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Education of Gifted Students in Poland – Selected Examples

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Outline

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• the system of education in Poland
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• examples of good practices
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educational laws

• Article 1 of the Polish School Education Act of 7 September 1991
  ✓ individual study programmes
  ✓ graduate school in a shortened time

• the Ordinance of 19 December 2001
  ✓ adjusting the scope and speed of learning to students’ individual needs and capabilities
  ✓ identification by means of psychological and pedagogical criteria
  ✓ needs: scholarship, subject olympiads, TST, KFnRD

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the system of education in Poland

✓ the Polish Ministry of National Education (MEN) – general education
✓ the Ministry of Science and Higher Education – universities
✓ the Ministry of Culture – art schools
✓ the Ministry of Sport and Tourism – sports schools
✓ the Ministry of Justice – correctional institutions

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specialised schools for gifted students

- art schools
  - music
  - visual arts
  - ballet
  - circus art

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specialised schools for gifted students

- sports schools
  - sports schools
  - championship schools
  - sports classes

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MEN projects

- projects supporting innovative actions of schools

- 2009 the Year of Creativity and Innovation
- 2010/201 the Year of Discovering Talents
- 2012 the School with Passion

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MEN and ORE projects

preparing a comprehensive system for working with a gifted student (from 1 February 2010 to 31 December 2013)

• changes

✓ legislative and methodological
✓ organization of subject olympiads
✓ criteria for indentifying abilities
✓ appropriate conditions for their development
✓ society aware of special educational needs

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tasks

✓ the Place of Discovering Talents
✓ the School of Discoverers of Talents
✓ Talent Day
✓ handbooks for teacher

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teacher training on gifted education

✓ short workshops by Centre for Teacher Training (ODN)

✓ conferences by ORE and ODN

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examples of good practices

• local projects by Teacher Training Centres:

✓ ZDolny Slazak (Silesia Province)
✓ Mazowieckie Talenty (Masovia Province)
✓ WARS i SAWA (Warsaw)
✓ DIAMENT (Lesser Poland Province)

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examples of good practices

the Academic Secondary School of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (GiLA)

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State General Education Artistic School in Zakopane (POSA)

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examples of good practices
non-governmental organisations

• 1983 – Danuta Nakoneczna
  ✓ Association of Creative Schools
  ✓ Association of Active Schools
  ✓ Association of Subject Olympiad Teachers

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non-governmental organisations

• 1983 Ryszard Rakowski

✓ the Polish Children’s Fund

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future directions

• change in understanding gifted students
  ✓ to support personal growth (Piechowski)
  ✓ autonomous learner model (Betts)
  ✓ identification – Freeman’s Sports Approach

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future directions

✓ teacher training on gifted education
✓ ECHA diploma (Mönks)
✓ science studies
✓ gifted education for the gifted in the lifespan perspective
✓ Talent Support Networks – For All Ages (Csermely)

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