, by upgrading the quality of education and fostering its European dimension. This enables our school to participate in international events involving:

- An association with UNESCO's cultural and ecological program in 1976;
- Two projects: after Socrates program called "Building tolerance into the educational process"(2000 – 2003), and “PEACE: Concepts for Peaceful School in Europe” (2005-2006);
- Three projects after Lifelong Learning Program called “Mind the Gap: Migration needs integration” (2008-2010); Sustainable Management of One’s Territory” (2009-2011) and “COSSOL: Concepts for a Successful Self-Organized Learning” (2010-2012).

Our school is a DELF and DELE examination center for A1, A2, B1 and B2 levels according to the Common European Language Framework.

A long-established tradition of our school is the happening of various festival days such as "The Song Holiday" in December, "Festival of Folklore Dances" in March, "Art Festival" (13-18 March), "Night of the French and Spanish Language"; annual participation in the theatre festival Spanish language theatres in Bulgaria and abroad, as well as participation in the "French Theatre Festival.