

## **Liceo Scientifico Piero Calamandrei**

The Liceo Scientifico Piero Calamandrei is a five year state school educating students between 13 and 18 years old. The school is located in Ponticelli, a neighbourhood in the suburb of Naples, and has about 1,500 students from 9th to 13th grade.

The school initially opened in 1976 in the industrial centre of Napoli but was subsequently relocated in its current site in 1989. The students come from diverse family backgrounds as the area enjoys a diversified economic and cultural base. The students are almost exclusively Italians, with only a handful of foreign origin pupils whose families have moved to the area for employment and are well integrated in our local community. We also have a couple of cultural exchange students who are spending a gap year in Italy and attend our Liceo.

There are 3 main educational paths in the school: scientific, classical and linguistic. The students can choose their path on initial enrolment. The core of the educational model is well balanced in all streams and each year combines basic academic subjects common to all students with chosen paths that the student wants to deepen. This cross curricular approach involves all areas of study in both humanities and math and science.

The Scientific stream focuses predominantly on mathematics, informatics and modern sciences. The classical stream focuses mainly on humanistic studies, art, history, literature and philosophy. The Linguistic stream focuses on modern languages and students can learn English, French, Spanish and German with Italian teachers along with mother tongue lecturers. English language is compulsory regardless of the stream chosen.

Classrooms are equipped with interactive multimedia boards connected to a wireless network. All the teachers are supplied with a tablet and an electronic register is in place.

Our school is an official test centre for Cambridge language certification of English, and it has been included among the best 14 schools in the world in 2016 by the Cambridge board itself. The Liceo has been awarded as a finalist in the top three schools in the category "Excellent growth".

Liceo Calamandrei is the leading school for CLIL (content language integrated learning) methodology authorized by the Ministry of Education in our region. We organize courses for teachers who want to improve both the English language and the CLIL methodology and even in CLIL methodology activities that foster digital skills and integrate technology enhance learning .

Our school provides many extracurricular courses to improve language, information technology and literature skills for all grade students. Students enjoy lessons in language, physics, science and multimedia laboratories.

In our liceo we aim to create an atmosphere where students with different backgrounds and abilities will feel involved and proud to belong to their school, empowering them to succeed in a world dominated by fast changing technologies.