



CORNERSTONE

A School with a
Heart for Children



The Cornerstone Kindergarten and School are accredited by the Romanian Ministry of Education (MEN) and meet the requirements of Romania's national curriculum. They offer a variety of innovative educational projects based on a partnership with volunteers from Hope for the Children International (HCI). A generous supply of pedagogical materials and multi-media equipment in all school classrooms are provided.

Cornerstone School strives to meet the European academic standards, and our goal is to help each student achieve an advanced level of education and thus be well prepared for high school or another future educational choice. More than 98% of our students pass the Romanian eighth grade national exam which then opens the opportunity to enter an upper secondary school for university preparation.

Cornerstone Kindergarten (since 2004) and Cornerstone School (since 2007) were established by the NGO, "Hope for the Children International" (HCI) in Dorohoi, Romania and is presently providing over 270 children with a quality education.

As a private, tuition-free school and kindergarten, we take our responsibility seriously to help each individual child achieve his optimal educational potential, to develop an honest character, and to mature socially.

The Cornerstone Kindergarten and School including their extracurricular activities as well as the After-School Program, Day Care Center, lunch meals and many other projects are all free of charge.



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Cornerstone School

Gymnasium

Cornerstone Kindergarten

The Well-Being of Each Child - Cornerstone’s Central Goal

The Children’s Safety and Social Behavior

Cornerstone School emphasizes the children’s supervision and safety, the development of courteous and collegial behavior, and the teachers’ involvement and communication with parents to help each child develop academically and socially.

A Warm Lunch

In partnership with the HCI, the Cornerstone children receive a warm nutritious meal daily for all those taking afternoon school courses as well as for all enrolled in HCI’s Day Care Center and After-School Program.

Support for Transportation

All students can access transportation with minibuses to the Cornerstone School parking lot. Families with difficult financial circumstances and children with high academic performance are qualified receive a transportation subsidy.

Classes with a limited number of students

Each class consists of a maximum of 25 students. This number of students allows the teachers to include innovative teaching methods in small groups and to respond to students individually.

Accreditation, Assessment and Training

ARACIP

ARACIP, the Romanian Agency for Quality Guarantee in Pre-University Education, has awarded Cornerstone Kindergarten and School only "very good" and "excellent" qualifications in all areas of the national evaluation.

National Assessment Results

According to the national assessments and examinations, Cornerstone School ranks among the highest rated schools in the nation and is appreciated for its offer of extracurricular opportunities and educational partnerships.

Academic Support

Cornerstone School teachers offer remedial tutoring in Romanian, Math and other subjects.

Grade Reports

The results testify to seriousness. In recent years, about 80% of secondary school students have achieved at least a grade B in their English and mathematics tests.

No Child Left Behind

In 4th grade, students are assessed to ensure that they are well prepared to enter middle school. Those students who need to improve their Romanian and math skills are offered an individualized study plan and tutoring. This preparation and further assessments are conducted until each child achieves the required proficiency to enter middle school.

Partnerships and Projects

Kindergarten Projects

In partnership with HCI, the Cornerstone Kindergarten offers weekly projects: "Play Way to English," "Making Friends while Playing Together," and "Learning to Play Musical Instruments."

Cultural Projects

In partnership with HCI, our students present theatrical and musical performances to their classmates, parents and to students from other schools. The Cornerstone children are also offered the opportunity to learn various musical instruments and conduct recitals for their classmates and parents.

Sports

In addition to soccer, volleyball and table tennis, more than 60 students train in basketball weekly at Cornerstone School, and are instructed by the physical education teacher and an international basketball coach.

After-School Program

HCI offers an After-School Program instructing 140 participating Cornerstone students in courses of English, German, Math, Romanian Grammar and Literature, Musical Instruments (Guitar and Flute), Choir, Drama, and Sports. Providing costumes and staging equipment for theatrical and choir performances, musical instruments with instructors, basketball trainers and organized competitions as well as university-trained native speakers teaching English and German, Cornerstone students have the opportunity to develop their talents and interests.

Joy in Reading

A weekly extracurricular Romanian reading program is offered for six classes. Internationally acclaimed books are chosen for each grade level, and the educational process is supported by the use of a specific curriculum written for each book.