

## EDUCATION IN OZERSK

Good education is very important nowadays. To state the value of Ozyorsk education we can say it is of high enough quality. Its history is very interesting.

There was no town, only a building site, but builders' children needed studying. They were driven to Kyshtym school in a lorry. It was hard to drive, because the ground was very soft and there were no roads, only some which were made of logs openings. The town wanted its own school.

The first school, school №1 was opened in 1947, 17<sup>th</sup> November. It was located in the building of today's Young Technicians' Station. Pupils studied in three sessions there. But they didn't lose courage, they were happy to study and to have their school.

In 1950 teachers and students moved to a new building. It was the second school in the town, school №8. In 1957 it was given a new name: school №24. There was a little number of the first graduates: only 5. They finished school in 1948. One of them, Evelina Kuznetsova, had the first school-leaving certificate. She had only one good mark (Russian Language), the rest of the marks were excellent. But the girl wasn't rewarded with the medal. It was impossible for a student of that time to have a good mark (not excellent) in Russian and get a medal. The rules were very strict.

Pupils studied in two sessions in the new school. Although it was a four-storey building, there was a lack of space. 40 students studied in each form.

In 1952 a new school was built: school №23. So, one by one, schools appeared in our town.

Now there are 17 secondary schools, a school for children with abnormal behavior, 4 schools with supplementary education within Ozyorsk Educational System, where 13,371 children study.



There are some schools specialized in advanced learning of different subjects: Mathematics and Economics (school 24); Literature, History and the English language (schools 32 and 33); Mathematics and Physics (school 39); Chemistry and Biology (school 23), where children get deep knowledge and good education for further proceeding of their education at different educational establishments of our country.



According to the results of the exams in 2013, Ozyorsk is in the top three as area leader; and 6 Ozyorsk schools (№№ 23, 24, 32, 33, 38, 39) are included into the top hundred of institutions with high quality of graduates. Subject laboratories of Physics (school 39), Chemistry (school 24 and 39), Biology (school 23) and History and Linguistics (school 32) are now Olympiad training centers for our students who always become winners of the final round in the All-Russian Subject Olympiad of Students.



People in charge of Ozersk Educational System do a lot to promote the development of creative skills of the future town technical elite, encourage youth engineering initiatives and stimulate interest to the engineering professions. That's why several years ago at school 38 a LEGO-robots class was equipped. Since then a group of young robot designers from this school has won lots of prizes at national and international competitions, one of them is the world famous ROBOFEST. Together with their teacher and coach they have been to Malaysia, Indonesia, the USA and other countries successfully participating in various contests.

There are some schools for children who have different problems with their health: mentally disabled, psychologically abnormal, children having problems with eyesight and vestibular and moving system, where they are taught and cured free of charge to improve their health.



There is also a wide range of supplementary educational institutions, which are very popular with children: sports schools for 1,300 children; the technical and engineering school for 900 children; about 4,000 children are engaged in different hobby clubs; about 1,500 children attend ecological and biological center.



There is a well-arranged system to prepare children for school where 17 infant schools and about 2,000 highly qualified teachers are engaged.

After finishing school children can enter one of our town institutions to continue their education: Ozyorsk Technological Institute, the branch of South-Urals State University or one of the training-vocational schools.



## Vocabulary

### Tasks:

1. Look at the pictures carefully. Write captions for the pictures using the text. Compare your captions with other students.
2. Read and say if the following sentences are true.
  - a) There are 11 secondary schools in Ozyorsk.
  - b) After finishing school children can't enter any institutions to continue their education.
  - c) There aren't any schools specialized in advanced learning of different subjects.
  - d) According to the results of the exams in 2013, Ozyorsk is in the top three as area leader.
  - e) About 500 children attend ecological and biological center.
3. Read and translate the word combinations. Use them in your own sentences.
  - a) specialized in advanced learning
  - b) are included
  - c) become winners
  - d) popular among children
  - e) After finishing school

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