

Early School Leaving – Reasons And Dropout Prevention

Utenos Vyturių progimnazija

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Early leavers from educational system

Lithuania		EU average	
2013	2016	2013	2016
6.3%	4.8%	11.9%	10.7%

In 10 recent years, the share of young people not in education has been decreasing both in the whole Europe and in Lithuania.

Reasons for Early Leaving from Educational System

- Children at concealed risk, i.e. the children whose learning achievement is low, who experience continued failure.
- Children influenced by external and socio-economic factors - their problems are not related to the educational institution.

Children do not attend school most often because of these reasons:

- Failure to learn educational material and lack of timely educational support;
- Psychological characteristics of the person (low self-esteem, lack of confidence, etc.), emotional and behavioral disorders;
- Conflictual relationships with teachers and peers;
- Unsatisfactory socio-economic situation of the pupil or his family;
- Insufficient competence of teachers to work with not motivated and school avoiding children;
- Negative attitude of teachers towards pupils having learning difficulties.

The warning signs

- truancy;
- bad behavior;
- bad marks;
- poor evaluation of certain subjects; incompleteness of the study course;
- repetition of the study course;
- falling under the supervision of social service or law enforcement agencies.

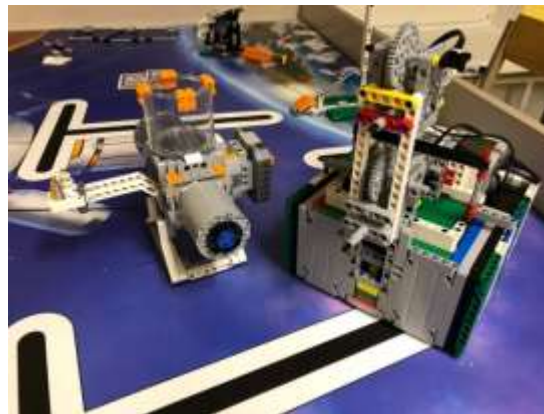
Drop out rate for primary education

DATE	VALUE	CHANGE, %
2014	1.7	-38.46 %
2013	2.8	-16.36 %
2012	3.3	33.43 %
2011	2.5	-30.66 %
2010	3.6	111.31 %
2009	1.7	7.96 %
2008	1.6	-19.98 %
2007	2.0	-12.24 %
2006	2.3	-31.60 %
2005	3.3	58.06 %
2004	2.1	41.77 %

Strategies for Dropout Prevention

- **Safe Learning Environments**
- **Early Interventions**
- **Family Engagement**
- **Afterschool Opportunities**
- **Active Learning**
- **Educational Technology**

Activities at school



Afterschool clubs in our school

- „English Is Fun“
- „The Young Designers“
- „Lets Talk In Russian“
- „We Learn By Talking“
- „Young Writers“
- Sports Club
- Photography Club
- „Young Artists“
- Folklore Group
- Nature Research Club
- Ceramic Club
- Pop Choir
- Robotics
- Rock Band
- Self-education Group "HERE And NOW"
- „Think And Work As A Scientist“