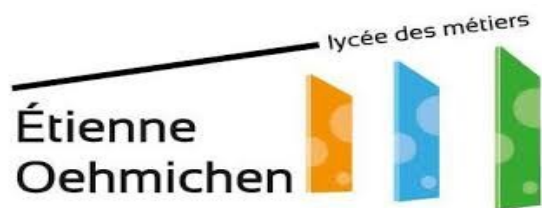


Etienne Oehmichen High school



Opened in 1962, LPO (Lycée Polyvalent) Etienne Oehmichen is a comprehensive and vocational school, located in the north-eastern region of Champagne Ardenne, in a medium-size town (45,000 inhabitants), Châlons en Champagne.

Built on a wide estate of 24 acres with a modern architecture, each building corresponds to a specific educational pole. There are about 1200 students and 230 staff members.

The educational structure is varied and ranges from :

- technological and scientific studies (biology, physics, mathematics, engineering, electronics, Information Technology, energy and environment, sustainability, architecture, medical and social sciences)
- to vocational training (transport and logistics, truck driving, maintenance of industrial equipment , maintenance of industrial vehicle, catering, cooking, hotel service and management, restaurant service)

Our school has also a specific section devoted to the integration of immigrant students who are taught French as a foreign language .

Our school aims at preparing the students either to higher education (the general and technological pole) or to the job market (the vocational pole). Our students can learn English, German, Italian and Spanish. Most of them study two foreign languages and English is compulsory. Foreign languages are an important part of the national curriculum and our school encourages students to practise them as much as possible. We also offer the possibility to enroll in a European section to enhance English linguistic and cultural knowledge .

Our students come from various social backgrounds but mainly working class and rural families. They come from different towns and villages in the north-eastern region of Champagne-Ardenne. We therefore have a boarding school that hosts more than 250 students during the week.

This variety of backgrounds has encouraged the school to get involved in different projects like Erasmus +, partnerships with foreign countries like Ireland or Bulgaria. These projects have been efficient ways to open our pupils' mind to Europe, to broaden their cultural knowledge and to make them ready for employment abroad.

LPO Etienne Oehmichen has two national education labels called "Lycée des Métiers" in the fields of Transport Logistics and Hotel Restaurant services. This label was granted us at the light of the quality of our training, taking into account the expectations and needs of our students and our ability to adapt our practices to the expectations of future employees.

Our school takes part in a national education programme called "Euroscol". This programme aims at developing European and international exchange programmes in secondary schools and promoting the teaching of English in all subjects. Some of our teachers are keen on training to improve their level of English in order to be able to teach their subject in English. Our school has already joined a regional board of education consortium applying for an Erasmus+ K1 for English courses and job shadowing abroad. We have an experience of Erasmus European partnerships and Irish / French exchange project .The final aim being to give our students the opportunity to use the English language in various contexts and improve their level in order to reach the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages at the end of secondary school.

We put an emphasis on educating young people to understand the world in its diversity and complexity. Preparing them to be active citizens is part of our school project. As members of the European Union we try to bring them into the awareness of this extra-national citizenship and the necessity for the younger generations to participate in its development by engaging in extra- national projects and building partnerships.