

**Education in schools on anti – corruption efforts
(information by the Ministry of National Education)**

— The Center for the Development of Education (ORE – a unit subordinated to Ministry of National Education), in cooperation with the Central Anti-corruption Bureau, launched the “Etyka nie tylko dla smyka” project (*Ethics not only for kids*) in the school year 2014/2015. The project is an implementation of the Government Anti-Corruption Program for 2014-2019. The goal of the project is to support early childhood education teachers in the implementation of ethical and anti-corruption issues within the framework of the core curriculum for the first stage of education, and to increase the role of the educational environment in shaping ethical and moral attitudes of students, preparing them to work together to build a democratic society.

— Within the framework of the project, a team of regional co-ordinators was set up (experts invited to cooperate: philosophers and ethics with teacher practice, teacher consultants and methodological advisors in early school education) who developed methodological materials entitled „Etyka nie tylko dla smyka. Poradnik dla nauczycieli edukacji wczesnoszkolnej” (*Ethics is not only for kids. A guide for early childhood education teachers*). The guide contains theoretical basics and scenarios of classes and exercises in the field of ethical and anti-corruption issues in early school education along with methodological guidelines - available at www.ore.edu.pl).

In 2014/2015 school year, 222 schools, 229 school leaders and more than 1,400 teachers participated in “Etyka nie tylko dla smyka” pilot project. In December 2016, 1200 copies of the aforementioned guide were published. ORE pledged to: disseminate the guide - transfer to regional teacher development centers throughout the country, schools and libraries (16 voivodeships); to conduct methodological workshops for teachers of early school education on the basis of the developed guidance materials and examples of good practice. From January to April 2017, trainers and project leaders from all over Poland (16 voivodeships) conducted 42 workshops for 978 teachers of grades 1-3. Each of the trained teachers carried out lessons with the students.

According to the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 14 February 2017 *on the core curriculum for pre-primary education and the core curriculum of general education for primary school, including for students with moderate or severe intellectual disabilities, of general education for vocational industry school of first level, of general education for special school that prepares for work and of general education for post-secondary school* (Journal of Laws, No. 356) - the anti-corruption content was included:

- grade 3 of primary school - within the subjects of social education and ethics,
- grades 4-8 of primary school - within the subjects of civics and ethics,
- vocational industry school of the first level - within the subjects of civics, ethics, basics of entrepreneurship.

Currently, the core curriculum for secondary schools is being developed, which will also contain provisions on corruption and its prevention.

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