

Școala Gimnazială nr. 13 Botoșani has two parts. The primary level has 10 classes with children from 6 to 11 and 10 primary teachers. The gimnazial level has 8 classes with students from 11 to 15, each class with its own class teacher. The total number of pupils on roll is 436. The number of males is 224 and the number of females is 212. The school has some pupils with moderate learning difficulties (MLD), emotional and behavioural problems or speech and communication difficulties and a total of 13 pupils with high educational needs or disabilities (SEND). Of this number 6 are male and 7 female. The total teaching staff on roll is 33 with 5 males and 28 females. The school has the support of the parents, of the local community and other local institutions (ONGs), who work together with the school in order to achieve mutual aims, namely, to increase the quality of teaching, to offer the pupils a secure environment for learning, to encourage pupils and to offer rewards for performance of our pupils. Although the school faces many problems, such as the low income of some families, the lackof a safe living and studying environment and many single parent families with a large number of mothers working abroad, our school was placed 5th out of a total of 78 schools in the county based on the results of the final exams in the year 2017.

Scoala Gimnaziala nr.13 has a long history in sports and the volleyball team won the regionaland national championship in 2013 and 2014. There is a Club for pupils who enjoy reading and creating their own poems, compositions and a reading school magazine for lovers of reading. In addition there is an English Club where pupils mainly spend time on drama and singing. The school started an English school magazine, the only one of this kind in the county. It has currently appeared 4 times. There is an Education for Health and Environment Club, an Arts Club and skilled pupils sing and dance traditional folk songs in local and national festivals.—Our school has participated in 3 Comenius and Erasmus European projects so far, 34 etwinning projects finished and 10 active etwinning projects, together with schools all around Europe.

All our classrooms are well equipped with IT technologies and our pupils are starting to learn how to use it efficiently, that is the reason why we would like to continue their working on the new technologies, as they represent the changes in the world. We would also like to continue to integrate our pupils with special needs, pupils from low income families, pupils with no parents at home in such activities, as a way to prevent school leaving. We want to make them aware of their role in the future of their world and Europe, of their role as active citizens, to make them more tolerant, more opened, to learn about new languages, customs, and to become the messenger of their own universe and country.