

## CİHAT KORA ANATOLIAN HIGH SCHOOL



Cihat Kora Anatolian High School is one of the schools founded by a valuable, charitable businessman, Cihat Kora. Cihat Kora and his family contributed a big place in the National Education in our beautiful residence. To create a bright side for the Turkish youth, the Kora family built 7 schools and 6 libraries in various parts of Turkey with more than 4000 students studying in each one.

Our school was built in May 2004 and opened to education on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2004. We gained the status of Anatolian High school in 2005-2006 academic years.

Since 2004, our visionary administrators, valuable teachers and qualified students came a long distance in a small amount of time. 52 experienced branch teachers, 2 guide teachers, 1 headmaster, 1 main headmaster assistant, 2 assistants, 1 secretary, 1 buro member, 2 employees, 2 security men and 1 gardener currently work in Cihat Kora Anatolian High School.

Cihat Kora Anatolian High School is fully equipped with the highest technology which we use. In our school we have 1 IT classroom with 20 computers, some physics, chemistry and biology laboratories, a music classroom, an art workshop (classroom), a fully equipped auditorium and a library. In the preparation classes and the 9, 10, 11, 12th classes, we provide education with a smart board and a projector. In our classrooms we also have access to the internet.

In 2007-2008 academic years we experienced our first students' graduation. Since 2007, our students' success rates of university entrance examination have reached 82%.

We gained the status of Anatolian High school with preparation classes in 2007-2008 academic years; hence the distinction of being one in the Aegean. We are proud of being one of the 10 schools in the same category around the country. We will be happy with the graduation of the first trained students from this educational system in 2011-2012 academic years.

At lunch break, the students play street ball table tennis, badminton, football activities and tournaments are held between classes to develop their social and emotional sides. We organize annually an oil painting exhibition with the aim of demonstrating the works they do within the year. Every year, a theatre performance our talented students take part in is observed in a big interest. On our commemorations, special occasions and celebrations, the students so music performances. Our students have achieved considerable success in various organized competitions in our district (dance competitions, painting competitions, etc). Some of the achievements we managed to fit into 5 years:

- In 2005-2006 academic years, between high schools, Maltepe chess team tournament trophy with a participation and thank certificate.
- In 2006-2007 academic years, chess tournament team champion science class 10-C
- In 2006-2007 academic years, Karşıyaka head official of districts 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy for young girls grass volleyball.
- In 2007-2008 academic years, an attendance award for the traditional Cahit Atay between high schools theatre festivals.
- In 2007-2008 academic years, young girls volleyball trophy for being in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
- In 2007-2008 academic years, Karşıyaka youth/young girls volleyball trophy with 1<sup>st</sup> place.
- In 2008-2009 academic years, 7<sup>th</sup> Beko certificate of attendance and chess festival.
- In 2008-2009 academic years, 5<sup>th</sup> Izmir education and science Olympic attendance certificate.
- In 2008-2009 academic years, district volleyball cup winner of the young girls.
- In 2008-2009 academic years, 5<sup>th</sup> Anatolian high school friendship and young girls volleyball winner in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the sport tournament.
- In 2008-2009 academic years, winner of Prof. Dr. Ali Yemişçigil Lazer Radial cup in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- In 2008-2009 academic years, a participation and thank certificate for the panel about "Izmir in our dream"
- In 2008-2009 academic years, white flag award for our hygienic and clean school.
- In 2008-2009 academic years, general winner for Ahmet Piriştina's sailing races.
- In 2009-2010 academic years, Izmir's Anatolian high school's football league champions.
- In 2009-2010 academic years, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the football tournament and award for friendship between Anatolian high schools.
- In 2009-2010 academic years, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Izmir for Europe Union information contest.
- In 2009-2010 academic years, 2<sup>nd</sup> place award for young boys table tennis tournament.
- In 2009-2010 academic years, a participation and thank certificate for the theatre festival between high schools.

Every year the " Day of the traditional rice " is held in May and our graduated and new students get to have a chance to meet each other.

Apart from social activities, our students have contributed to many EU project. One of these projects, Action1.1, became true between the dates 03, 09 November 2008. We had 5 students each from Switzerland, Finland, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania and Latvio to undertake this project. The project aimed to demonstrate the fact that we are all similar although we're socialized in different countries. With this aim, 35 students from 7 countries did graffiti art on the left side of the wall of our school and managed to create a

multicultural dialogue. As a result, we were able to say that " INFACT WE ARE NOT DIFFERENT"

On a joint project of young innovative attempt between U.S. embassy and the Turkish Education Association, firstly, our school competed in the selection made in our district with 3 projects, and we won a place in the general Turkey selections made in Ankara with one of those projects. Then, we became 3<sup>rd</sup> here among 29 schools participated in. The projects our school competed in 10 selections made in our district, and we won a place in general Turkey selections made in Ankara. Between 29 schools here, we became 3<sup>rd</sup>. The projects were presented in English.

In 2009-2010 academic years, our two students from the innovative attempt project won the Vermont Governor's Youth Peace Building and Leadership program and received a free one month English course .Our students stayed in America for a month.

In 2009-2010 academic year, a German trainee teacher, Benedikt Schwanke, from COMENIUS assistance project came to our school and during the year, helped our students so much in their German and English classes.

With the AIESEC project, which is undertaken annually in the second term, foreign university students come to our school from different countries and our students get a chance to learn new and different cultures and also have the perfect opportunity to practice their speaking skills

In 2010-2011 academic years, our school became 1<sup>st</sup> by leaving all the high schools behind in our district, Karşıyaka, on the EU project information contest. We were one of the schools which were going to represent Izmir in Ankara. Then, the first groups from 7 counties of Izmir felt the excitement of being in the semi-finals to be representative of Izmir at the campus of Yaşar University on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2010. Cihat Kora Anatolian High School came back home with the success of being 2<sup>nd</sup> in Izmir and therefore we added another successful event to our list of achievements.

By being a family of Cihat Kora Anatolian High School we trust our students to strive to do their best in everything.

**STEP BY STEP TO THE BEST!**

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