



FJÖLBRAUTASKÓLINN  
VIÐ ÁRMÚLA

The  
Comprehensive  
Secondary  
School of Ármúli



## FÁ – Fjölbrautaskólinn við Ármúla

The school offers general education as preparation for academic studies as well as vocational education.

- about 800 Students are registered in our day school
- more then 1200 students are registered in our distance education programme

# General education in FÁ

- General education (matriculation examination) as preparation for academic studies (3-4 years):
  - Languages
  - Natural Sciences
  - Social Sciences
  - Economics
  - Health and Sports



# Vocational training in FÁ

- Health care:
  - Assistant Nurses
  - Masseurs
  - Dental Assistants
  - Pharmacy Technicians
  - Medical and Health Care Secretaries
  - Laboratory Assistants
- Innovation and art (2 years)
- Department for students with special needs



# Distance teaching and learning

- In the autumn 2001 the first courses were offered in distance learning, and 50 students were registered.
- Since 2002 we offer 3 terms:
  - Spring term Jan - May
  - Summer term Jun - Aug
  - Winter term Sep - Dec



# Examinations

- Exams were taken:
  - at more than 90 places, 25 abroad
  - in 11 countries
  - on 3 continents
- Exams were taken in schools, Icelandic embassies, on fishing vessels etc.



# International Cooperation

The school participates in projects funded by the EEA and Norwegian Grant, by Nordplus and by Erasmus+.

In the school year 2017/2018 we participate in several projects:

- Sustainable School Development
- Think, Act, Work Sustainable
- Ung og gammel geologi
- Tilbake til kildene
- Sustainable Europe



# Sustainable School

The DfES' Five Year Strategy vision:

*„Every school should be an environmental sustainable school, with a good plan for school transport that encourages walking and cycling, an active and effective recycling policy (moving from paper to electronic processes wherever possible) and a school garden or other opportunities for children to explore the natural world. Schools must teach our children by example as well as instruction.“*



# Green Flag and Sustainable School Council

The Sustainable School Council decides a Sustainable Management and Activity Plan (SMAP) for one school year at a time. The SMAP contains measurable goals and indicators which will be used to evaluate the work at the end of each school year.

The first Upper Secondary School  
In Iceland to receive the Green Flag.

Schools have to apply every 2 years.  
In 2016 we received the Green Flag  
for the fifth time.



# Sustainable Management and Activity Plan

Pedagogical indicator (example):

**Goal:** *To promote students in math classes to take more responsibility for their learning and to show more self-reliance.*

**Activity:** By using more flipped-classroom teaching approach and offering access to learning videos in Moodle. Students have also the possibility to watch the videos in class.

**Indicator:** Usage of the learning videos and survey on the view of students at the end of the term.



# Sustainable Management and Activity Plan

Social and organizational indicator (example):

**Goal:** *To reduce the number of students leaving school without finishing their education.*

**Activity:** The school got funding to send four members of staff to visit schools and governmental institutions in Slovenia in spring 2016 to learn about measurements taken to reduce early school leaving in Upper Secondary Schools.

**Indicator:** Protocol of the participants about the workshop.



# Sustainable Management and Activity Plan

Environmental, economic and technical indicator (example):

**Goal:** *To increase the awareness of hazardous waste and to reduce the percentage of not sorted waste.*

**Activity:** All computer equipment, light balls, iron and batteries will be collected and send for recycling. The environmental council will start an education campaign about hazardous waste. Special waste bins for hazardous waste will be installed.

**Indicator:** Amount of waste not sorted.  
Amount of hazardous waste sent for recycling.



# Sustainable Management and Activity Plan

Health promoting indicator (example):

**Goal:** *To increase the understanding of students and members of staff on the effect of means of transport on our environment and health in accordance to the goals of the project “Health promoting upper secondary school”.*

**Activity:** The school signed a contract with the public bus service for the greater area of Reykjavík which offers all members of staff a special eco-transportation pass for a better price.

The school offers 30.000 ISK subsidy per year to those employees who use eco-friendly transport at a minimum of 60% of transport to and from school on a monthly basis.

**Indicator:** Number of employees making use of the subsidy.



**THANK YOU!**

