

Key facts about Optima School

- Founded in 2015 by Maria Myletskaya (Ukraine) and Roberts Vaishla (Latvia)
- Fully accredited by Ukrainian authorities and teaches state Ukrainian curriculum for 1- 11 grades
- Leader in Ukrainian market by number of students
- Active member of ICDE (International council of distant education) and accredited by ECICEL
- 7 years of experience
- By February 24, 2022 Optima had 9500 children
- Professional team — about 300 people
- After the Russian attack on Ukraine, the school continues to operate so that children have unhindered access to quality education and continue their schooling. Now Optima teaches 100000 children
- 40th place in the 13 991 schools of Ukraine according to the results of ZNO-2021

Key problems Ukrainian refugee children face studying abroad*

- ❑ Break in Ukrainian curriculum studying
- ❑ Language barrier and low quality of education
because of it, especially for high grades (children can be even allowed to use their tablet or mobile and doing nothing)
- ❑ Not enough attention from the local teachers during the lessons, especially it's typical for young children
- ❑ Children miss their home, native language and culture.

* Optima internal parents' survey





Optima solutions for internationally displaced children

1. “We are from Ukraine” (Ukrainian identity program)

A Ukrainian student is assigned to a school in the host country; however, in parallel with attending a school, the children attend Afternoon classes at an off-line school (or at home) , where they study subjects related to Ukrainian identity: the Ukrainian language and Literature, History of Ukraine (Ukrainian speaking clubs included).

2. “We are from Ukraine” with Ukrainian school certificate (Dual diploma)

A Ukrainian student is assigned to a school in the host country and studies subjects related to Ukrainian identity at Afternoon classes (or at home). In addition the student has access to Ukrainian curriculum learning, does control works and obtains a Ukrainian educational document in parallel with obtaining educational documents of the country where the student lives.

3. Independent study at Ukrainian distance school

A Ukrainian student studied at Optima school without being assigned to a school in the host country will be awarded a state Ukrainian certificate. This program is for those who are intended to come back to Ukraine quickly or who do not need to be integrated in local school system (for example, students of 10-11th grade)



Learning models

What ?

1. Ukrainian Identity
and
2. Dual diploma
programs

3. Independent study
at Ukrainian distance
school

Where ?

Ukrainian class at
school or social
hub

At Home

What we need ?

- Equipped computer class with internet access
- Ukrainian speaking tutor
- Tablets or notebooks with Ukrainian keyboard for those who do not have them



Thank you for attention!

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