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Aquaristic and museum

The school in the attic and basement has created an interactive museum, which has two parts. In the basement of the school there are 17 aquariums of more than one hundred species of our freshwater fish and fish from subtropical areas.

In the attic there is a fishing museum, describing the history of fish-farming.

The ornamental pond in the campus of the school garden is accessible to visitors, including a view through a glass wall under the water surface from the underground room. Ornamental fish species, especially koi carp, and several species of fish, such as the sturgeon family, can be seen there.



Students of the school are significantly involved in the running of these exhibitions, especially in their free time.

Tours for school visitors are possible in July and August daily, except for Mondays. In the other months it is possible to see the museum and aquariums after prior order. Information about visiting times is available on the school website.

■ Publication activity – new professional textbooks

Recently, the school has published several new professional textbooks:

- Building constructions
- Building materials and structures
- Flood measures
- Breeding of fish in ponds
- Water management water flows and water structures
- Recirculation systems in fish farming



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A school with more than a hundred years of tradition is the only one in the Czech Republic to offer a four-year graduation course



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Study offer:

FISHERIES

FISH BREEDING – teaching is focused on fisheries, ichthyology, hydrology, the emphasis is placed on fish breeding technologies – fish farming, trout culture, open water fishing, recirculation systems for fish breeding.

■ WATER STRUCTURES IN THE FISHING INDUSTRY

– the basis of study is the same, the subject of education is fish and aquatic animals breeding, water management, basic and maintenance of water structures, ponds, fish hatchery, ornamental tanks.

The study is intended for primary school graduates, suitable for both boys and girls.

■ Ecology and water management

The three-year study program Ecology and water management at the Higher vocational school of Water and Ecology was established in 1996. Higher vocational school is intended for applicants with complete secondary education. It prepares its graduates for employment in the field of nature conservation with a focus on water protection, especially in the state administration.



The school is newly equipped for teaching. Professional classrooms and laboratories, such as biological, hydrobiological, water building laboratory, workshops, are available for the exercises as well as hall of fishing mechanization, language, and multimedia classroom. Of course, there is quality instrumentation of professional classrooms and laboratories.

During the course of their studies, students receive: driving licence category B and F, qualification of a fishing manager, withing the scope of optional hunting test subjects, certificate for fishing with electricity. ICDL certificate for a PC knowledge, certificate for working with a chainsaw and a small vessel license.

Practice

Practical education takes place in the area of the school experimentation with 20 ponds.



In addition, students participate in the practice of the Regional School Management and in several fishing enterprises in the Czech Republic. Students gradually work in fish hatchery, fish processing, trout farm, garden pond construction company, building company, participate during pond harvesting as well as in the Christmas sale of fish.

Foreign practice

They take place in partner schools in the form of exchanges of whole classes or groups of students.

Poland (Sierakow) – focus on lake fishing **Slovakia (Ivanka pri Dunaji)** – ecosystem of the original Danube River

Professional excursion

Professional excursions are part of the teaching. Students will gradually visit the most important fishing companies and water management buildings in the Czech Republic.



■ Fishing ground of the school

They enable practical training and the appropriate use of leisure time for the students in the form of sport fishing. The school manages and issues allowances for the Blanice extratrout district and the Golden Brook trout district. Successful students get a free license.

Graduates of the school find employment as:

- Workers of fishing production companies at the level of technicians,
- Workers in fish hatchery and farmed fish,
- Expert referees of fishing associations and fisherman's farmers.
- Water managers in industrial enterprises,
- Officers at different levels of government,
- Staff of nature conservation authorities.
- Workers of construction and design companies implementing water and water management structures.

Graduates can continue their studies at a number of colleges and universities, for instance Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Waters, Mendel University in Brno, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Czech Technical University in Prague, Higher vocational school of Water and Ecology in Vodňany and others.



Accommodation and leisure time

The accommodation is equipped with a modern youth home. There is a gym, two work-out gyms, sauna, clubrooms, outdoor playground, possibility of internet connection in the rooms.

After school activities: sport club, aquarist club, preparation of fish, sports fishing on the school grounds Blanice 3, fishing technique. In the 3th year, students set up a student company and organize dancing courses.