

PÄDAGOGISCHES KONZEPT IN DER SCHULE ALBANIENS

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The Albanian parliament passed Law No. 7952, dated June 21, 1995, called „The Law for the secondary education system“ legalizing this way the function of the private educational institutions. A specific chapter of the law is dedicated to the private educational institutions with 7 clauses that regulate the process of obtaining the permission for opening the school, its functioning, collaboration with state authorities and organizations, as well as the requirements for the institution to be an institution that falls within the national educational system and respects the Albanian schooling Tradition.

Based upon this law, in Albania there exist two different types of private educational institutions:

a) laic institutions where it is taught in the Albanian language

b) institutions where it is taught in foreign language, including the religious schools.

These institutions obtain the permission to operate from the Ministry of Education while the institutions of the second group obtain the permission from the Council of Ministers after a proposal is made by the Ministry of Education.

Currently in Albania operate 20 private educational institutions of different levels: pre-school, primary and secondary. From these 5 are medrese (schools that are administered by the Albanian Islamic Community) that are operating under the permission of the Council of Ministers. Also, there is a secondary school in Shkoder (North Albania) that is administered and operated by the Jesuit fathers of the Catholic Church in Albania. The teaching plan that is followed by the private institutions that are being operated by the religious communities was regulated by the Ministry of Education

since they were opened (in 1991 for the medreses and in 1992 for the „Pjeter Meshkalla“ in Shkoder)

a) In the medrese of the primary level of education- years 5, 6, 7, 8 of the primary school in general is followed the same teaching program that is used for the public schools in the primary level, with the following changes:

1. Albanian language
one hour less in the fifth class
2. Social education
not taught in any of the classes
3. Elementary work skills
not taught in any of the classes
4. Physical education
one hour less in classes 5,6,7,8
5. Intro to Music
one hour less in classes 5,6,7

Other subjects are taught in these classes as well that have to do with the religious education or that serve toward a better religious education:

	V	VI	VII	VIII
1. Arabic language	6/3	3	3	3
2. Koran	0/3	2	2	2
3. Faith (ahaid)	2	2	2	2
4. Islamic festory	1	1	1	1

b) In the medrese that belong to the secondary level of education the same practice is followed. The plan of the public secondary schools with some changes is used:

1. Literature
One hour less in classes 9,10,11,12
2. Iestory
One hour less in the ninth class
3. Geography
One hour less in the ninth class
4. Foreign language

One hour less in classes 9, 10, 11

5. Intro to sociology
Not taught (classes 9, 10)
6. Intro to economics
Not taught (class 11)
7. Mathematics
One hour less in classes 11, 12
8. Physics
One hour less in class 12
9. Chemistry
One hour less in class 10
10. Technical drawing
Not taught (classes 9, 10)
11. Intro to machines and cars
Not taught (class 11)
12. Electrotechnics
Not taught (class 12)
13. Astronomy
Not taught (class 12)
14. Physical education
Not taught in any of the classes

The specific subjects taught in these schools are:

	IX	X	XI	XII
1. Arabic language	4	4	3	3
2. Koran	4	5	3	3
3. Faith (ahaid)	3	3	2	2
4. Islamic history	1	1	1	1
5. Hadithe	-	-	1	2
6. Tefsire	-	-	2	2
7. Fikh	-	-	2	2
8. Usuli fikh	-	-	-	2
9. Preaching	-	-	1	-

c) In Shkoder, at the „Pjeter Meshkalla“ of the secondary level of education, run by the Jesuit fathers after the Tradition of the Saverian college (founded in 1878), the same teaching program is followed as in the public schools of the same level. The diploma is almost equivalent with the general high schools.

The differences are:

- 1. Literature
One hour less in the ninth class
- 2. Mathematics
One hour less in classes 9, 10, 11, 12
- 3. Physics
One hour less in classes 9, 10
- 4. Chemistry
One hour less in the tenth class
- 5. Intro to machines and cars
Not taught

6. Electrotechnics
Not taught

Besides this, these other subjects are taught:

	IX	X	XI	XII
1. Albanian Language	2	2	2	1
2. Italian language	3	3	2	2
3. Ethics	2	2	2	2
4. Art history	-	-	-	1
5. Latin	-	-	-	2

As can be seen, this school can be considered as a school concentrating on the humanities.

Schools run by the Autocephalus Orthodox Church of Albania or the Albanian Orthodox Community have not existed until now in Albania.

In the city of Durrës there is a course offered for the preparation of the orthodox members of clergy. This course though is not related to the above law and it is operated and financed by the Orthodox Church.