

WORKERS OF THE INSTITUTION

Professional workers of the institution are special teachers- special educators, a psychologist and medical worker.

Technical and administrative workers and the institution management are also included in the all-day program.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



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WHO ARE WE?

We are a school just like any other school. Students from the 16 communities round of city Ptuj, who have problems with mental and physical development, many also with social development, visit our school.

Education begins at the age of 6 and finishes after 9 years. In september 2003 Slovenia has begun a reassessment of individual school subjects and syllabi (curricular reform). The training programme is adapted to the abilities of the individual pupil, but the pupil still has to reach the minimum standards, as set by the programme.

The aim of education is to give students basic knowledge, develop skills and habits, which enable most of them to qualify for simple jobs, future independent work and full social life in everyday conditions of life.

The work with students is done according to the adjusted curriculum, with adjusted methods and also adjusted teaching aids.

SPHERES OF ACTIVITY

1. *elementary school with lower educational standard*
2. *departments of education (OVI)*
3. *departments with combined disorders (OVI/OKMO)*
4. *department of after-school care (OPB)*
5. *mobile service (MSP)*

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL presents the main activity of the institution. There are 69 students in the elementary school in the school year 2005/2006.

After finished elementary school, most of the students continue its studies in 2-year vocational education in building, wood, metallurgy, food or textile programmes. With a successful vocational education and employment the need for further social care and help stops. However, among those

are also some students who are not able to finish schooling or find employment. Those students later employ in centres for protection and work (VDC).

MOBILE SERVICE (MSP) has been in operations since 1992/93. 10 of our teachers, professional workers, are employed by 10 regular elementary schools from the region, where they work individually with learning difficulties. They provide advice to the children's parents and teachers, cooperate service, headmasters/mistresses, as well as other related institutions (psychiatric clinics for children, counselling centres). work with students with specific learning problems and visit schools with equivalent educational standard in the 16 communities round of city Ptuj.



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