

The "Cid Campeador" Secondary School in València, a public institution dependent of the Conselleria of Education and Culture of the Generalitat Valenciana, was created in 1969 and since then thousands of students have passed through this school.

It is located at 8 Guillem Despuig St. next to the Avenida del Cid, and can be easily reached by underground, a two-minute walk from Avenida del Cid, or by bus - lines 3, 70,72, and 73.

See map <u>here</u>.

Our school takes its name after that avenue, which makes reference to Rodrigo Diaz de Vivar, a Castilian knight related to the Reconquista from medieval times, and who is the protagonist of numerous narrations and literary works, among which "El Cantar de Mío Cid" stands out.

Our school presently enrolls about 600 students aged 12 to 18 years. It has approximately sixty highly experienced and highly skilled teachers, as demonstrated by our excellent results in university entrance exams. It has 15 Departments, as well as all the necessary administration and services personnel. It also has a Counselling Department made up of psychologists, education assistants and support staff.

The fundamental idea of our teaching practice *has been* and *is* to excel in academic achievement, where all individuals become citizens aware of their rights and duties, respectful of our historical, cultural and natural heritage, interested in the benefit of society, willing to collaborate with local institutions and social groups, prepared to enter adult life, and trained to successfully develop their professional careers, ready to adapt themselves to a changing future.

As for complementary and extracurricular activities, this center has a lot to offer (more than 100 annual activities, mostly free of charge), in which chess, astronomy, theater, music and communication are of particular interest; The two-level course in German, the Snow Week, the Robotics Days, the visits to companies, end-of-schoolyear trips, attendance to theatre plays; and sports activities: indoor soccer, basketball, "colpbol", dodgeball, table tennis, badminton, acrosport, etc.

Every year the School Council decides work on an interdisciplinary theme that will mark an important part of the activities carried out by our school, culminating in a cultural conference held in April.

Our school has an important international tradition with a great experience in exchanges and multinational innovation projects. For more than 20 years, we have had

student exchange programmes with the USA (Atlanta and Seattle), student exchanges with a European country (Germany at present), and we are also an active member of a three-year [2015-2018] European Programme such as Erasmus+, a multinational programme with schools from Germany, France, Portugal and Poland.

The timetable of our school is intensive, lessons starting at 8:00am until 15:15pm Mondays through Fridays, with two breaks, thirty and twenty minutes long, respectively. There are also afternoon activities - Mondays through Thursdays - from 16:00pm to 17:50pm, special support classes for our students within the PAE Programme (School Support Program) and sports activities as well. All classes are fifty-five minutes long. Friday afternoons are devoted to extra-curricular and sports activities only.