



The first teachers' council of  
Kohtla-Järve Gymnasium



Collaboration with  
TalTech brings our young people to the  
college's lab on a daily basis



The school's youth orchestra  
came together in mid-summer and  
began practicing to get in shape before school started



Ats Remmelg,  
the geography teacher,  
giving young people tasks they  
have to solve during the meeting day



The school's first sports day and joint training



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Youth orchestra vocal  
ensemble performing the school  
hymn "The Future Starts Here"  
during the meeting day

Kohtla-Järve Gymnasium is the  
pearl of education in Ida-Viru-  
maa; the flagship of science and  
natural sciences; the network  
of lighthouses for people of  
different cultural and linguistic  
backgrounds.





Flag guard on September 1, 2019 at the school's opening ceremony

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Kohtla-Järve Gymnasium was founded in May 2018 and the school started its work on September 1, 2019. The new State Gymnasium in Ida-Viru County brings together carefully selected and invited people, excellent, energetic and friendly teachers and mission-oriented staff. Pupils are also involved in the school management: in addition to the headmaster, head of study and development, department heads and educational technologist, the expanded management includes the president of the student council and the IT manager who are students in the high school.

The school consists of nearly 40 teachers and 300 students. The management has a system of education departments: subject teachers are divided into departments of humanities, foreign languages, science and natural sciences and skill subjects. Education departments are run by department heads, who themselves are also teachers.

The classrooms of the school are named after the great figures of Estonia, and there are quotes by them on each classroom wall. The study rooms are equipped with modern technological means. The school's 120-seat auditorium Ernst Õpik allows lectures to be held for the entire grade. The doors of the study rooms feature portraits of the great figures of Estonia by artist Kristi Markov.

The heart of the school is the open atrium, which also serves as a canteen, allowing for joint gatherings, concerts and events or lectures.

There is a cafe PLACE 37 in the school atrium, which is open to the community for leisure and also for cultural and hobby events.

## Values

The aim of the value education in Kohtla-Järve Gymnasium is to develop a socially aware, independently autonomous, independently thinking young person for whom the following core values are significant:

**Happy person, emotional intelligence and good relationship.** We value the

friendliness, kindness and cooperation of people. A happy and content person radiates positivity to others and makes others nice and happy.

**Professionalism, motivation and self-management.** We value the professionalism, hard work and motivation of the learner and the teacher. We also value highly the collaboration between teachers and students.

**Patriotism.** We value patriotism, knowledge of the history of our country and civic awareness.

**Creative freedom.** We value and support creative freedom and openness to new ideas.

**Healthy lifestyle and joy of life.** We value a healthy lifestyle, physical activity, joy of life and life-asserting position.

**Respect and tolerance between different cultures and nationalities.** We value the mutual respect of people with different mother tongues and cultures and respect for each person's national identity.

**Caring for and interacting with the community.** We care about the community and the friendly cooperation of Ida-Virumaa and support people's aspirations for good education, innovation and cooperation in order to merge into the supportive and joyful people of Ida-Virumaa in Estonia.

## Studying at Kohtla-Järve Gymnasium

The task of Kohtla-Järve Gymnasium is to provide young people with high-quality gymnasium education that considers not only local culture and values but also the global dimension. Learning and educational activities focus on educating young people to understand the changes happening in the world, so that they could adapt to them and, therefore, shape our future.

**Forward-directed learning takes place based on the following modules:**

**Engineering** – focuses on engineering in programming, modeling, 3D technology, mechatronics, robotics, and smart technology.

**Digital systems** – learning focuses on three directions: digital technologies, programming and smart systems. The aim is to develop the student's creativity, logical, analytical and algorithmic thinking and systemic approach to solving various IT-related tasks.

**Performing Arts** - the uniqueness of teaching lies in the desire to combine theater and dance.

The aim is to give the student an overview of the basics of the various performing arts and to help the student discover and realize their potential.

**Journalism and media** – aims to provide young people with an overview of the mechanisms of action of the information society and the various forms of media today. The module provides a basis for further study in these areas and also includes media and press internships.

**Estonian language in-depth study** – the aim is to give the student the ability to understand and interpret what is written in Estonian and to communicate purposefully in both spoken and written language. The student acquires a level of language proficiency that enables them to function independently and successfully in an authentic Estonian language environment.

**Science & Natural Sciences** – the emphasis is on advanced and practical

learning in mathematics and natural sciences, which supports the development of scientific thinking and literacy. The aim of the module is to deepen the student's interest in science and natural sciences, to increase the student's competence, skills of logical reasoning, justification, deduction, and verification.

In addition to the aforementioned areas of study, students also have the option of choosing the 4-Course Assistant Police Training Module, upon completion of which they can take the relevant professional exam and start working as an Assistant Officer.

**In our school, students can learn different languages:**

Estonian, Russian, English, German, Finnish, French, Spanish, Italian and Swahili.

## Creativity, culture and music at school

There is a mixed choir, youth orchestra and bands in Kohtla-Järve Gymnasium.

Together they perform music projects, which are performed on large stages all over Estonia and, of course, also at school events.

The school has a school theater called "MUST CAST", which is attended by students and teachers.

There is a new concert piano Estonia 274 in the atrium of the school, which gives the opportunity to have concerts by top pianists as well as performances and collaborations by the school's music loving students and teachers. In addition to the excellent sound and play qualities of the Estonia Concert Piano, the piano bearing the historical trademark has also a strong symbolic significance as being a symbol of Estonia in Ida-Virumaa. To unite the community and different nationalities in a multilingual urban and school environment through culture and music.

The school has an active student council whose members are involved in organizing events and contributing to school life.

Right before the start of the school year, a teacher and student acquaintance day will take place. New events and traditions shape the school family together based on their values. The school wants to promote friendship and cooperation with schools in Estonia and abroad. There is strength and wisdom in working together.

**We enable**

- To learn and work in an open, friendly, and motivating learning and working environment
- For teachers from outside Ida-Virumaa we provide flats and for students student homes

**Become an exchange student!**



Cooperation in solving tasks during the meeting day



Voluntary language mentoring between students is educational, instructive and empathetic



Patriotism begins at home and gets the backbone at school



Piano Concert on new concert piano Estonia 1.09.2019, pianist Mihkel Poll