

AGRUPAMENTO DE ESCOLAS DE LIXA LIXA, PORTUGAL



Our institution is a school state cluster with approximately 1920 students, 193 teachers and 60 technical and operational assistants. It includes students from primary to secondary school level, from ages 6 to 18 and offers both regular and vocational courses. It is situated in the north of Portugal and its population still has low levels of education. A small and medium-sized business structure predominates in the region, with more than half of the active population working in the manufacturing industry. We have students from different socioeconomic backgrounds, but a great number comes from families with limited economic resources.

The Educational Project of our school points out a set of values and challenges to be achieved:

- to create equal opportunities for school success as a goal for all;
- to favour the personal and social development of students, with a view to the formation of tolerant, autonomous and civically responsible citizens with a European conscience;
- to stimulate in young people an awareness of appreciation, preservation and respect for the natural and cultural heritage;
- to foster openness to new ideas, innovation, progress and new technologies throughout the educational community;
- to prepare students for insertion into a world of tolerance, respect and social involvement.

We have a stable group of teachers, with many years of teaching experience, who are committed to foster our students' intellectual, social and emotional development. So as to better motivate and prepare our student our teaching staff has been investing in their digital skills. Realising the need to be digitally updated, in the most recent years more teachers have been taking courses related to the topic and have been implementing digital tools in their classes so as to make them more appealing and useful to the students. Our school has also been investing in some awareness raising activities regarding the safe use of the internet among students. Our students are also encouraged to use digital tools in their school work, as a way to make them more digitally competent.